



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 23 February 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

I hope you all had a great half term with your children and managed to enjoy some of the spring-like days! The children have come back to school well rested and we have enjoyed hearing about some of their half term adventures.

Responsibility - our Value for Term 4. This value is one of our three core school rules which forms our Code of Conduct - Be safe, Be kind, Be responsible and is at the heart of everything we do in school. Like with so many values, there is a degree of overlap between these attributes.

The children will be thinking about what responsibility is and how we can all work towards showing responsible actions and behaviour. Responsibility is a recurrent theme at school, as it probably is at home, and it increases with age, as we all know! At school, we expect more in terms of personal responsibility as the children grow and move through the school. We encourage our children to be responsible for their actions and choices so that they may become problem solvers and make positive contributions. This week we reflected on how we all have the power to make the right choices. We discussed how there are times when we might need help in making these choices to help us become responsible citizens.

Please remember to supply healthy snacks for break. Thankyou.

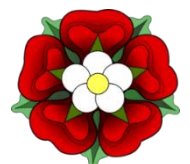
Please take time to check our new notice board, installed on the back gate, as we will post key dates of school events to further enhance how we communicate with you.

Wishing you all a great weekend,
Sarah Kent
Headteacher



What have the children been up to this week?

This week **Year 3** have wowed their teachers with their resilience and knowledge in completing SPaG, reading, arithmetic, spelling and reasoning tests! Their teachers could not be prouder. They also enjoyed re-starting music lessons and learning about rhythm! **Year 4** have been working incredibly hard on their assessments and practicing their handwriting skills by completing a top copy of their persuasive writing from last term. In science they have started to learn about the functions of their different teeth and have started cooking seasonal food with Chinese flavours in DT (apple and 5-spice cupcakes this week - yum!). PE has seen them begin topics on both rugby and dodgeball and in music they have started to explore the orchestra with a focus on strings. **Year 5** have been revising their knowledge in literacy and numeracy and we are really proud of their resilience. In science the children recapped their understanding of Term 1's separating materials and Year 4's changing of states ready to use this knowledge in upcoming lessons of surviving an escape room and helping a shop keeper out. In Topic, the children have discovered whether Alexander the Great is as great as he sounds and in DT, they have started their first cooking of a scrumptious Greek Salad. This week **Year 6** have been looking at percentages of amounts, both as arithmetic and within reasoning problems. In English, they are starting to write instructions for how to train a dragon: a dangerous and detailed endeavour! In science, they have been recapping their knowledge of light and sight looking at natural and artificial sources of light. History saw the children role playing the kings involved in the Wars of the Roses and they learned why the Tudor Rose has such significance.



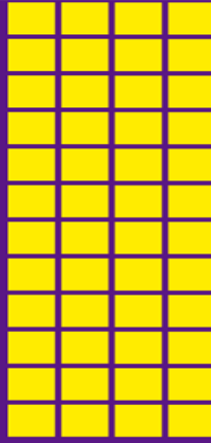
Times Table Fact of the Week

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$$12 \times 4 = 48$$

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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. If your children are late, please bring them into the office rather than dropping at the front gate. The school needs to log a reason for lateness which should come from parents/carers. Many thanks



Pupil leadership and team drivers go to...



Jude – 3B
Challenge – for great spellings



Lexi – 4JW
Community – for holding the door



Lottie – 6M
Adventure – for fabulous dragon instructions



Lilly – 5L
Resilience – for their history work



Outdoor learning for Term 4

Children should wear PE kits with an appropriate change of shoes so mud is not brought back into the classroom.

Monday **26-Feb** 3B/Tuesday 6M/Wednesday 4T/Thursday 5H

Monday **04-Mar** 3O/Tuesday 6H/Wednesday 4JW/Thursday 5L

Monday **11-Mar** 3B/Tuesday 6M/Wednesday 4T/Thursday 5H

Monday **18-Mar** 3O/Tuesday 6H/Wednesday 4JW/Thursday 5L

Monday **25-Mar** 3B/Tuesday 6M/Wednesday 4T/Thursday 5H



PE days for Term 4 & netball fixtures

A reminder that children should wear their school jumper over their PE kits and not skins. PE days for Term 4 starting 19 February unless otherwise informed by text.

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



Netball Fixtures

- Monday 26 February – Joy Lane – 4.15 finish – **home**
- Monday 4 March – Ethelbert Road – return time 4.45pm - **away**
- Monday 11 March – Davington – **home**
- Tuesday 23 April – Bysing Wood – return time 4.15pm – **home**
- Monday 29 April – Hern Hill – return time 4.45pm **away**
- Tuesday 7 May – Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed – return time 4.30pm – **away**
- Monday 13 May – Boughton-under-Blean – return time 4.45pm – **away**



Additional messaging

Whitstable Marine Environment Group organise a monthly beach clean on the **last** Sunday of each month meeting at the west beach Tennis Courts from 10.00 -12.00am.

Friends of Tankerton Bay organise a monthly beach clean on the **first** Sunday of the month from 9.00 to 10.30am meeting at the lifeguard hut.

