



# Whitstable Junior School

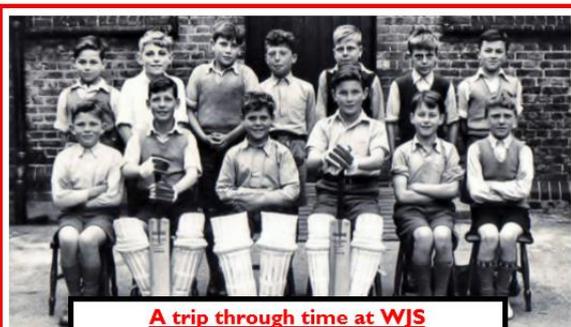
Learning today for life tomorrow

**Week ending 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

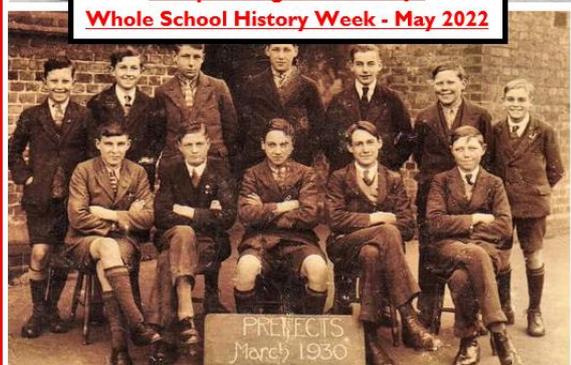


## A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,



**A trip through time at WJS  
Whole School History Week - May 2022**



Key Vocabulary

Whitstable	artefacts	source	similarity
school	architecture	primary (source)	difference
physical (features)	photograph	secondary (source)	change
human (features)	map	evidence	stability

This week has seen the children take a trip through time at WJS.

Year 5 really enjoyed looking at how our school building has changed over the decades. They found out the windows had been specifically designed to be high up so that children would not be able to look out and stop working! They also found out that we used to have a school magazine. We had some fabulous costumes come into school when the children dressed up in World War 2 outfits and then wrote about the experiences of a wartime evacuee.

Year 6 have focused on life at school as a Victorian child and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a day in the life of a Victorian child: from roll calls, hand inspections, wearing a Dunce's hat and having to stand when an adult entered the room; every part of the day made them appreciate their current school experiences - but I know they will not forget the day! They also learned to write with a quill and learned a lot about our beautiful Victorian building.

In Year 4 they looked at how the school has changed over the last 100 years and thought about how the children's lives 100 years ago would be different to their lives today. They have been learning about

incredible Chinese legends and terrifying monsters! They searched for invertebrates by pond dipping and identifying mini beasts.

Year 3 have loved learning all about the last twenty years of Whitstable Junior School. They found out Miss Oliver used to go here in 2003 and looked through photos of WJS 'back in the day' and went on school tours to spot changes. 30 also got pet stick insects this week which they are very excited about!

I cannot finish this week's roundup without mentioning the WJS PTFA School Discos. These were held last night and we had over 80 lower school children join in the merriment and over 135 upper school. It was such an uplifting event and the children and staff had an absolute ball. Huge thanks to the PTFA volunteers, Matt the DJ and the volunteer staff.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Annie Knoupe



## Reminders and Requests...

### Changes to "Pick Up"

We appreciate that sometimes your "pick-up" arrangements change due to an emergency and we are more than happy to pass these messages on to children. However, we do ask that you keep this to a minimum as it can sometimes feel unmanageable when every phone line is ringing at 3:05pm and we have to try and get messages to multiple children before 3:15pm.

### Clubs

Please can you remind your children that if they have signed up for a club, we do expect them to attend regularly. Some children have been deciding during the day of their club that they don't want to go which then causes us to worry that they are not in the correct place. If your child cannot attend a club, we ask that you phone the office in the morning and let us know. Many thanks.

## Headteacher Award...



### Headteacher Certificate

#### Tristan in 6H

The headteacher award goes to Tristan in 6H this week. He did some fabulous writing with a quill and showed great resilience with sewing using cross stitch. He has also been really challenging himself in class which is great to see. On top of this he is a super friend to others! A superstar!

Well done from Mrs Knoupe.

## 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](#)

## Times Tables Rock Stars...

Congratulations to 5H who won the Times Tables Rockstars Battle of the Bands. The competition saw the % of children using TT Rockstars to improve their speed and knowledge rise to 86%!!!



## 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.



### House Point Driver Certificates



## Attendance...

Whole School  
Attendance  
since Sep 2021

93%

Unfortunately, we are starting to see more requests for term time holidays and requests to take children out of school. These are always unauthorised unless it is exceptional circumstances.

Regular attendance is extremely important to help your child achieve, reach their highest potential and give them the 'flying start' they deserve. Research shows that missing school can have a huge impact on a child's education and by law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must receive a suitable full-time education. As a **parent, you have a legal responsibility** to make sure this happens and as a school, we are required by the Government to inform parents/carers when their child's attendance falls below 90%. Attendance below 95% is deemed as

unsatisfactory and below 90% a cause for concern. Good attendance is 98% or better. Your child's attendance is monitored carefully and daily by our attendance officer.

Below is a poster that breaks down the attendance percentages and really shows how the odd days can add up! Therefore, you need to ensure that your child attends **regularly** and **punctually**. Even arriving just 5 minutes late per day will add up to 3 days of lost school time!

We always endeavour to be sensitive to needs and personal circumstances and strive to work together to resolve any concerns and to offer our support in any way we can. However, in the circumstances attendance does not show significant improvement (in individual cases) we will arrange a meeting to discuss your child's attendance further and there is the possibility of fines.

## Days off school add up to lost learning

### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



## Term Dates...

### Term 5

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Cognitive Ability Tests Year 5 (more info to follow)

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May- 3MC only Parents Evening

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> May- 3MC only Parents Evening

**Last Day of Term 5- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June- WJS Platinum Jubilee Celebration -information to follow next week

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June -PTFA Summer Fair-After school- information to follow next week

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June- Year 6 Residential and Activity Week

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June- Parent Consultations 5pm-8pm (more info to follow)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm (more info to follow)

Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> June- Year 3 Cognitive Ability Tests (more info to follow)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June- Sports Afternoon

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers Disco – 5:30pm-6:30pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July- Attainment and Progress Reports

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leaver Celebration St Alphege Church-2:30pm

**Last Day of Term 6- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**