



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 21st April 2023



A message from Ms Kent



Dear parents and carers,

How splendid to see a sea of red, white and blue on our school playground today as we mark the coronation of King Charles III. The children enjoyed a street party style lunch in the dinner hall and have been learning about the coronation in school this week.



Myself and adults on the gate are there to welcome your children into school; answer questions and discuss any concerns you may have.

We are looking at ways to reduce the number of emails teachers are receiving whilst still ensuring important information is shared in a timely manner. With this in mind, staff on the gate in the morning are able to take messages which need more immediate attention. Please also remember to use your child's contact books. Emails needing immediate attention should be sent to the school office where they will be directed to the most appropriate recipient.

Our Year 6 children have been working hard towards SATs which start next week. I have been so impressed with the thought and planning which has gone on behind the scenes to ensure the children are well supported. It is important Year 6 pupils are in school and on time next week.

Wishing you all a good bank holiday weekend.

Sarah Kent

What have the children been up to this week?

In outdoor learning with Mrs Grier, children have been continuing with their first aid lessons. This week we focussed on dressings.

As part of our Geography topic on streets, conducting research into also been tackling time in maths, This week in **Year 4** we have topic work on the Shang Dynasty.



to write amazing descriptions of the evil Emperor! In maths, the children have been subtracting fractions from mixed numbers and learning how to calculate fractions of amounts. In art they have enjoyed designing their own willow pattern plates, again linked to the Shang Dynasty. Lastly, we have been finding out all about the history of the coronation and discussing the preparation behind the event. **Year 5** have been investigating reversible changes in science. They have looked at a range of materials to discover if they melt and then waited to see if they solidified. In Maths, they have delved into Statistics, looking at tables, two-way tables and timetables. The children should now be able to tell you which bus or train to catch to arrive at your destination on time. In Literacy, they have begun creating and writing their Viking quests as part of the saga; using lots of skills like 'show not tell', relative clauses and metaphors. **Year 6** have been writing a modern version of the Highwayman poem. They have been using their rhyming and figurative language skills. In history they have been exploring the different punishments that were used in the Tudor period. As part of their science, the children have been exploring the different systems of our body and how they work together.



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!



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME



Reminders...

Please remember that all children's hair must be fully tied up at all times whilst they are at school.

Earrings - children should only wear small studs in school. Only 1 stud / ear.

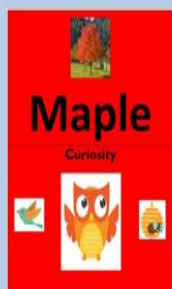
CaCOT Children's Forum

On 19th May we are joining with other CaCOT schools in a fund-raising event to support our local community. WJS has chosen to support the Local Foodbank. Please bring non-perishable items of food on 19th May. There will be crates on the gate to place your items. Thank you in advance for supporting this.

Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....



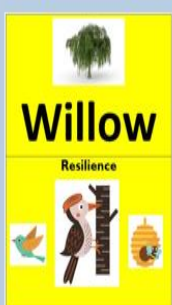
Esme Schmidt – 4CR
Resilience



Summer Kemp – 30
Challenge



Alfie Lau – 6M
Independence



Phonix Wright-McCalla – 5L
Challenge



I. Football Competition & Netball Matches



Congratulations to our amazing Football Squad, who competed in the District Inter School Competition at UKC this week. We were so proud of their passion, team work and maturity. There were over 16 other schools that took part in the event and the girls team won their group games and then were knocked out in the finals, but only by one goal. Equally, the boys demonstrated great skill and agility and only conceded 2 goals throughout the entire competition.



Netball Matches

Wednesday 10 May against St Mary's Primary School – Away
Thursday 11 May against Reculver Primary School – Home
Thursday 18 May against Swalecliffe Primary School – Home
Monday 22 May against Davington Primary - Away



PE/Swimming and Outdoor Learning

- 3J - Outdoor Learning Tuesday, PE Wednesday, Swimming Friday
- 3O - Outdoor Learning Tuesday, PE Thursday, Swimming Friday
- 4B - Swimming Tuesday, Football Wednesday, Outdoor Learning Wednesday
- 4CR - Swimming Tuesday, Football Wednesday, Outdoor Learning Thursday
- 5H - Outdoor Learning & PE Thursday
- 5L - PE on Thursday
- 6H - No fixed PE as SATs week
- 6M - No fixed PE as SATs week
- 6T - No fixed PE as SATs week

Letters

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



Term 5 Dates...

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 18 May – Class Photos

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

Friday 19th May – CACOT Fund Raising event – more details above

Friday 26th May – last day of term 5