



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 1 December 2023



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

At WJS we know how important working in partnership with parents is. To this end, I sent out a parent survey to our newest parents. Thank you to those who completed the survey. Your responses will be really helpful in shaping future practice. Below is a summary of responses: -

17 / 60 parents responded. (28%)

1. Was WJS your first choice?

Yes 100%

2. Did you find the virtual tour and physical tour helpful in making your decision?

Yes: 15/17 88% No: 2/17 18%

3. What information did you find particularly useful?

Seeing the whole school including the well-being and SEN offer and meeting the teachers. Getting a feel for the ethos of the school.

4. Any suggestions?

More information about what a day at WJS looks like. Showcasing extra-curricular opportunities/Information about paid and free after school clubs

5. Why did you choose WJS?

Responses indicated you loved the warm, friendly, supportive ethos of the school and the rounded education pupils receive. As well as the space we have.

6. Did you find the open morning useful?

15/17 Yes 88%

2/17 No 18%

7. We had a meet the teacher session in week 2. How was this useful?

Majority felt this was both important and useful as it gave a chance to see how children were settling in and to establish a relationship with your child's teacher. Some said the time was not convenient.

8. My child has settled well at WJS.

11/17 65% :5 stars

4/17 24% 4 stars

2/17 11% 2 stars

9. Any further suggestions / comments?

Many expressed appreciation for the support children have received to help them settle at WJS and that you feel this is definitely the right school for your child. A few said they would have liked the opportunity to let us know about friendship groups and for us to consider further information we get from the Infant schools to assist with class groupings in relation to friendships. One parent said their child struggled with the change in expectations/more structured approach to learning.

We have already started to action some of the points raised:

During recent tours we explained what a day at WJS looks like as well as show casing enrichment opportunities and clubs. I am continuing to build on developing partnership with our feeder schools to ensure we have an excellent understanding of what the educational experience will be for our Year 3 pupils, as well as ensuring groupings of children is given optimum thought. We will provide information to all parents and children about our club offer – both at lunchtime and after school.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement.

I hope you have enjoyed our Christmas fair today – and our feeling suitably festive!

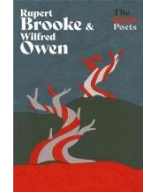


Enjoy whatever your weekend may bring and please remember next Wednesday is Christmas Jumper Day and our school Christmas Dinner.

Sarah Kent

What have the children been up to this week?

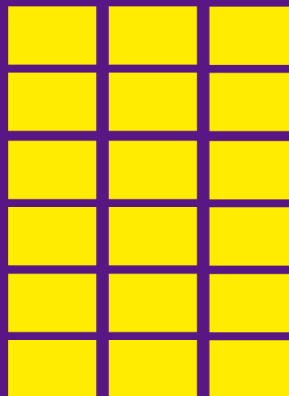
This week in **Year 3** the children have continued reading Iron Man and used persuasive and descriptive language in their writing. They have also been brilliant mathematicians revising column addition and subtraction with exchanging. In preparation for the Nativity performance next week, the children have also been learning all the beautiful songs and getting excited about their costumes! **Year 4** have started their fantastic new English unit all about performing poetry. They have explored expression and dynamics and demonstrated their new skills with aplomb! In maths, they have been revising some of the topics we have studied so far this year, looking particularly at rounding and multiples. In geography they have learnt all about earthquakes and have continued coding in computing. **Year 5** have prepared for their Viking Saga writing Character descriptions and Settings that they can use looking at similes and metaphors as well as show not tell. In maths, the children have cracked converting between mixed numbers to improper fractions with the use of diagrams. As it is already that time of year, the children have been showing their community spirit this week by making Christmas cards for local people. This week in English **Year 6** have explored WWI poetry comparing the poems of Rupert Brooke and Wilfred Owen. In maths they have concluded their fractions work with finding fractions of amounts. In science the children have played a game of chance to show the process of natural selection and learnt about the Rock Pocket Mouse and its mutations.



Times Table Fact of the Week

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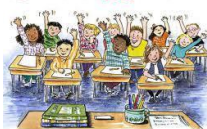
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Attendance

Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn. Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is at school and on time every day. Only a few more weeks to get the “keys to success” this term!

LEARNING IS FUN!



I love my school friends.



Year 3 Nativity and all things Christmas

Tickets for the nativity are available from the school office. Tickets are limited to two per family and are free. There will be a donation bucket for the library fund if you wish/are able to make a donation. Performances are on **Thursday 7 December at 6pm** and **Friday 8 December at 2pm** and should last approximately an hour.

Christmas lunch and jumper day – Wednesday 6 December



Meet Santa and his festive farm animals at Meadow Grange. Book a place online at www.meadowgrangenursery.co.uk Monday – Saturday 8.30am – 6pm & Sunday 10am – 4pm.

