



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 24 May 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

Welcome to what is the last newsletter of term 5. We also use social media to keep you up to date in between these letters so please remember to follow us on Facebook as we post regularly on all the fabulous things that are happening in school.

This week we welcomed our resident poet - Tom Delahunt - into school. Tom, Mrs Reed and I took a group of children to the beach where they found pebbles which they used as inspiration to write a poem. Tom is exploring how the outdoors can stimulate children's creative thinking - and it certainly did just that on Monday!

As part of enhancing our transition offer for Year 3, the children have had 'playdates' with their friends who are at The Endowed. This week our Year 3s visited The Endowed and enjoyed catching up with friends.

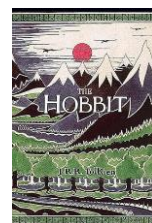
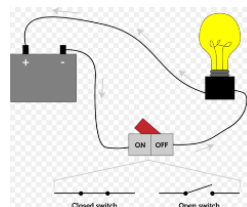
Year 4 and Year 6 have both ended the term with school trips. Year 4 spent a soggy morning exploring Richborough Roman Fort and Year 6 had an amazing time at Harry Potter World as a celebration of all of their hard work this year.

Wishing you all a lovely (and hopefully sunny) half term,
Sarah Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3** the children have had a brilliant time visiting the Endowed for a joint play date with all their friends from infant school. They have also been having fun making their own sandwiches as part of DT and demonstrating their excellent knowledge of healthy eating. In English the children have been reading the Giving Tree and thinking about how others help them and how they have helped others. The children also enjoyed their final swimming lesson when they got to have free time and play with floats and other toys at the pool! **Year 4** have been using their speaking and listening skills in English to deliver a persuasive speech to the Roman people of Ostia, trying to convince them to abolish slavery. In maths they have begun their unit of work on money and have been using their skills of dividing by 100 in order to convert between pounds and pence. Despite the wind and rain, all the children had a wonderful morning at Richborough Roman Fort, particularly climbing the recently built Claudian Gateway where they could get a fantastic view of the whole site! For their final session of swimming on Monday, the children earned free time on the large floats and in science they have been learning how to add a switch to a simple circuit. **Year 5** have had a fantastic week sawing, joining and constructing the most fabulous Space Rovers. We have some real engineers/designers in the making! In maths they have been looking at co-ordinates and translating shapes and co-ordinates as well as enjoying exploring The Hobbit in literacy! The children have taken the time this week to consolidate their learning in geography and decide where the best place to live in North America is as well as doing a fantastic Walking for Water in the sunshine! It has been a busy term but the children really have blasted us all the way to space with their hard work and effort! This week, the children in **Year 6** have been writing their modernised version of The Highwayman in English and looking at statistics in maths, analysing the information provided by bar charts, line graphs and pie charts. In science, they are investigating the integrated systems of the body: respiratory, digestive, skeletal etc. They have now finished their pop art printing which looks fantastic! Tuesday was Harry Potter World day and great fun was had by all, despite the arduous journey home!

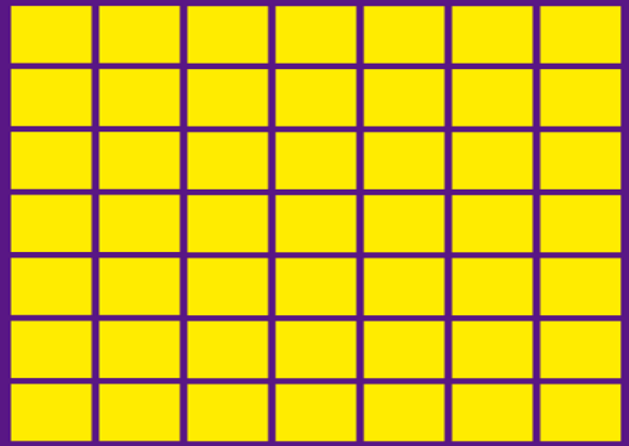


Times Table Fact of the Week

$$7 \times 7 = 49$$



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Pupil leadership & team drivers go to...



