



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 20 October 2023



A message from Ms Kent

Dear Parents / carers

It was lovely to see so many of you in school this week for our parent consultation. Our communication with you is not limited to such events, so please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or need to pass on any information. We also regularly update our Facebook page, and website so please follow us to keep up to date with all that we are up to. Term 1 has been a busy and productive term and all classes have enjoyed a school trip which has enhanced the children's learning.

This term, in response to last year's parent survey, we have revamped the lunchtimes for the children.

You said: 'It would be nice for the children to have access to a range of activities at lunchtime.'

We did: The children can choose from: basketball, cricket, football, dance, indoor board games, library time, dance, ICT, outdoor learning. Children are extremely positive about the new look lunchtimes and enjoy participating in a range of activities. Children are free to choose from these activities or can play their own games.

We have now received the full survey back and I am delighted to report we are **RAAC** free.

Lastly, we are extremely sad to say goodbye to Mrs Fry today as she moves onto new ventures. Good luck Mrs Fry!

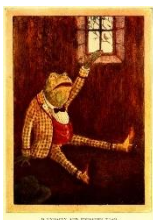
Wishing you all a fantastic half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 31 October.

Sarah Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3** children have been talking about Black History week and learning about some of the incredible people who worked so hard to improve the lives of so many. In particular, we have learnt about Rosa Parks and why her actions were so significant. The children have also been reviewing what they have learnt in maths this term and enjoying Outdoor Learning. In art the children are making their own cave paintings to tie in with this term's topic of the Stone Age. **Year 4** have been continuing their epic tales of Toad's escape from prison. Their teachers have been impressed by the children's carefully weaved narratives and adventurous vocabulary. In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of column subtraction with multiple exchanges. In recognition of Black History Month, the children have created posters inspired by influential black people who have achieved great things. This week, **Year 5** have been extending their science knowledge of separating materials by doing their best Bear Grylls impressions by filtering dirty water ready for drinking. In English they have finished the term writing beautiful coast poems and focussing on vivid vocabulary to set the scene. In maths they have been using the resilience woodpecker to revise their geometry skills from Year 4 which we will be continuing to practice throughout this year. They have all come into Year 5 with super upper school attitudes and we cannot wait for next term! **Year 6** have finessed their information texts on rainforest animals using focused editing to improve their work. In maths, they were introduced to BIDMAS/BODMAS and solved number sentences using the order of operations. Their bread had turned many colours in science and they analysed their results with observation and conclusion. Our automata are now almost done and look spectacular!



BODMAS / BIDMAS	
Calculate a step at a time. Write it on the line below and 'drop down' everything else you didn't use. Repeat. Sometimes you won't need to do all 4 stages.	
	$10 \times 5 - (4 + 2)^2 + 6 \div 3$
Work out B	$= 10 \times 5 - 6^2 + 6 \div 3$
Work out I	$= 10 \times 5 - 36 + 6 \div 3$
Work out D & M	$= 50 - 36 + 2$
Work out A & S	$= 14 + 2 = 16$

Times Table Fact of the Week

To help children know and retain all their times tables, we are sharing our Fact of the Week which also gets shared in assembly. If children learn them all, they will be able to calculate all times tables by the end of the year. There are **only 36 times tables facts** to learn!

$2 \times 7 = 14$ **FACT**



Most wanted

Scraps of Christmas fabric for craft club please!



Pupil leadership and team driver awards go to...



