



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021



### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good “summer” (was it actually summer?) break. A big welcome back to all of you and a special welcome to our new families and new staff. It’s been a fabulous first few days and the children have settled in beautifully. They all looked very smart in their uniforms, thank you so much for ensuring they come to school looking this good. We will be reminding children about shoulder length hair being tied up, no jewellery, no nail varnish, correct footwear and generally keeping to the school uniform rules.

The school grounds have been kept looking lovely and much to our delight we have been able to start the process of updating our playground using the funds already raised, and our savings.



The old all-weather pitch has been replaced with an amazing new multi-sports pitch and the exciting Clamber Stack has been installed. We will still be fundraising over this year to help replenish the pots and complete the project with new playground markings.

Over the next few weeks, the children will be re-igniting their passion and enjoyment for learning through many exciting topics and theme days. You will shortly receive a Curriculum Overview which will give you more information about what your child will be learning this term. Here’s to a fabulous term ahead.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,  
Annie Knoupe

### Kent Test...

The date for the Kent Test for Year 6 children who have registered is the 9<sup>th</sup> September. Year 6 parents and carers will be receiving a letter at the beginning of next week giving you information about the day.

### WJS Playground Project...

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Please remember that any amount is warmly welcomed and if you think you may know someone who would like to support us, please do pass on our JustGiving link [WJS Playground Project JustGiving](#).

## Attendance...



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.

Attendance  
this week was  
**98%**

## Class PE Days...

**Don't forget that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE days.**

### Lower School

3O Tuesday & Thursday  
3MC Tuesday and Wednesday  
4T Wednesday & Thursday  
4W Thursday & Friday

### Upper School

5L Tuesday & Friday  
5M Tuesday and Thursday  
5H Monday and Thursday  
6M Monday & Thursday  
6H Monday & Wednesday  
6RM Monday and Tuesday

## A few other reminders....

### Mobile Phones-Upper School children only (Years 5 and 6)

Children in Years 5 and 6 will bring a mobile phone contract home today. This needs to be signed and returned to school. All mobile phones must be switched off on the school premises and handed to the class teacher for safe keeping during the school day.

### Cycling/Scooting to school

Any child cycling or scooting to school (and leaving this at school) needs to fill in a permission slip which they can get at the school office. Please email the school office to request a form and we will send it home with your child. All children MUST wear a helmet.

Bikes and scooters must be dismounted at the school gates.

### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is £2.35 and the credit limit allowance is £10. Please pay via parent pay-details went out today. Free School Meals - If you are entitled to Government benefits then please complete the free school meal application forms on this link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

### Packed Lunches

Please can children bring spoons if their food requires one. Unfortunately, we are unable to use spoons from the school kitchen for this.

### Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a water bottle. Keeping hydrated through the day is very important.

### Sickness absence

Please telephone the school on each day of absence before 9:30am (ideally by 8:50am) to let us know your child won't be coming in, otherwise we worry. Thank you.

### Collecting your children after school

We understand that emergencies happen and sometimes you have been held up and need to change collection arrangements. If this happens, please telephone the office as early as possible, ideally before 2:30pm. Thankyou

### Parent Communication

We communicate with parents via email or text message. There will be some occasions when we send home paper copies but we are working on ways to completely stop the need for this.

## Letters ....

[Click here for the website where you will find all letters.](#)

## Term Dates...

### Term 1

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - Term 1 Ends

### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021