



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 4th December 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,



It's really feeling Christmassy in school now. We have 2 Christmas trees up and there are a few naughty elves in the classrooms too. One naughty elf has found his way into my office. He was spotted climbing my blinds during Zoom Assembly. I made the mistake of taking him down and I was quickly told off by the children. He is now in "Elf-Isolation" so that he can continue his antics next week.



A reminder that children can bring in Christmas cards for children in their own bubble and that the post boxes will open from Monday 7th Dec. Cards can be posted on a Monday, and Tuesday. Delivery day is Friday. The last post will be on 14th December.



Save the Children

On Friday 11th Dec it is Festive Clothes Day - We will be supporting Save The Children. No need to buy Christmas jumpers- decorate what you have, wear something sparkly and festive, just wear your own non-uniform. We don't mind but a donation would be welcome. Festive Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Any child who would like this will be provided with a Festive Christmas Packed Lunch to eat in their class bubble. This is a gift to the children from school (you can choose for them not to have this, just let us know).
Wishing you all a warm and toasty weekend.

Kindest regards,
Annie Knoupe

Headteacher Award...



Headteacher Award

Congratulations to **Lacey in 6H** for showing huge resilience in her math's lessons.



Year 3 Learning...

This week in Year 3 the children have been writing non-chronological reports about France. In maths the children have been exploring division using a range of manipulatives and the 'bus stop' method. Christmas has certainly arrived in year 3 and the children are excitedly practising the songs for their Zoom Christmas Sing Song. In Art, the children have been looking at some weird and wonderful sea creatures and creating their own through collage.

Year 4 Learning...

This week Year 4 have started their new book in English titled 'Coming Home.' They have loved watching one little robin take one very big journey and have even created a conscience alley to help the robin along. Year 4 also learnt all about how to stay safe during an earthquake and created posters showing others how to stay safe.

Year 5 Learning...

This week, year 5 have been learning about some amazing women and their contribution to Space; Mary Jackson, Helen Sherman and Gwynne Shotwell. The children have also mastered multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1000 in maths. In the cold winter weather, they have been learning about why we have seasons as well as studying our school Curriculum Drivers and how we can grow to be better at them by planting their own plants.

Year 6 Learning...

In year 6, the children have made staggering progress in their understanding and mastery of all things related to fractions; the teachers have been amazed at how well they have retained their knowledge from last year - the children should feel very proud of themselves. During their English lessons, the children have begun planning their fantasy adventure stories, where their characters get stuck in a Virtual World. They have also been meticulously designing 'Endangered Animal' moving cams before the making commences next week.

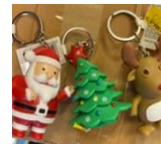
WJS Amazon Wish List...

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has already purchased something from our wish list. We have been bowled over by your generosity. The link to our wish list is here should you wish to have a look at the items on there. [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.)

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

WJS PTFA Christmas Shop Friday 11th December 2020.

Deadline for orders is Monday 7th December. Payments can be made online – please use your child's name as the reference and ensure the order form is also sent into school in an envelope detailing the gifts required. Bank Account Name is Whitstable Junior School PTFA, Account number is 80021237, Sort Code is 20-17-92



[PTFA Christmas Shop Link to Letter](#)

Santa's Grotto...



This year Whitstable Rotary Club have arranged a new initiative for children to visit Santa on Zoom. The cost is £5.00, which goes to charity.

They will plan these visits for Saturdays 12th and 19th December. Click on the link to take you to their website which will give you more details about how to book the event. <http://whitstablerotary.org/>

Self-isolation due to COVID19.....

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).

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

7th Extended 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- you **MUST** register your child for this.

Virtual IRock concert for children

16th Attainment and Progress Reports go home

Children's Christmas Packed Lunch followed by party afternoon (**Paid for by school**)

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

3MC-1:30-2pm

3H -2pm-2:30pm

Christingle making- all year groups

18th End of Term 2

January 2021

4th Start of Term 3