



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 12th October 2018



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that term one is nearly at an end and we only have one week of this term left. The children have worked incredibly hard and we have been visiting children during their lessons and looking at the work they have been doing. I was so impressed with the Year 3 writing that has been going on. I had to check several times that I was really reading a Year 3 child's work. Make sure you have a look during parent consultations next week when you will be able to see what they have been doing.

We've also been keeping an eye on our school environment and can say with pride that everyone is really making an effort to keep everywhere tidy. With that in mind I'm wondering if we have any parent builders who would like to donate an hour of their time at some point. We have a few loose edging bricks in the carpark, I can turn my hand to a lot of things but I'm not sure me and cement would get on. If you think you could, just let the office know and I'll give you a ring.

Our next task is to make the bottom of the school playground more inviting so I'm tackling the raised beds there this weekend, weather permitting. If anyone knows where we could get some good "value for money" artificial grass to go in between the beds and seating I'd love to know.

Year 6 parents don't forget to let the office know if you are coming to the Secondary Admission Process meetings at either 2pm or 6pm on Monday 15th October, next week. These will both be held in the Main School Hall.

Warm wishes,
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Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to...



Embracing diversity...

As I have said we are striving to have a community at Whitstable Junior School that embraces diversity. One of the ways we aim to ensure this happens is to think about the fundamental values which we hold in Britain. These are:


- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

We will be exploring these 4 values with the children over this year and recognising how we embed these into our everyday life.



Each October Show Racism the Red Card holds an annual **Wear Red Day**. So on Friday 19th October we are encouraging the children to wear non-uniform with something red and bring in a donation of 50p. The charity helps support the delivery of anti-racism education for young people & adults throughout England, Scotland & Wales. Every penny raised during WRD enables the campaign to work with more young people and adults across the UK to challenge racism in society

Attendance and punctuality...

<p>Whole School Attendance 96.7% Yay! A tiddly increase. Let's try for 97% next week!</p>	<p>Highest % Attendance Winners Tarik Tiger</p>  <p>Class 3A</p>	<p>100% Punctuality Winners Polly and Petur Penguin</p>  <p>Classes 3A, 4M, 5W, 6T</p>
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Year 6...

Don't forget to apply for a Secondary School place, please go to <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places> Registration closes on **31st October**. If you need any advice, please come and see us, we will happily help you with the process.

Lost property...



This week we have had all the lost property we have found around school spread out on tables on the playground at the end of the day. Everything that was unclaimed is being re-cycled by our fabulous PTFA who will be running a second hand uniform sale at our Christmas Fair.

Internet safety

Be aware of multiplayer options.



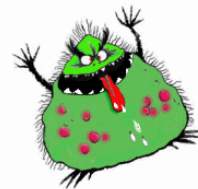
Games and apps often involve some form of user interaction, multiplayer gaming, or user-generated content that children can upload and download. Watch out for open chat (which can sometimes be disabled) and inappropriate user-generated content.

Road safety



Unfortunately there are still a small minority of parents parking on Cromwell Road at the beginning and end of the school day in a way that could result in a child losing their life. Whilst this sounds dramatic it is true. Please don't park up the kerb or on the yellow zig zag lines. It just isn't worth the risk.

The sick bug!



Unfortunately we have seen rather a lot of the nasty sick bug going around. NHS advice on how to beat the little critter! Washing your hands frequently with soap and water is the best way to stop it spreading. Alcohol hand gels don't kill the sick bug. We will be reinforcing the need to thoroughly wash hands throughout the school day.

School Letters...

Don't forget you can find all the letters sent out this week on the school website.

Reminders...

Please return your data collection forms to the school office. It is so important we have up to date information.

Dates for next week:

Monday 15th - Year 6 parent's information meetings about the Secondary Admission process 2pm and 6pm in the main school hall. Please telephone the school to let us know which meeting you are attending. Many thanks.

Tuesday 16th - Year 6 trip to Thornden Woods, Year 4 (4M) trip to Canterbury

Wednesday 17th - Parent Consultations- (school finishes at 1:30pm)

Thursday 18th - Year 4 (4O) trip to Canterbury, The Big Draw takes place at school.

Friday 19th - Wear Red Day (non-uniform 50p donation) Last day of term 1- normal pick up time at 3:15pm

Important dates coming up...

Mon 29th October- Bikeability week for Year 6-info to follow.

Fri 9th November- Year 6 children go to The Horsebridge to see the film The Eagle.

Mon 12th November-Start of Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 16th November -30 Year 3 children go to Thanet to see the film-Early Man

Saturday 17th November - Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-1pm