



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 28th April 2023



A message from our Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

We come to the end of a busy week where the children have enjoyed a range of enrichment activities. Our Year 5 classes visited Ottenden this week for an outdoor learning adventure and our year 3 and 4 classes had their first swimming lesson of the term this week. It was lovely to have positive comments from the swimming instructors about what amazing children we have and makes us all proud to be part of the WJS community. This morning we welcomed the Morris Men into school which was thoroughly entertaining! Let's hope they have brought with them a touch of Spring.



Next Friday we will be marking the King's Coronation. Children are invited to come dressed in red, white and blue. Our hall will become a street party where children will enjoy a Coronation lunch. Please be sure to sign up for the special lunch to be provided by the kitchen (or children can bring their own packed lunches). In classes, children will learn what a Coronation is. As volunteering is very important to King Charles, we are making links with Red Zebra, a local charity, and making Birthday Cards and writing letters for elderly people in our community.

Community Kindness

As a school in the hub of Whitstable we are keen to extend further links within the community. As a way of taking care of those who take care of your children we have introduced 'Friday Treats' for staff at WJS. Last week our school kitchen provided some tasty treats for staff to enjoy and today we say a huge thank you to Whitstable Dreams and Whitstable Cheese and Wine who have provided us with a delicious sweet grazing boards with fruit and brownies.



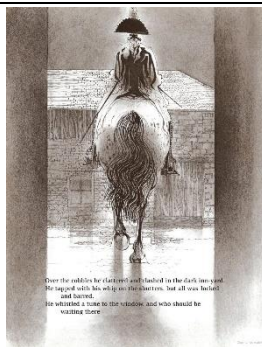
If you have any contacts with local businesses who could help, please contact the school office. Local bakeries, super markets, cafes etc who can provide a Friday breaktime treat for about 40 people. We will provide the date and in return they will get a mention on our social media but more importantly the knowledge that they are supporting the next generation of 'Whitstablians' and performing an act of community kindness. Ms Kent

What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have been starting to plan for their D.T project by trying lots of different varieties of bread to enable them to make informed decisions about their design for their sandwiches. They have also been expanding their French vocabulary, learning the days of the week – *tres bien!* We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the library this week, exploring this excellent local resource and learning about the history of Whitstable. This week in **Year 4** the children have been completing their fantastic legends, based on the text of Beowulf. They have also been tackling adding mixed numbers and fractions in maths and learning more about the fascinating Shang Dynasty. In outdoor learning the children also had fun learning some very useful first aid skills! **Year 5** have had the best time at Otterden Den building! In Literacy, they have been creating an exciting Viking character for their Saga writing next week. In Science, the children have been looking at the changes of states a cup of tea goes through. They have then gone on to investigate the dissolving time of different sugars and used



their maths to create a line graph statistics. **In Year 6** the children reasoning skills, impressing their English, they have galloped studying Alfred Noyes' poem and motivation. Science has involved body in preparation for the unit they have been learning about The children have been extra arty and using Ben Day dots in pop art.



at the start of their new module on have been busy honing their arithmetic and teachers with growing resilience and speed. In across the purple moor with The Highwayman, exploring figurative language and character exploring their prior knowledge of the human on Animals including Humans and in History ancient forms of punishment and justice. this week, creating posters for the Coronation

Attendance...

Attendance
is:
93%

Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn.
Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Let's try and increase attendance next week!



Reminders...

PTFA Quiz left. Book now



Night! Friday 5 May at WJS at 7PM. Who will be crowned? Still a few tables to avoid disappointment.

Mrs Greer would love any old tree stumps or logs for sitting on in the campfire circle.

Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....



PE /Swimming And Outdoor Learning Days Next Week

- 3J** Wednesday PE and Friday Swimming
- 3O** Thursday PE and Friday Swimming
- 4B** Tuesday Swimming and Friday PE
- 4CR** Tuesday Swimming and Wednesday PE
- 5H** Thursday PE and Outdoor Learning
- 5L** Tuesday Outdoor Learning and Thursday PE
- 6H** Wednesday PE and Outdoor Learning
- 6M** Tuesday Outdoor Learning and PE Thursday
- 6T** Wednesday Outdoor Learning and PE Thursday



How can you help your child?

Listen to them read

This is so important - even if it's a book they've already read, or you read some, they read some.

Share books together, make it enjoyable.

Model reading: It is so vital



Letters

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



Term 5 Dates...

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday 2nd May – **Teachers Strike day but WJS will be open to ALL classes.**

Wednesday 3rd May – District Football Competition

Thursday 4th May – Netball match – at home – against Herne Bay Juniors

Friday 5th May – **Kings Coronation Celebration Day – more details to follow**

-PFA Quiz night in the school hall – more details to follow

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May – **Year 6 SATs Week – more details to follow**

Thursday 18th May – Netball match – here – against Swalecliffe Primary School

Friday 19th May – CACOT Fund Raising event – more details to follow

Friday 26th May – last day of term 5