



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 11th November 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a lovely break. I know we all felt refreshed especially with the added few days.

Term 2 is always so magical in a junior school as we head towards (sshhh...Christmas). We have the Year 3 Nativity to look forward to, check the dates in the date list below and keep an eye out for more information to follow. We have a range of other Christmassy activities planned; PTFA Christmas Fair, Christmas Shopping and our fabulous PTFA have generously offered to pay for every single child, who wants one, to have a school Christmas dinner. I will be sending out a letter next week so you can tell us if your child would like one.

We have been showing parents of year 2 children round our lovely school this week and have our school open morning this Saturday 12th November. We are really looking forward to sharing all the wonderful things your children get to experience when they join WJS.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and the children can wear odd socks on Monday to start the week off. The theme this year is Reach Out and we will be exploring how we can all make a difference by being kind and supporting each other.

Year 3 have been excellent ambassadors for our school this week during our Year 2 workshops. We are sure their smiling faces

put the Year 2s at ease and made their days brighter. They have also begun Nativity practise, learning lots of new festive songs and finding out their roles!

Year 4 have been busy learning about how to measure the area of a 2D shape and continuing to read 'Hurricane' in literacy which links to their topic of natural disasters. They have also been busy making models of the earth, recreating its layers using coloured clay. In science, they have been on a 'sound hunt' around the school, finding out how sound is produced.

Year 5 have fully embraced Remembrance, looking at the 1914 Christmas Truce and the range of flowers that represent why it is so important to have 2 minutes silence. The children created some beautiful artwork and wrote a powerful recount of a soldier on Christmas Eve 1914. In Maths, they have been investigating factors, multiples, prime numbers and square numbers.

Year 6 have been simplifying fractions and ordering them on a number line, stepping out of the trenches with the war poets Rupert Brooke and Wilfred Owen for Remembrance and taking a journey through time to investigate the origins of the universe in Science. Work has started on their fabulous Mayan masks which promise to be even more stunning than last year's.

On Friday Year 6 joined the remembrance "service" outside the library and the rest of the school held a minute's silence during assembly.



Please remember that we are a 'Nut Free' school and children should not bring in any food that contains nuts. Nuts in school could make some of our children very ill.

I'm looking forward to a great term ahead. Don't forget to complete the Parent Survey that was emailed out this week. We always value your feedback. The link to this is

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZQHJPR>

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

Annie Knoupe

Attendance...

**Attendance
up to today
94%**

A reminder that holidays cannot be authorised unless for exceptional circumstances and these are very few and far between.

If your child is too unwell to attend school then please phone the school office by 8:50am. We have a new phone system where you can choose option 1 and leave a message. If we don't hear from you, we will have to ring you otherwise this becomes an unauthorised absence.

Welcome to the Times Tables Hall of Fame ...



Headteacher Award...



Headteacher Award Tommy in 30

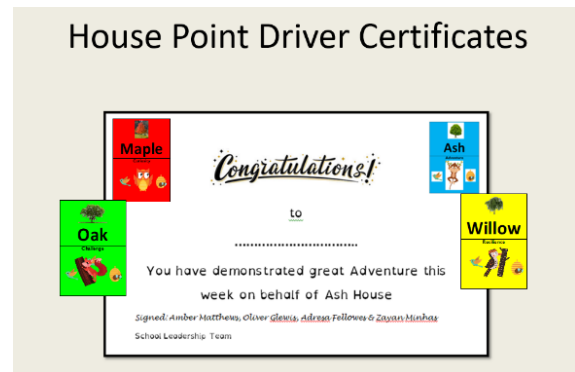
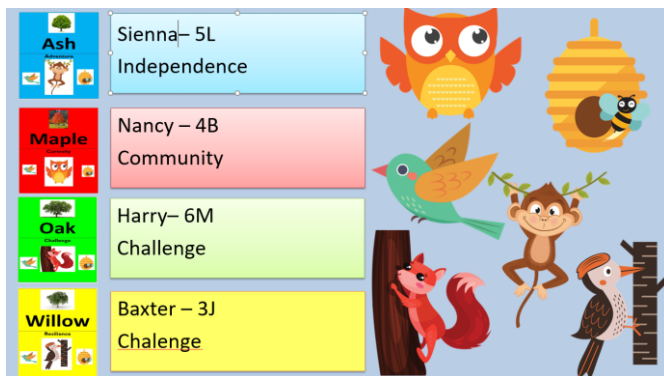


Tommy's teacher has told me he brings so much joy to each and every school day. He not only arrives at school ready for the day ahead but also excited for all the learning he will do. He has worked really hard in each lesson and we are all very proud of him. Well done Tommy.



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.



Letters

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

Term Dates...

Term 2 Starts

November

Saturday 12th – WJS Open morning 10-12 for year 2 parents

Week beginning Mon 14th- Anti-bullying Week-Reach Out

Mon 14th- Wear Odd Socks Day-for anti-bullying week

Fri 18th – PTFA/Friends of the Brown Family- Quiz in the school hall

Fri 25th – Non-uniform Day- bring a bottle for the tombola

Wed 30th – CACOT children's forum at Swalecliffe CP School

December

Fri 2nd Dec- WJS PTFA Christmas Fair- 3:15pm-5pm

Tues 6th- Writer Workshop

Wed 7th PTFA Christmas Shopping and Christmas Dinner Day (provided for all children who want it- letter to follow)

Fri 9th- Wear Something Festive Day.

Tue 13th – Year 3 Nativity to Parents 2pm in the school hall and 6pm in the school hall-more info to follow.

Fri 16th – Last Day of Term 2.

Term 3 Starts

Tuesday 3rd January