



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 26 April 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

Another fantastic week at WJS! Our children are thoroughly enjoying their new topics this term. I had the pleasure of teaching 3O this week who all amazed me with their excellent knowledge and vocabulary around food groups.

It was lovely to welcome parents in this week for their children's drumming performances. All of the children involved shone with passion and really showed their love of music. Thank you to Becca Green, the drumming teacher, for making this happen.

This academic year we have been enhancing and developing our approach to developing relationships which we believe are at the heart of positive behaviour. As part of this development, this term I have introduced 'Hot Chocolate Friday or HCF.' Each week I will spend time enjoying some hot chocolate with children who consistently show our school values as a way of recognising their positive behaviour. This was such a positive end to my week and I'm looking forward to these sessions moving forward. Well done and thank you to: Henry (3O), Frankie (3B), Ben (4T), Daniel (4JW), Luke (5H), Hazel (5L), Ava (6H) and Charlie C (6M).

Please continue to check the board on the back gate for messages and updates – as well as dates page on the newsletter.

I'm hoping for some sunshine this weekend to enjoy the bluebells – wishing you a lovely weekend whatever your plans,
Sarah Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3** the children have enjoyed reading Ottoline and the Yellow Cat, acting out their predictions for what will happen next and learning how to use inverted commas correctly. In maths, they have started working out problems using amounts of money and have even run their own shop! The children have also continued to learn about healthy eating and in D.T. tasted different types of bread ahead of their sandwich making! In English **Year 4** have been planning a newspaper report on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius; the children have enjoyed exploring the events that unfolded and taking part in a hot seating activity to polish up their interviewing skills, ready to pen their reports next week. In science we have been thinking about the types of electricity that power the appliances in our homes and whether they are mains or battery powered. Year 4 also greatly enjoyed their visit from **DogsTrust**. The interactive session taught us lots about how to be safe and kind around dogs.

Year 5 have been researching their non-chronological reports about planets and discovering lots of facts. They have also been exploring all 23 countries in North America. Wonder how many they could name? Furthermore, they have delved deeper into research mode looking at line graphs and interpreting information from them in maths. Year 5 really enjoyed their visit from **DogsTrust** and in music they loved creating their own piece about a planet. **Year 6** children have been investigating area and perimeter of 2D shapes for their maths. In English, they have broken down the features of a balanced argument and started to gather evidence both for and against Henry VIII as a good king. In art, they looked at the artist Rosalyn Drexler and produced some paintings with collage that reflected her style. They were lucky enough to be visited by **DogsTrust** who taught them how to treat dogs with care and respect.



Times Table Fact of the Week

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Pupil leadership & team drivers go to...



Lexi – 6H
Challenge – for completing all of my task



Daniel – 4JW
Challenge – great work



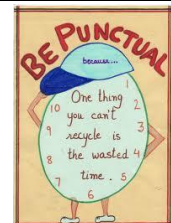
Elsie – 3B
Challenge – for being brilliant in maths



Lucy – 5L
Community – for being on the board of brilliance.



Attendance



Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is at school and on time every day, ready to learn.

If your child is late, please bring them into the school office rather than dropping at the gate. The school is required to log a reason for being late and this should come from the parent/carer rather than the child. Thank you for your support.

Please notify the school by 8.50am if your child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g., sickness) and please book any medical appointments around the school day where possible. A reminder that holidays will not be authorised during term time, except in exceptional circumstances, and a penalty notice may be applied for if taken.

PE days for Term 5 & netball/rounders fixtures

A reminder that children should wear their school jumper over their PE kits and not skins. PE days for Term 5 unless otherwise informed by text.

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



Netball Fixtures

Monday 29 April – Hernhill – 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**

Rounders Fixtures

Thursday 6 June – Herne Juniors – **away**

Monday 8 July – Hernhill – **away**

Thursday 11 July – Bysing Wood – **home**



Additional messages

Please note the office will be closed until 8.30am on Friday mornings due to weekly All Staff Meeting. Phones will not be answered or gates opened until that time.

The children were visited by a member of The Chestfield Rotary Club this week to learn more about the issues facing children living in Sub-Saharan areas of Africa. Your child will have brought home a letter and sponsorship form explaining details of a sponsored walk that we will be completing on Thurs 23rd May to help raise money for Walk 4 Water (a charity that funds projects in these areas to help provide clean running water). You are under no obligation to sponsor but any contribution to the event would be greatly appreciated. The collection will take place after the half-term holiday. All children will take part in the walk regardless of sponsorship. Please ignore the House Number column on the form - we are not suggesting the children obtain sponsors from neighbours - only friends and family.



School Reports will now be sent home on Friday 3 May rather than Monday 29 April due to a glitch in the system.

Staff Development days for 2024/2025

Monday 2 September 24

Monday 4 November 24

Monday 24 February 25

Monday and Tuesday 21/22 July 25

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 5 & 6

W/C 29 April – 5L CATs test

Monday 29 April – Netball vs Hernhill – away

Wednesday 1 May – Morris Men

Thursday 2 May – Year 6 SATs Workshop and Transition to Secondary School – 2.40pm in The Studio via front gate entrance

Friday 5 May – School Reports sent home

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

Friday 19 April – Volunteer gardening

Tuesday 21 May – Harry Potter World – Year 6

Wednesday 23 May – Walk for Water Event

Friday 24 May – End of Term 5

Monday 3 June – Start of Term 6

Friday 7 June – Non uniform day and bottle donations for summer fair
Tuesday 11 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 13 June – Thank You shop
Friday 14 June – Non uniform day and chocolate donations for summer fair
Friday 14 June – PTFA Summer Fair
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