



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 16 June 2023



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents and carers,

It's been a busy and hot week at Whitstable Juniors! Children in years 5 and 6 have continued with their swimming lessons. By the end of this term, every child will have had the opportunity to learn to swim or improve their swimming skills. As warmer weather is upon us, this is a crucial life skill allowing our children to enjoy the beach safely. It has been a pleasure to see the determination of our children to master the skill of swimming. This week was the first of 2 parent consultation evenings. These meetings are just one way we can continue to work together to ensure the very best outcomes for your children. Please also take time to complete our parent survey. Your views really do matter to us. Thank you again for your kind donations of chocolate today – which we will endeavour to keep out of the heat! And the Friday pop up ice-cream shop is proving a hit. Please remember our summer fair next Friday after school. All money raised by the PTFA will be going towards our library refurb. More information coming soon.

Wishing you all a chilled, sunny weekend celebrating and saying thank you to our adults at home on Sunday.

Sarah Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

This week **Year 3** were lucky enough to enjoy an outdoor learning trip to Otterden where they used face paint to camouflage, looked and learnt about a variety of birds, potted a pea plant and more! In Literacy, they have used drama to predict what will happen next in their text 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat.' **Year 4** have had a busy week working hard on their times tables! The children have completed a wide variety of different activities and have thoroughly enjoyed taking full advantage of the sunshine and doing some of their Maths lessons outside. In English, we have started to write our visitor guides for Canterbury, thinking carefully about which of the amazing experiences that Canterbury has to offer to include. In Science, we have been thinking about how to use electricity safely, as well as exploring different types of electricity. We have thought of some great inventions! **Year 5** have had a busy week learning about the features of Information texts in English, in preparation for researching and writing about Whitstable and Rye. In Geography, the children have learnt about contour lines on maps and compared different topographies. In Maths, the children have been converting different units of measure, specifically looking at the words 'kilo' and 'milli' and what they mean. **Year 6** have been continuing to learn all about how to live a healthy life style which has been extremely helpful in our sessions this week about growing up. In maths, we have been exploring how to interpret a variety of graphs (including pie charts) and have been working hard to learn the songs and lines for the production. In DT we have explored local wildlife to design bunting for a re-wilding project and in PE have enjoyed our first few swimming sessions.



Attendance

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is:

93.35%

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! Remember our target, of at least 94%, by the end of term!



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Summer Fair

Don't forget!!! **Friday 23 June 3.15pm – 4.30pm**



Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....



Ash

Cody – 5H
Community



Maple

Lexi – 3O
Challenge



Oak

Lotte – 6H
Curiosity



Willow

Fred – 4CR
Challenge



Big Free Bus Weekend

As part of their Bus Service Improvement Plan, Stagecoach is offering free bus travel on all bus services running in Kent and Medway on the 24 and 25 June. Why not make the most of this and plan a day out somewhere new?



Reminders

Please can I remind you that children in **lower school** are not allowed mobile phones in school. If you believe your child needs a phone, please speak to a member of the senior leadership team.



PE

- 3J - Wednesday Athletics, Friday Cricket & Inclusive Sports on Tuesday 20 June & Tuesday 4 July
- 3O - Thursday Athletics, Friday Cricket & Inclusive Sports on Tuesday 20 June & Tuesday 4 July and Multisports on Monday 10 July
- 4B - Tuesday Cricket, Wednesday Athletics & Inclusive Sports on Tuesday 27 June & Tuesday 11 July
- 4CR - Tuesday Cricket, Wednesday Athletics & Inclusive Sports on Tuesday 27 June & Tuesday 11 July
- 5H - Monday Athletics, Tuesday Swimming & Multisports on Monday 26 June
- 5L - Tuesday Swimming, Thursday Athletics
- 6H - Monday Athletics, Friday Swimming & Multisports on Monday 19 June
- 6M - Monday Swimming, Thursday PE & Multisports on Monday 3 July if not going to The Archbishops
- 6T - Thursday Athletics, Friday Swimming

Letters

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



Term 6 Dates...

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 3.15pm – 4.30pm

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/carer 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