



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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## Term Dates

Term 1 – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Term 2 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Term 3 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Term 4 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Term 5 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Term 6 – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021



## Key Dates

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Year 3 – Warburtons Remote Workshop

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

New Entrants' Virtual Presentation (4.30pm)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2 – History off the Page (remote)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

'Flu Nasal Immunisations

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to tell you that we raised £299.67 for Children in Need. Well done to everyone that took part!

I am also delighted to let you know that we have had confirmation that we have successfully renewed our Eco-Schools Green Flag. This award has to be renewed every two years. We achieved the Gold Award two years ago, and we are one of only 1,400 schools in the country (there are over 25,000 schools in total!) to hold this award.

I wrote to Willow Class parents last week to advise them that Miss Young will be leaving Ightham at the end of this term. Miss Young has been teaching at Ightham for just over three years and we shall be very sorry to say goodbye to her.

Miss Richmond will be joining us at the beginning of January and she will be teaching our Year 3 class. Miss Richmond has been teaching for a number of years and has been teaching at a school in Gravesend. We very much look forward to welcoming her to Ightham.



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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 94.09%

Pine – 97.31%

Chestnut – 100%

Willow – 97.32%

Elm – 96.80%

Beech – 99.03%

Oak – 97.85%

## Lateness

The number of “lates” recorded this week were as follows:

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 2

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



Congratulations to Mrs McAdie who was elected as our new parent governor. The vote was very close – thank you to all those parents that took the time to vote.

## Covid-19

***Once again, I strongly urge you to avoid letting children from different bubbles (year groups) mix at the end of the school day.***

Some members of our community are, quite properly, extremely anxious about the possible effects of Covid and I do believe the onus is on all of us to do what we can to keep everyone as safe as possible.

As an example, I have noted children from different bubbles playing together immediately after school in the Recreation Ground. This is after staff have diligently spent the day keeping bubbles separated. In the event of a positive test case, I do not wish the school to be left in a position of requiring more than one bubble to self-isolate for two weeks due to a very few children mixing unnecessarily before or after school. Please do what you can to support us in keeping the school community safe and keeping the children in school.

## Christmas Dinner

A reminder that the e-form must be completed by Monday 30th November **at the latest**. This year we cannot add children after the deadline as Nourish need definitive numbers by 1st December.

## Drop-off in the mornings

We have noticed a few more parents dropping off on the school drive in the morning. There is more congestion as parents are manoeuvring back and forth whilst children are walking into school. I once again respectfully request that you do not drop your child off here unless you have been specifically allowed to do so due to exceptional circumstances or disability. Thank you so much to the vast majority of our parents and carers that adhere to our very reasonable request in showing respect for our neighbours in Oldbury Lane.

## Easy Fundraising

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you of Easy Fundraising. If you use Easy Fundraising when doing your online shopping, you can help raise funds for the school with no additional cost to yourself. Sign up at

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and choose ‘Ighthamsa’ as your cause, and then use the links to shop. It really is that easy and it’s free money towards the school.



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## Forgotten items

The School Office staff have noticed an increase in items being dropped off in the morning. Please do try to ensure your child has everything they need for school before you set off.

## Christmas Tree Donation

I would like to thank Greenacres Garden Centre in Ightham for donating a Christmas tree to the school this year. Thank you to our lovely PSA for organising the donation.

Mr D Sherhod

Head Teacher

## Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

**The Gold Cup was awarded to:** Lizzie in Year 3

**Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:**

Year R – Evren and Ethan W

Year 1 – Enzo and Willow

Year 2 – Eloise, Ellie and Harry

Year 3 – Monty, Innes and Isla

Year 4 – Mansun and Grace

Year 5 – Harriet and Anabelle

Year 6 – Alfie and Jamie

Well done to all!

## Ightham Values

Caring

Respect

Responsibility

Tolerance

Aspiration

Honesty

## Ightham Vision

Pupils should leave Ightham School with their understanding deepened, their minds enriched, and their hearts inspired, so that they love learning and embrace the challenges of the future.

## Staff Development Days

1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

7<sup>th</sup> June 2021



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