



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022



### A message from the headteacher...

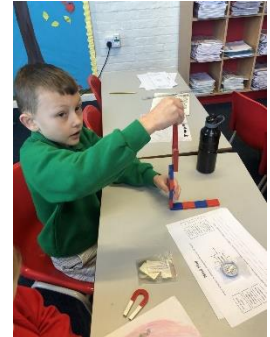
Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to term 3. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and managed some time to rest and relax with your families.

The term has got off to a great start. Year 3 have been using personification in their descriptions of the Iron Man by Ted Hughes. They have worked very hard to use multiplication facts to solve problems. In Science the children explored and played with different types of magnets as an introduction to this



term's unit on forces and magnets. In Geography, the children discussed what a map is and where and when we use them. They drew what they thought a map looks like. This week year 4 have started their new topic and are learning all about the Roman invasion of Britain. This has fed into their literacy where they have been studying a fantastic book called 'Escape from Pompeii' and learning about the devastating impact that Mount Vesuvius had on the city. In maths they have been working hard looking at how to multiply and divide using the 7 and 9 times-tables which has been stretching their brains after the Christmas break.



Year 5 have enjoyed being back in school and starting off the new year with a recap about everything they know about the '50 States of America'. In maths, the children have begun to master calculating the area of compound shapes by looking at the measurements they do know and using their understanding



of opposite lengths and angles. In English, they have enjoyed exploring their first myth, one of many to come, called Pandora's Box.



In Year 6, the children have amazed their teachers with how much knowledge they have remembered about fractions; they have truly mastered comparing and ordering fractions- well done! In their English lessons this week, they have begun discovering more about balanced arguments and how to persuade others that their opinion is right: sorry parents you may have some heated debates on your hands this weekend! Lastly, new topics have been launched in science and the foundation subjects; leaving the children inquisitive about past Monarch's and excited about becoming electricians this term.

Fabulous learning happening as you can see.

Finally, I would like to welcome 2 new members of staff, Mrs Rotchell and Miss Limbu to the WJS community. We all look forward to working with them and hope they have had a great first week.

Warm regards,

Annie Knoupe

### Headteacher Award...



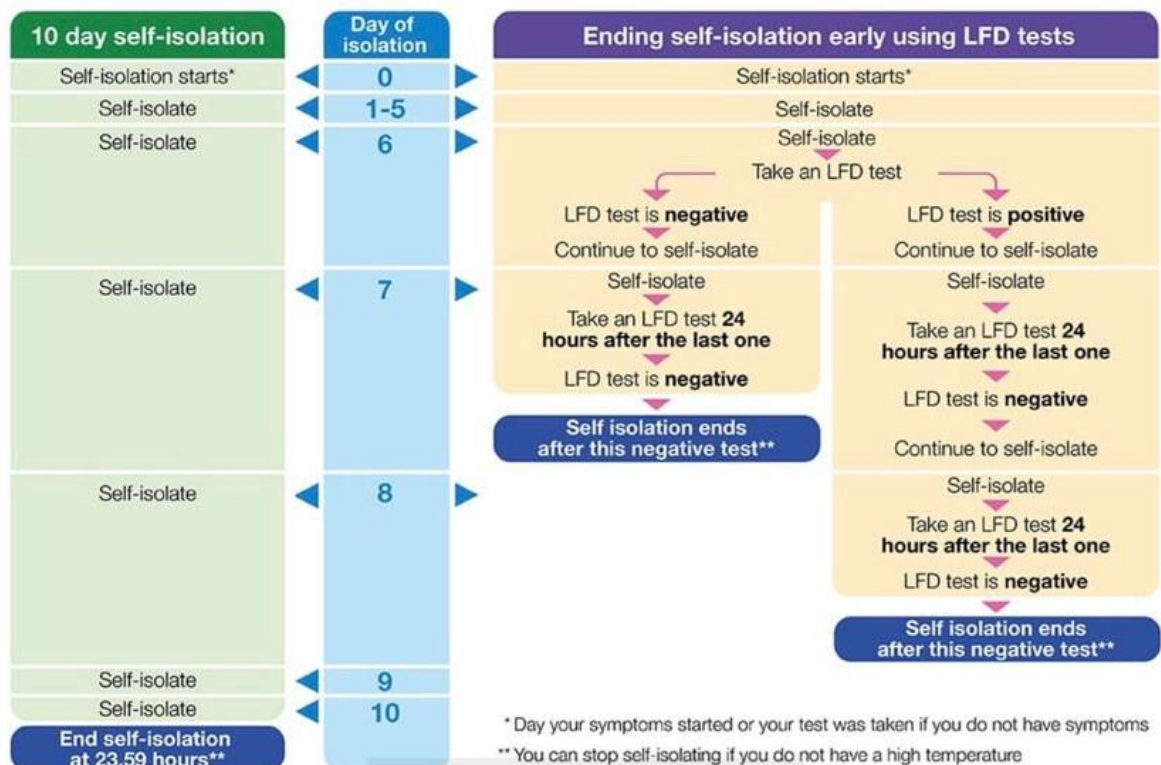
#### Headteacher Award

Headteachers award goes to Harry B in 3MC who has displayed exceptional behaviour and keenness to learn. He has been resilient when facing new topics in maths, and curious as well as adventurous when using exciting vocab in his literacy (and discovering new words in the process!) Also, he has been kind and helpful around the class showing a great sense of community. He has been a real superstar!

### COVID Update...

As announced on the evening of Wednesday 5 and to be implemented from Tuesday 11 January, anyone getting a positive result from a lateral flow test, and who is not showing

any symptoms, will no longer need to take a confirmatory PCR test. You may be able to end your self-isolation period before the end of the 10 full days. You can take an LFD test from 6 days after the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result.



## Sporting News...

The girls football team have their final match next Wednesday, here at WJS and against Bysing Wood. They have done amazingly well this season and we will all be cheering them on next week.

## WJS House Certificate Winners ...

These children were selected by the Pupil Leadership Team as this week's House Point Certificate Winners for demonstrating our curriculum drivers in their learning. Well-done everyone.

	Lily – 6H Adventure
	Summer – 5H Resilience
	Hugo – 3MC Challenge
	Jurgis – 4W Challenge

### House Point Driver Certificates

## WJS Playground Project...

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**So far we have raised £23433!!!**

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...

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**94%**

Regular attendance is so important for your child to make progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have a better chance in life.

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

## Term Dates...

### January 2022

**Term 3 Starts Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Clubs start week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan World Religion Day

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan National Story telling week

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb NSPCC Number Day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb STEM week

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day

**Term 3 ends 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**Term 4 Starts 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**