Albie – 4T
Resilience



Lilly – 5H
Community



Faith – 3O
Community



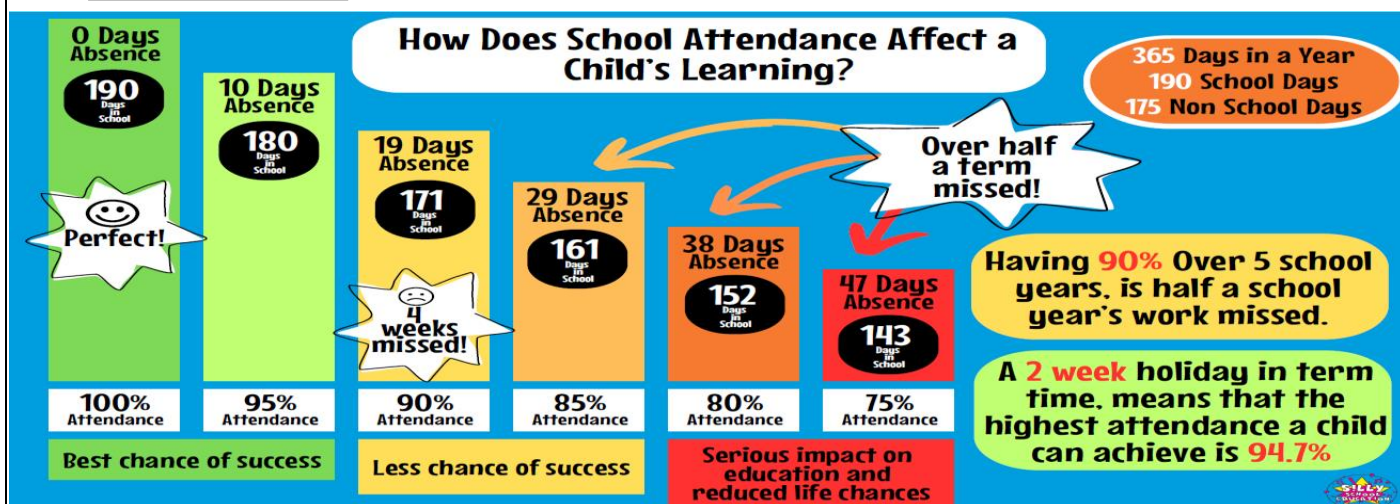
Sonny – 6H
Independence



Attendance and illness

Attendance is:
94.71%

Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn. Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Target for next term is 95%.



PE days for Term 2 and football

New PE days below, starting Tuesday 31 October 2023. Children to wear full PE kit on their PE days.

3B Tuesday and Friday
 3O Monday and Tuesday
 4JW Wednesday and Friday
 4T Monday and Thursday
 5L Wednesday and Friday
 5H Tuesday and Thursday
 6M Monday and Friday
 6H Monday and Tuesday



Football Fixtures

Tuesday 7 November – Year 6 girls' team vs Herne Bay Junior – **away**
 Thursday 9 November – Year 6 boys' team vs Herne Junior – **away**
 Tuesday 28 November – Year 6 girls' team vs Ospringe Primary – **away** at The Mount Faversham
 Tuesday 12 December – Year 6 boys' team vs Herne Bay Junior – **away**
 Monday 8 January – Year 6 boys' team vs Swalcliffe – **home**
 Tuesday 9 January – Year 6 girls' team vs The Endowed – **home**
 Wednesday 17 January – Year 6 girls' team vs Eastling – **home**



Places to go



Letters and emails

If you have a message, please send it to the office and it will be passed onto your child's teacher / dealt with as appropriate. Thank you.

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



Term 1 & 2 Dates

Tuesday 31 October – Term 2 starts

Tuesday 31 October – Year 6 parent/carers to have completed secondary school application

Wednesday 1 November – NHS height and weight measurements Year 6

Friday 3 November – School council members and ambassadors will go to Guildhall in the morning

Monday 6 November – Year 6 bikeability until Tuesday 14 November

W/C Monday 6 November/ 13 Nov – Parent/carers tours for next year

Tuesday 7 November – Year 6 girls football vs Herne Bay Junior – away

Thursday 9 November – Year 6 boys vs Herne Junior – away

Monday 13 November – Friendship, antibullying and Inter-faith week

Wednesday 15 November – The Lancaster Model – Year 6

Saturday 18 November – Open morning

Tuesday 28 November – Girl's football match against Ospringe Primary at The Mount Faversham

Friday 1 December – School Christmas fair 3.15 – 5PM

Wednesday 6 December – Christmas jumper and lunch day

Thursday 7 December – Year 3 morning performance of nativity to Year 4 and evening performance to parents at 6PM

Friday 8 December – Year 3 morning performance of nativity to Years 5 & 6 and afternoon performance to parents at 2PM

Monday 11 December – Flu jabs at school

Tuesday 12 December – Year 6 boys' Herne Bay Junior - away

Wednesday 13 December – Christmas carols in St Alphege Church from 1.30pm

Wednesday 13 December – Progress and Attainment Reports

Friday 15 December – End of Term 2

Wednesday 3 January – Start of Term 3

Tuesday 9 January – Year 6 girls' vs The Endowed – home

Wednesday 17 January – Year 6 girls' vs Eastling - home