



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

**Week ending 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**



## A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week this week; the children are coming to school on time, happy and ready to learn. Well done all! It has been great to see the children's responses to our World Religion Day celebration: developing our understanding of the similarities between them and realising that they are



infact all very similar and all focus on peace, love and community. There has also been some amazing cooking and baking going on which has filled our corridors with delicious smells; there are definitely some future chefs and bakers amongst us! *(Thank you for letting us be the tasters too!)*



In the interest of keeping us all safe, please be mindful of where you park your cars at the end of the day. We completely understand that you may be

running late and therefore want to park as close to the school as possible; however, parking on the double- yellow lines in Cromwell Road could lead to an accident. So, if you are running late please call the office to let us know and we will keep your child safe until you arrive.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

## What have the children been up to this week?

This week, Year 3 have been archaeologists, newspaper reporters and all-round superstars. In



Literacy, they have created their own Indus Valley pots ready to write a newspaper report about their discovery. In History, they discovered artefacts from the Indus Valley around their classrooms, replicating their real discoveries and using specific questions to discover more about these epic finds.



This week Year 4 have continued learning about the

Roman invasion of Britain and they have started designing catapults in DT ready to make them later in the term; the children will even get the opportunity to test them out! They have also been learning about how the digestive system works and what happens to our food when we chew; eating bread as part of their lesson was such a highlight!

In Year 5, the children have been learning about why it isn't a good idea to fly too close to the sun in our myth, Daedalus and Icarus. In Science, they have investigated friction by looking at the soles of our shoes and why they have different treads. They have also nearly conquered fractions and have started to subtract them this week.



Year 6 have been making delicious bread rolls as part of their DT this week; investigating how different types of flour affect the texture, smell and taste. They have also been getting into character with some hot-seating and exploring what the life cycle of a dragon could be. Whilst in maths they have used skittles to explore the relationship between ratios and fractions. **Well done everyone, a wonderful week full of great learning experiences!**

## Message from our PTFA...



**Are you wondering how you could get more involved in the WJS school community?** Would you like to be part of a friendly, light-

hearted and caring group of parents and carers whose enthusiasm and kindness make a real difference to our children's school experience? Well please feel free to come



along to our next meeting on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 9am**. We will be meeting in the school staff room (via the top gate). Just call into reception and the office staff will show you the way.

We really would love to see you!

## Attendance...

**Attendance was 93%  
today**

National attendance was 94% for last week.

Reminders: 1) Term-time holidays cannot be authorised.  
2) If your child is too unwell to attend school, then please phone the school office by 8:45am. Please feel free to select option 1 and leave a message. If we don't hear from you, we will have to

ring you and if we cannot contact you this becomes an unauthorised absence.

## Headteacher Award...



This amazing young person has been incredibly studious this week, challenging themselves to reach their full potential in all lessons. They are always very polite and speaks to both their peers and adults with respect, never forgetting the power of 'please' and 'thank you'. We are also so proud of this wonderful young person for being adventurous and joining several after school clubs this term.

**Well done, Baxter in 3J you are an asset to our school community!**

## Sporting News...

Some of our wonderful year 6 children attended a Sports Hall Athletics event this week at Herne Bay High School. They competed against 15 other schools, completing a variety of different events, from javelin, standing long jump, relay races to speed bouncing. They worked so well as a team, demonstrating superb sportsmanship, amazing resilience and a really good overall standard of skill. Well Done team! You represented WJS perfectly and we came 5<sup>th</sup> overall.



## NSPCC Number Day...

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we will be celebrating National Number Day on behalf of the NSPCC. There will be further information available next week about the types of exciting events that we have planned for the day; however, we are hoping that you may have some spare time to be able to play a part in the day's events! We are planning some challenges for the children to solve, using clues and need a few parents to play a part in the investigation. Should you have any free time on this day, please contact: [rlodge@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk](mailto:rlodge@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk) to gain further information. Thank you.



## Parent and Carers Survey Results...

Because we value your input and want to know how you feel, last term we invited you to take part in a Parent and Carers Survey. Thank you so much to all that took the time to complete the survey and for your supportive and lovely comments. Please click on the link below to view the results.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-uxK\\_2F4PKjmPgaquJS3MIY6A\\_3D\\_3D/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-uxK_2F4PKjmPgaquJS3MIY6A_3D_3D/)

## WJS House Certificate Winners ...

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|  | Brooke— 6M Challenge |
|  | Tommy— 5H Challenge  |
|  | Kitt— 3O Adventure   |
|  | Joseph— 4B Challenge |



Well done to these children, who have really shone this week. We are very proud of you!

## Letters ....

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

## Term Dates...

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan - Girls football match at WJS at 3.30pm – please come and support them!

Week Beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - **National Story-Telling Week**

Date TBC - Speed Stacking Tournament

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb NSCPCC Number Day**

Week Beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - **Children's Mental Health Week**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day

**Term 3 ends 10<sup>th</sup> February**