



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 14 July 2023



### A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents and carers,

I can't quite believe I am writing my last Newsletter of the academic year - these last two terms have flown by!

This week children have had the opportunity to showcase their sporting and musical talents. I thoroughly enjoyed the iRock concert on Wednesday - some serious musicians in the making! Thank you to everyone who came to cheer their children on at Sports Day. Mrs Roy and Mr Kidd ensured we provided a range of activities so that every child could enjoy the afternoon. All this topped off with our Year 6 show-stopper production Bugsy Malone. The singing, the dancing, the acting, the laughter and all-round huge amounts of talent was an absolute delight to behold. The children's enthusiasm and enjoyment rocked the hall! Well done to all our year 6 pupils and a huge thank you to all the staff for making this happen.

This is a moment of reflection for me as I come to the end of the academic year. These two terms have been incredible. The support, openness and welcome has made this transition, both for me personally and for the school, a smooth one. I can honestly say this is absolutely the best carer decision I have ever made. On a daily basis I feel honoured to be serving the pupils, staff and community as Headteacher of Whitstable Junior School.

I'm sure you will all join me in saying a heartfelt thank you to every member of staff at our wonderful school for all of their continued hard work, energy and passion ensuring each and every child is well cared for and educated.

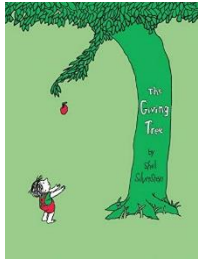
I wish you all an amazing summer break - enjoy the time with your magnificent children. Good luck to our year 6 children remember 🎵 *You can be anything that you want to be* 🎵. Make us all proud at your new schools.



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

This week **Year 3** have enjoyed reading 'The Giving Tree' during their literacy time. They have creatively responded to it through recipes for friendship and letters of kindness to their past selves. Not only that but they were stars for their first ever WJS Sports' Day and their teachers are so proud. **Year 4** approached Sports Week with great enthusiasm. They've competed in intra-sports, wowed us all on Sports Day, enjoyed their Inclusive Sports session and some of the year group headed to Herne Bay High for an Athletics meet. In class, they have completed their work on *Grandpa's Garden* with a news report and shown great resilience in Maths, when converting between analogue and digital time. Discussions have also taken place on how we can make sure we have a healthy lifestyle and even trying out some mindfulness techniques in yoga. The children will sleep well this weekend! **Year 5** have been enjoying all the challenges of Sports week. They have participated in the morning wake up, shake up sessions and enjoyed some calming yoga in class. On Tuesday the children were lucky enough to watch the Year 6 production; what a spectacle for everyone to enjoy. Today 5L have been on a Geography based trip to Victory woods and 5H are looking forward to their visit on Monday. **Year 6** have hit the stage for their first performances to an audience of 'Bugsy Malone' and what a success it has been! They have spent time in run-

offs for Sports day and learning about what secondary school entails with more work on transition. More beautiful birds were sewn for the CACOT Rewilding Project which will soon fly off to our Outdoor Classroom.



## Attendance

**Attendance**  
is:  
**92.77%**

**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 ensure we all work together next year to improve attendance and punctuality giving all children the very best chance to succeed!**



## Staff goodbyes...

We sadly say Goodbye to some of our staff at the end of term.

Mr Kidd Leaves us to take up a full -time position at another local school. They are incredibly lucky to have him and I know both the staff and children will greatly miss him. He has contributed hugely to everything sporty at WJS.

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Whiscombe who has contributed so positively to the school. We wish her well as she continues her teaching career.

We are finally letting Mrs Spencer enjoy her retirement. She has worked at WJS for over 15 years so a very well-earned retirement.

Whilst Mrs Wood has only been with us for a short time, she has become part of the year 4 team who I know will miss her. Good luck in your new ventures.

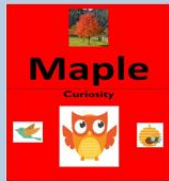
Mr Impett is leaving us to go and work in China. We hope he keeps in touch and we hear about all his new ventures.



## Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....



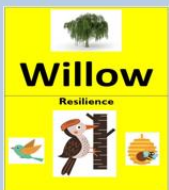
Sophia – 4B  
Challenge



Daniel – 3O  
Challenge



Martha – 4CR  
Community



Pearl – 5L  
Challenge



## ParentPay & Summer Food Bank

Please can you ensure your ParentPay account is paid in full by the end of term latest. School lunches, next year, will need to be paid for in advance. Thank you for keeping your account in credit.



Please drop any Summer Food Bank donations on Monday. Many thanks in advance.



## Things to do over the summer

**Whitstable Rugby Club**  
**Family Fun Day**

**Monday 28th August**  
**12-4pm**

**Come along and enjoy the fun!**  
**Bar, Band, Raffle, BBQ and**  
**much more!**



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Good luck to all!

## Letters

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## PE & Term 6 Dates...

**Year 6 to wear PE kits on Monday**

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**Year 5 to wear PE kits on Tuesday**

**Monday 17 July - Progress Reports sent to parents/carers**

**Monday 17 July - Year 6 shirt signing – bring in clean t-shirt or shirt**

**Monday 17 July – 5H trip to Victory Wood**

**Monday 17 July - Foodbank Donations on Monday please**

**Tuesday 18 July - Leavers' Celebration at St Alephege Church from 2PM**

**Wednesday 19 July-Year 6 Water Fight at 2.50PM**

**Monday 4 September – Start of Term I!**