



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 9 June 2023

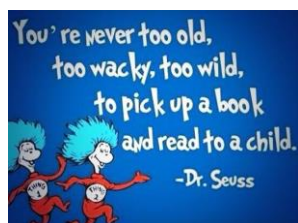


A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to term 6 – I hope you all had a fun filled half term break.

This week it has been lovely to welcome so many of you into school to read with your children. For those of you who came in, I'm sure you'll agree that the children's passion for reading and levels of engagement are commendable. This doesn't happen without your support from home. Reading with your child supports their whole development and helps them develop key literacy skills, aids imagination and helps them to express and understand their emotions. Each week we monitor how much children are reading at home.



Reading aloud with your child, just **10 minutes** a day, is one of the best ways to provide learning tools for life

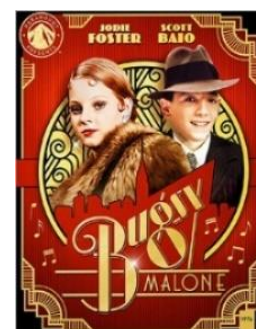
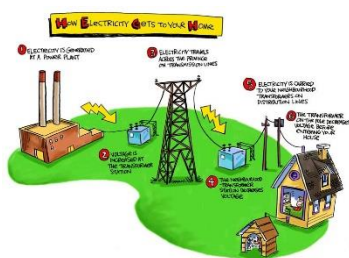
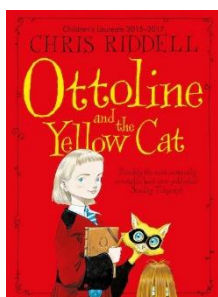


Thank you to all of you who donated so generously towards our school fair today. Remember next Friday is our 2nd non uniform day and we ask for donations of chocolate.

esafety: On Monday morning we have a parent drop-in session where we will help you set parental controls on your child's devices.

What have the children been up to this week?

This week, **Year 3** enjoyed having a moment to stay and read with their adults. They lit up the classrooms with their enthusiasm and love of reading. They have begun reading their new Literacy text 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat.' Whilst reading, they have become detectives and much like the main character from the book, using their own notebooks to uncover clues. **Year 4** have had a great first week back after half term! In Literacy, we have been looking at all the amazing things there are to do in Canterbury; in Maths, we have been continuing our work on decimals and in science, we have started to talk about electricity and where it comes from. We really enjoyed our visit from the Coastguard as well! **Year 5** have been busy doing co-ordinates and lines of symmetry this week. They can read, plot and translate shapes and reflect over a mirror line. In Literacy, they have been practising key reading skills, including prediction and PEE, finding the evidence from the text. In D&T, the children have started to think about our new topic and the purposes of a Bird House and why they are designed as they are, ready for making some later this term. **Year 6** have started practising their production: **Bugsy Malone**, analysing dual bar graphs for Maths and following the trail of our nutrients and water through the digestive system in science. In English, they have looked at the features of non-chronological reports and started researching healthy lifestyles.



Attendance

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is:

93.3%

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!

Attendance continues to be a national initiative. This is because there is a strong link between future success and high attendance at school. We want the children to develop a healthy attitude to coming into school regularly, being dependable and building resilience. Learning now the habits of a lifetime- we all have mornings where we wake up feeling ughh, shaking that feeling off and getting in is truly the best remedy sometimes. There will of course be times when children are not well enough to attend and we expect this. Currently our attendance is 93%. Our aim is to get it to at least 94% by the end of term 6.



ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Reminders

Thank you for ensuring your children are in correct uniform and PE kit this week. They have all come back to school looking super smart.

Please can we remind you that children should not bring in toys from home or fidget toys.



The PTFA will be once again be 16th June, allowing them to treats, there will be a variety of



running a thank you gift shop for the children on Friday shop gifts priced £1-£3. As well as Father's Day friendly gifts suitable to show any friends or family they care.

Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....



Ronnie – 5L
Community



Jasper – 3J
Community



Wilfred – 4CR
Community



Michael – 6T
Curiosity



Coast Guard Visit

We also had a visit from the wonderful RNLI who taught the children all about safety on the water. The children were very engaged and had fun at the same time. Thank you, RNLI!



School Value

This term our school value is determination. Children will be exploring how there are times both in and out of school when they need to dig deep and keep on trying even when things get tough. We will be helping children set goals and think about the steps they need to make to achieve these and to keep going when their plans don't always go as expected.



PE

- 3J - Wednesday Athletics, Friday Cricket
- 3O - Thursday Athletics, Friday Cricket
- 4B - Tuesday Cricket, Wednesday Athletics
- 4CR - Tuesday Cricket, Wednesday Athletics
- 5H - Monday Athletics, Tuesday Swimming
- 5L - Tuesday Swimming, Thursday Athletics
- 6H - Monday Athletics, Friday Swimming
- 6M - Monday Swimming, Thursday PE
- 6T - Thursday Athletics, Friday Swimming

Letters

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



Term 6 Dates...

- Monday 12 June - Parent/Carer on-line safety support drop in**
- Monday 12 June - AIM high Writing Day for Years 3 & 4. More details to follow**
- Monday 12 June - The Whitstable School visit to Year 6 at 11.30am**
- Monday 12 June - Netball match against Joy Lane**
- Tuesday 13 June - 3J Otterden trip – more details to follow**
- Wednesday 14 June - 3O Otterden trip – more details to follow**
- Wednesday 14 June - Year 4 MTC day**
- Wednesday 14 June - Year 6 Road Safety talks**
- Wednesday 14 June - Queen Elizabeth School visit to Year 6 children at 11.30AM**

Thursday 15 June - The Archbishops School visit to Year 6 children at 10.30AM
Thursday 15 June - Parent/Carer Consultation – more details to follow
Friday 16 June - Gift Shop
Monday 19 June - Arts Week
Tuesday 20 June - Girls Cricket Competition 12 – 3PM in Bridge. More details to follow.
Wednesday 21 June Year 5/6 Rounders Competition in afternoon. More details to follow.
Friday 23 June - Year 6 Transition to Secondary School Week
Friday 23 June - Summer Fair
Monday 26 June - Year 6 Enrichment Week – Gillwell or Stay at Home enrichment
Monday 3 July - Friday 7 July – Year 6 Visiting secondary schools
Tuesday 4 July - Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter
Tuesday 4 July - Year 5 Road Safety talks
Wednesday 5 July - Whole School Assembly from the library to advertise Summer Reading Challenge
Thursday 6 July - Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Meet their new teacher morning
Friday 7 July - Leavers' Disco
Monday 10 July - Health Sports Week
Tuesday 11 July - Year 6 morning production to parents. More details to follow
Tuesday 11 July - New Year 3 parent/carers evening – 6PM in the hall
Wednesday 12 July - Athletics Festival HBHS all day. More details to follow
Wednesday 12 July - iROCK concert outside at 2.30PM
Wednesday 12 July - 6PM Year 6 Production to parents/carers. More details to follow
Thursday 13 July - Sports Afternoon. More details to follow
Friday 14 July - Books home apart from Year 5
Monday 17 July - Progress Reports sent to parents/carers
Monday 17 July - Foodbank Donations
Tuesday 18 July - Leavers' Celebration at St Alephege Church from 2PM
Wednesday 19 July - Year 6 Water Fight at 2.50PM