



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022



### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your week has been as fun as ours has at WJS. The children have been thoroughly enjoying their learning and I have seen that for myself first hand. In outdoor learning children have been challenged to create ways to protect an egg from breaking while dropping them from the top of the structure! They have had varying degrees of success ... and some mess!



Year 5 have had lots of fun learning more about the Greeks and their gods. In forces they have investigated friction using a Newton Meter. They have also started their first lesson on fractions which left them with lots of questions to explore this term. Year 3 love Encanto so much, they have themed their Literacy around it this



week and created the most magical stories. Their teachers have loved reading them at the end of each day. In science the children have explored magnets. They were not only incredibly creative; making football games, magic tricks and more but were able to explain it all using amazing scientific vocabulary. Year 4 have

been working hard in maths dividing and in Literacy they have continued



with their book 'The Thieves of Ostia'. The children have been writing persuasive letters to ban slavery. In history they have been learning about the Romans and the amazing technology they used to build roads in Britain. Year 6 held debates between the Roundheads led by Cromwell and the Cavaliers led by Charles I. Whilst Charles was very eloquent, the Roundheads won, Charles lost his head and the commonwealth reigned the classroom. It's been another busy week. We also held our "lockdown



drill" in case we ever have a need for the children to remain in

classrooms due to some kind of danger. The children had been forewarned that this was just a drill. They were spectacular and responded so sensibly.



Next week is National Storytelling Week. Mrs Montgomery has planned some lovely activities for the children to do with their teachers and I'm sure they will tell you all about it.



On Friday 4th February, it is Number day to raise money for the NSPCC. We are asking the children to dress up as either a Rockstar (like TT Rockstars) or put a number on and bring in a donation for the NSPCC. There will also be an online Battle (competition) on TT Rockstars for the children to take part in at home. Thank you for your support in this and we look forward to seeing lots of Rockstars and Numbers.



Warm regards,  
Annie Knoupe

## WJS PTFA...

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£181.41

Total raised

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Supporters

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We really hope you will help us with this and make a BIG difference to our fundraising.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our fundraising.

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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](#).

## Headteacher Award...



### Headteacher Award- Olivia in 6M

The Headteacher Award goes to Olivia. Her curiosity for learning means that every lesson, every piece of advice, every opportunity to discover more is seized upon with energy and a huge smile. In her role as head girl, she is a beacon of our school community, always striving to show fairness to all. Olivia makes being a teacher a total joy! Well done Olivia.

## COVID Update...

The government have issued updated guidance that there is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering.





**From Monday next week parents and carers are no longer requested by school to wear masks in the school playground however we do request that for the time-being you continue to wear them (unless exempt) when entering the school premises.**


Whilst we continue to have cases in school, we have not seen our numbers increase and towards the end of this week they did in fact begin to decline. However, we are having to manage more staff absence than normal and again I extend my thanks to the wonderfully adaptable WJS team.




## 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.

	Willow – 6M Curiosity
	Ida – 4T Adventure
	Hugh – 5H Challenge
	Lewis – 3MC Independence



### House Point Driver Certificates



## Attendance...

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**93%**

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.

## Goodbye to Mrs Amos...



You may have heard that our wonderful Mrs Amos, who most of you will have spoken to at some point, will be moving on to pastures new this term. Her last day at WJS is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. She has been at WJS for 7 years and will be greatly missed. She is a ray of sunshine to work with and I know that she is very much appreciated by all of our parents and carers. **If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift you are able to do this by sending money into the school office or by paying into the following account: WJS Voluntary Fund account number 40953156 sort code 20-17-92**

## 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**  
 Monday 31st Jan National Story telling week  
**February**  
 Friday 4th Feb **NSPCC Number Day- non-uniform-come dressed as a number, wearing a number or as a RockStar!!**  
 Monday 7th Feb STEM week  
 Tuesday 8th Feb Safer Internet Day  
**Term 3 ends 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Term 4 Starts 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**