



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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## Term Dates

Term 1 – Tuesday 1st September 2020 to Friday 23rd 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 22nd February 2021 to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

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

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



## Key Dates

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

PSA A.G.M. (2pm)

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November

New Entrants' Virtual Presentation (3.30pm)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

New Entrants' Virtual Presentation (4.30pm)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

'Flu Nasal Immunisations

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family have had a good week. Although we have begun the second national lockdown in England, it is very much the "new" business as usual in school. As I welcomed the children into school yesterday morning, I found myself looking at the beautiful autumnal colours that surround us here. We really are fortunate to have our school situated in such wonderful surroundings.

Individual photographs were taken by our photographer today, and you will have the opportunity to purchase these in due course.

Given everything else that is currently going on both nationally and internationally, you may have missed that it is Children in Need Day next Friday. Given the ongoing constraints, I'm sure you'll appreciate that our options are somewhat limited in school. However, we shall hold an own clothes day on the day for a minimum £1 donation towards Children in Need. Money will be collected in class on Friday.

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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 95.00%

Pine – 97.74%

Chestnut – 100%

Willow – 99.29%

Elm – 99.30%

Beech – 99.62%

Oak – 96.13%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 1

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 3

Elm – 0

Beech -0

Oak - 1



I would like to raise an appeal this week for any old/obsolete or unused tablets/iPads that you may have at home. The school would gratefully receive any such items. This will help the school support children and families that do not have any or sufficient technology in the event of remote learning taking place. If you are able to support this appeal, please may I request that you erase all your own data beforehand. Thank you.

A reminder that you can make a donation to our voluntary fund through ParentPay. We are extremely grateful for all contributions, and especially at this challenging time.

A draw for the Governors' 200 Club was held on the last Friday before half term and the winners for the September 2020 draw were:

1st - Ginette Eve £16.00

2nd - Paula Costa £ 9.60

3rd - Stephanie Murtagh £6.40

## Free School Meals

Even if you do not wish to take up Free School Meals for your child, the school still benefits financially if you successfully apply. If you think that your child may be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), then I strongly encourage you to apply using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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## Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Penny in Year 4

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Lily and Elvis

Year 1 – Poppy B and Harper

Year 2 – Lochlan, Lottie and Alice

Year 3 – Sofia, Seb and Reuben

Year 4 – Esme and Raphael

Year 5 – Cate and Ralph

Year 6 – Max and Joshua

Well done to all!

## Pupil Achievements

Isabelle, in Year 2, recently gained her yellow belt in Taekwondo. This is her second successful grading –well done Isabelle!



## 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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