Joke of the week

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school? Because the students were so bright!

Why not send in a favourite family joke to manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk and see if it makes the newsletter! Don't forget to give your child's name so we can name check!



PE days and football fixtures

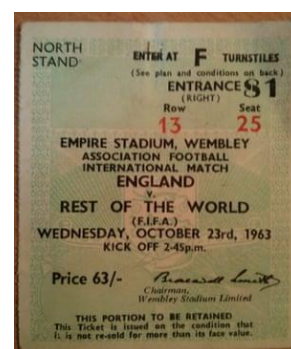
PE days for the remainder of Term 2

- 3B Tuesday and Thursday
- 3O Monday and Thursday
- 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 12 December – Year 6 boys team Herne Bay Junior – **away**
- Monday 8 January – Year 6 boys team vs Swalecliffe – **home**
- Tuesday 9 January – Year 6 girls team vs The Endowed – **home**
- Tuesday 16 January – Year 6 girls team vs Bysing Wood - **home**
- Wednesday 17 January – Year 6 girls team vs Eastling – **home**



Additional messages

“REMINDER: The Kent and Medway School Aged Immunisation Service is coming to school on the 11 December 2023 to carry out Flu Immunisation Programme for pupils in Years R to 6 – don't forget to consent or decline before the cut-off date via their website <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/> Scroll down and click on the blue button labelled “Immunisations” to fill in the form. You can also phone the team 0300 123 5205, text 07401320923 or use their [web chat](#) if you have any questions about your child's immunisations.”

Meet Santa with Meadow Grange plus his festive farm animals

Book Online

meadowgrangehunting.co.uk

Santa and his festive farm animals will be here this December

2nd & 3rd 20th & 10th 16th & 17th

Book online

Donations to Whitstable Lions

Open: 9.30am - 10.30am to Sat 10am - 4pm Sun 10am - 4pm

meadowgrangehunting.co.uk

Henry Hill, Broom, CT21 3JF

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SATURDAY MORNING SPORTS CLUB DELIVERED IN A FUN, SAFE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

WHEN SATURDAY MORNINGS

WHERE THANET, CANTERBURY AND WHITSTABLE

WHO AGE 5-18 YEARS FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND

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ACE IT TENNIS

SWALECLIFFE

A PAN DISABILITY TENNIS SESSION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WHITSTABLE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

WHEN MONDAYS- TERM TIME ONLY 4:45PM - 5:30PM

WHERE SWALECLIFFE AND CHESTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, 19 ST JOHNS ROAD, SWALECLIFFE, CT5 2QU

WHO AGED 5-16 YEARS FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND AND CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

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AN INCLUSIVE YOGA SESSION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YO! KIDS YOGA

WHEN WEDNESDAY- TERM TIME ONLY 4:00-4:45

WHERE SHAKTI DEN 166D CROMWELL ROAD, WHITSTABLE, CT5 1NA

WHO AGED 5-12 YEARS FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND

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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 2, 3 & 4 - Dates

Wednesday 6 December – Christmas jumper and lunch day

Wednesday 6 December – Selected Year 6 Basketball competition at Herne Bay High returning to WJS approx 4pm

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

Thursday 7 December – 5L Taster Day at The Archbishops

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 vs Herne Bay Junior – away

Tuesday 12 December – Children’s Christmas shopping at WJS

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

Tuesday 9 January – Parents/carers times tables workshop in The Studio at 9.00am – enter through back gate

Thursday 11 January – Food bank donation – non-perishables dropped at back gate

Tuesday 16 January – Year 6 girls vs Bysing Wood - home

Wednesday 17 January – Year 6 girls vs Eastling – home

Monday 22 January – Science workshop

Thursday 25 January – 5H Taster Day at The Archbishops

Friday 26 January – Parents/carers maths games/times tables at 2.45pm. Enter through back gate

Friday 2 February – Whole School Number Day

Monday 5 February – Children’s mental health week. “My Voice Matters” – activities TBC

Tuesday 6 February – Whole School Safer Internet Day

Friday 9 February – End of Term 3

Monday 19 February – Start of Term 4

Monday 4 March – Whole School Book Week

Thursday 7 March – World Book Day – dress up as book characters

Monday 18 March – Year 6 Enrichment Week

Thursday 21 March – Poetry Day – Alan Durant AIM High Workshop

Friday 22 March – Year 6 trip to Gillwell Park

Tuesday 26 March – Parents/carers workshop for reading strategies – The Studio from 9am back gate please

Wednesday 27 March – Reports sent home

Thursday 28 March – Wear a hat day – Raising money for brain tumour research

Thursday 28 March – End of Term 4

Monday 15 April – Start of Term 5