



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 27th November 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcomed back Year 5 after they had been self-isolating. It was so lovely to see them all. They had been able to carry on learning using either paper packs or Google Classrooms and I know from having a look on Google Classrooms that they were clearly enjoying everything that had been planned for them and Space Day was a huge hit. Well done Commander Lodge, Major Tucker and Major Migden.

I wanted to mention in case you had missed it on the dates section of the newsletter that you will be receiving an Attainment and Progress Report for your child at the end of this term. These reports go out at the end of term 2 and term 6. A full curriculum report goes out at the end of term 4.

I have had lots of questions from parents and carers around children bringing in Christmas gifts for staff at the end of term. We know the children love to be able to do this and we are saying that yes of course they can. Staff will ensure they follow the safety procedures when receiving gifts.

I have also sent out a separate letter outlining the Christmas related activities that will be coming up. There have had to be changes to the way we carry out many of the WJS Christmas traditions but I hope you can see we have tried our best to create the magical memories that being in a school around Christmas brings.

Warmest regards,

Annie Knoupe

COVID 19 School Update

As you are aware we have had one positive case of COVID19 in school and Year 5 have self-isolated. We have changed the way the children play outside and they now play in class bubbles, further limiting the chance of cross infection. As you will have seen in the news, Kent has now been placed in Tier 3: Very High Alert. School remains open and we will continue to follow the systems and procedures that we have been following during this second lockdown. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know#very-high-alert>

Headteacher awards...

Amie-Rose

4L

Olivia 5T

Sylvie
5L



Over the last few weeks events have caused some disruption to our normal Headteacher Award system.

I am therefore delighted to be able to congratulate more than one child today for receiving the prestigious Headteacher Award over the last few weeks. Huge congratulations to;

Amie-Rose 4L, Sylvie 5L, and Olivia 5T

I would also like to congratulate **Kitty in 5M** who has received the rare prize of a WJS Writing Journal for an outstanding piece of writing just before the Year 5 Bubble had self-isolate.

Parent and Carer Survey...

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the parent and carer survey. We welcome and value your feedback, views, and thoughts and feel that this is a crucial part of the process of celebrating successes and identifying improvements to be made. Please follow this link which will take you to the survey results on the school website. [Parent Carer Survey Results](#)

WJS Amazon Wish List...

Hopefully you have seen the letter emailed out this week about our decision to share our school Amazon Wish List with parents and carers. We had seen other schools across the UK use the idea of

an Amazon Wish List. Parents can follow a link and see what items the school would like. The list has all sorts on there; books, yoyos, Lego, crafts, to name a few. The cost of these range from a few pounds upwards. Anyone can buy from the list and the gifts arrive at school. The link to our wish list is here. [WJS Amazon Wish List](#) (You might need to press Ctrl on your key pad first and then click on the link to make it work, it depends what device you are using.)

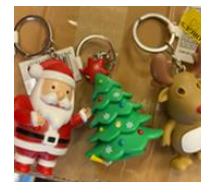
There is no pressure to buy and the children will still have all they need but just not as much choice. I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has already purchased something from the list. This week has felt a little like Christmas for us receiving the packages and being delighted to find another resource for the children to use inside. If you want to add a message and your name that would be great but you can remain anonymous.

PTFA Christmas Shop... (it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas)



WJS PTFA Christmas Shop 2020 - Friday 11th December 2020.

Classroom Bubble Christmas Shop- All orders must be in school with money/online payments made by Friday 4th December 2020. These are just a few of the gifts available.



Self-isolation due to COVID19.....

Self-isolation Reminders

If **ANY** member of the household has symptoms of COVID19 the rest of the household **must** self-isolate until a negative test result is returned or a period of 14 days has passed since symptoms began (10 days for the person with symptoms).

The key thing to remember is that we are trying to prevent the spread of infection. So, if anyone has symptoms of COVID19 then they must self-isolate and anyone who lives with them must do this too, even if they don't have symptoms.

Attendance...

Every Day Counts!



Please don't forget to phone the office if your child is going to be absent because if we don't hear from you this becomes an unauthorised absence. Ideally please call by 8:50am and then we won't have to give you a ring. Thank you.

Letters

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website.

<http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

Term Dates...

December

2nd 5T Micro Forest School

4th - Deadline for PTFA Christmas Shop Orders.

11th - Festive Clothes Day (non-uniform, party clothes, Xmas jumper, not dressing up) – for Save The Children & PTFA Christmas Shop

w/c 14th - Virtual Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk

15th - Flu Nasal Spray Whole School & Virtual i-Rock concert for children

16th - Children's Christmas Packed Lunch followed by party afternoon

16th - **Attainment and Progress Reports go home**

17th - Year 3 Christmas Festive Sing Up (Zoom invites to follow)

3MC-1:30-2pm

3H -2pm-2:30pm

18th - **End of Term 2**

4th January 2021 – Start of Term 3