Bethany – 3B
Community – for looking after my friends



George – 5H
Resilience – for not giving up on a question



Charlie – 6M
Challenge – for 60+ laps for Walk4Water



Summer – 4T
Independence – for fantastic focus in class



Hot chocolate Friday with Ms Kent



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. Well done this week to:

Ms Kent's Hot Chocolate Club



3O – Anaya

5H – Hatty

3B – Bonnie

5L – Iyla

4JW – Conrad

6H – Ronnie

4T – Jasper

6M – Isla

Attendance



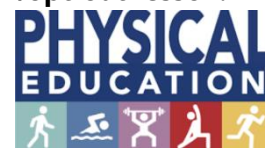
Please call, rather than text, the school by 8.50am if your child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g., sickness) and please book any medical appointments around the school day where possible. You will need to contact the school each day of absence.

A reminder that holidays during term time will not be authorised, unless in exceptional circumstances and, where appropriate, a penalty notice will be applied for if taken. The school adheres to government guidelines regarding holidays.

PE days for Term 6 & rounders fixtures

A reminder that children should wear their school jumper over their PE kits and not skins. PE days for Term 6 unless otherwise informed by text.

Swimming is part of the national curriculum and is not an opt in/opt out lesson. All children need to take part unless there is a valid reason.



3B Tuesday & Friday/**3O** Monday & Thursday

4JW Monday & Wednesday/**4T** Monday & Friday

5L Swimming on Tuesday & PE on Friday/**5H** Swimming on Tuesday and PE on Thursday

6M Swimming on Monday & PE on Thursday/**6H** Swimming on Monday & PE on Tuesday

Rounders Fixtures

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

Monday 8 July – Hernhill – **away**

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



Additional messages & things to do over half term

Mrs Hanchen and Mr Rick have been busy behind the scenes preparing the space for Jess's memorial garden. There is some 'heavy work' we need help with. Please contact the school office if you are able to help on Tuesday 4 June at 1.30 pm.

Registration for Kent Test opens 3 June 2024.

“Artfully yours” is a project in collaboration with Whitstable Junior School, Red Zebra and The Horsebridge. Every Year 5 child has been part of the project. Exhibition at The Horsebridge throughout the half term holiday.

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 6

Dates are listed by the school gate for any important reminders!

Saturday 25 May – Parents/carers consultation bookings open at 6pm

Monday 3 June – Start of Term 6

Monday 3 June – Registration for Kent Test opens

Monday 3 June – Year 6 swimming begins

Tuesday 4 June – Year 5 swimming begins

Thursday 6 June – Lower School “Stay and Read” – Parents invited to read with their children from 2.50pm – 3.15pm through back gate

Friday 7 June – Upper School “Stay and Read” – Parents invited to read with their children from 2.50pm – 3.15pm through back gate

Friday 7 June – Non uniform day and bottle donations for Summer Fair

Tuesday 11 June – AIM High Maths Day

Tuesday 11 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday 12 June – Year 3 Trip to Ottenden, Class TBC

Thursday 13 June – Year 3 Trip to Ottenden, Class TBC

Thursday 13 June – Someone Special PTFA 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

W/C Monday 24 June – Sports and Healthy Living Week

Tuesday 25 June – Upper School Road Safety Talks

Thursday 27 June – Olympic Themed Sports Day. Parents arrive from 12.30pm through bottom gate

W/C 1 July – Transition Week – all schools on Thurs. TWS Wednesday – Thursday, The Archbishops Monday to Friday,

Monday 1 July – Closing date for Kent Test registration

Thursday 4 July – Whole School Transition Morning. Year 3, 4 & 5 meet their new teacher and new year 3's in school

Wednesday 10 July – Year 6 production - AM

Wednesday 10 July – New Year 3 parents/carers evening – 6pm in the hall

Thursday 11 July – Year 6 production at 6pm

Monday 15 July – Whole School French Day

Wednesday 17 July - iRock end of term concert in afternoon at 2.15pm. Entrance through front gate. Foodbank donations TBC

Thursday 18 July – Year 6 Leavers Celebration – St Alphege Church 2pm

Thursday 18 July – Leavers Disco 5pm – 6pm

Friday 19 July – Year 6 Water Fight at 2.50pm – 3.10pm

Friday 19 July – End of Term

Monday 22 July – SDD

Tuesday 23 July - SDD