Football Futures starts again. Sign up at contact@football-futures.com.

FREE OPEN SESSION
If you're competent at all four strokes (stage 3 and above), love swimming and fancy finding out more about our successful competitive club then complete the trial form on our website...
Search 'trial request Herne Bay swimming club' in Google

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH
Allocated trial slots between 4.00-5.30pm
Whitstable Swimming Pool
Ask for Anne or Lee on arrival
No kit required... just a swimming costume, towel & drink!!!

KIDS HOCKEY FLYERZ
HERNE BAY
AN INCLUSIVE HOCKEY SESSION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HERNE BAY HOCKEY CLUB

WHEN TUESDAYS- TERM TIME ONLY
5:00-5:45PM

WHERE HERNE BAY SPORTS CLUB
PARKLAND ROAD,
HERNE BAY, CT6 5DN

WHO AGED 5-16 YEARS
FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND

BOOK ONLINE: www.inclusivesport.net/book-online

FOR MORE INFORMATION
info@inclusivesport.net
 01322 200251
inclusivesport.net

WJS PTA
THANK YOU GIFT SHOP
Friday 8th March

GIFTS £1 to £4, shop is optional & during school hours
Children to bring cash on day to shop

MRS H SINGS

Inspired music for children that adults will love too!
COME AND JOIN MRS H AND HER BAND FOR THEIR WHITSTABLE DEBUT, EXPECT SONGS, DANCING AND MISCHIEF!

Sunday 4th MARCH 11am
Doors 10.30am Stage 11am
Whitstable Umbrella Centre
Deodar Street
Kaiti, CT5 1DD

Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/singalong-sengs-cic>
£10 adults £5 children

"The perfect soundtrack to Littlefield! Their performances are always a highlight and are shared with friends, family, and the community."
- Lisa, Littlefield Primary School and Community Centre

"A superb, communal experience that needs to be shared into."
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INSTAGRAM: [mrsingsand](https://www.instagram.com/mrsingsand) WEBSITE: www.singalong.org.uk

French at WJS

These award-winning classes allow children to learn French the happy way.

Places are available in WJS French club on Wednesday lunchtimes
FREE TRIAL SESSION for pupils who have not attended previously.
Contact Vicki to book a place for your child
£6.50 per class

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www.lajelierondevicik.co.uk

Songs, Games, Stories, Rhymes

Maypole Art sessions

Our new and exciting Maypole Art sessions for children with complex needs are now open for bookings. The sessions are held at the Maypole Art Centre, CT5 5BN. The sessions are held on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12.00pm. The sessions are designed for children with complex needs and are held at the Maypole Art Centre, CT5 5BN. The sessions are held on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12.00pm. The sessions are designed for children with complex needs and are held at the Maypole Art Centre, CT5 5BN.

For more info on the art sessions and to sign your child up, please let us know you will be attending or for more information for the ongoing club, get an application form for your child or child care please email: info@maypoleproject.co.uk

THE MAYPOLE PROJECT
www.maypoleproject.co.uk

Letters and email

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

information

Dates – Terms 4, 5 & 6

w/c Monday 26 February – Fair Trade Fortnight
Monday 26 February – Netball vs Joy Lane – home
Wednesday 28 February – HBHS dance festival workshop – children selected from across the school
W/C Monday 4 March – Whole School Book Week
Monday 4 March – Netball Ethelbert Road - away
Thursday 7 March – World Book Day – dress up as book characters
Thursday 7 March – Year 3 Ancient Egyptian workshop
Friday 8 March – PTFA Thank You shop
W/C/ 11 March – British Science Week – Info TBC
Monday 11 March – Netball vs Davington – home
Wednesday 13 March – Year 5 & 6 Handball competition at HBHS - away
Thursday 14 March – 5H Taster Day at Archbishops
Monday 14 March – Girls Football – Eastling home
W/C Monday 18 March – Year 6 Enrichment Week
Wednesday 20 March – Quick Stick Hockey Competition – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Details TBC
Thursday 21 March – Poetry Day – Alan Durant AIM High Workshop
Wednesday 20 March – Year 6 residential trip to Gilwell Park
Tuesday 26 March – Parents/carers workshop for reading strategies – The Studio from 9am front gate please
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
Tuesday 23 April – Netball vs Bysing Wood – home
Monday 29 April – Reports sent home
Monday 29 April – Netball vs Hernhill – away
Tuesday 7 May – Netball Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed – away
Monday 13 May – 16 May – Year 6 SATs tests
Monday 13 May – Netball Boughton-under-Blean – away
Tuesday 21 May – Harry Potter World – Year 6
Friday 24 May – End of Term 5
Monday 3 June – Start of Term 6
Tuesday 11 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 20 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 4.30pm – 8pm
Thursday 27 June – Sports Day
W/C 1 July – Transition Week – all schools on Thursday 4 July
Wednesday 10 July – Year 6 production
Thursday 11 July – Year 6 production
Thursday 18 July – Year 6 Leavers Celebration – St Alphege Church
Friday 19 July – End of Term
Monday 22 July – SDD
Tuesday 23 July - SDD