



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 5th February 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and there has never been a better time to support and promote positive mental health right across our community. This week the children have shared in an assembly about the importance of expressing ourselves and the different ways in which we can do that. The children have also been exploring different emotions and how the way we are feeling is always ok. They have thought about how these feelings can make our body feel by drawing the different sensations and feelings they might experience. Some children painted stones with words of positivity on them.



Finally, today we have enjoyed 'Dress to Express' day where children and staff have expressed themselves by wearing an outfit of their choice. It is also Give Yourself A Smile Day and some of the sparkly, colourful and expressive outfits worn have certainly brought a smile to everyone's faces. In addition, this week, the staff and children have been celebrating 'National Story-Telling' week by learning about the history of traditional storytelling. During the week, the children have hopefully loved listening to their teachers retell a story (possibly using props) without the aid of a book, with a warm, crackling fire as their backdrop. I recorded myself reading Matt Haig's book *The Truth Pixie*. This has been shared in the children's Google Classrooms. This is such a fabulous book and I hope the children enjoy listening to it.

At the bottom of the newsletter are the new term dates for the Academic Year 2021-2022. We have met with the infant schools and all but one of our Staff Development Days are the same.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Warmest regards,

Annie Knoupe

WJS Remote Learning Survey...

We would really like your feedback about the remote learning we are providing. Here is a link to this survey. It should take no more than a few minutes. The survey link will close at midnight on 7th February. [WJS Remote Learning Survey](#)

Free School Meal Vouchers...

KCC will once again be covering the cost of food vouchers through the February half term break. Please click on the link to read the letter sent out yesterday regarding this.

[Free School Meal Vouchers February Half Term Letter](#)

Headteacher Award...



Congratulations to **Lincoln** who comes into school every day bounding with positivity, humour and resilience. He's up for any challenge and reminds his teachers why their job is such fun and so special.



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...

Term 3 2021

Thursday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 12th February – End of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – First Day of Term 4

Week beginning 22nd Feb - Fairtrade Fortnight

Week beginning 1st March - Book Week (with dressing up day on Thursday 4th March)

Wednesday 3rd March - World Maths Day

Week beginning Monday 8th March - British Science Week

Week beginning Monday 15th March - Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 16th March- Parent Evening- 3:30pm-6:30pm

Thursday 25th March – Parent Evening – 5pm-8pm

Thursday 1st April- End of Term 4

Term Dates for Academic Year 2021-2022

Staff Development Days 2021 – 2022 (school closed for children)

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Thursday 21st July 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

Term 1 September 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021- Children start

Friday 22nd October- Term 1 Ends

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 25th October 2021 to Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Term 2

Wednesday 3rd November 2021- Children start.

Friday 17th December 2021 - Term 2 Ends

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 20th December 2021 to Friday 1st January 2022

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd January 2022

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Children start

Friday 11th February 2022-Term 3 Ends

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 14th February 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

Term 4

Monday 21st February 2022- Children start

Friday 1st April 2022- Term 4 Ends

Easter Holiday:

Monday 4th April 2022 to Friday 15th April 2022

Bank Holiday Monday 18th April 2022

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April 2022 –Children start

Friday 27th May 2022 - Term 5 Ends

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Term 6

Monday 6th June 2022 -Children start

Wednesday 20th July 2022 **Term 6 Ends**