



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 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

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch

Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

First day of Term 3

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Alvin Shaw (Magistrate) talk to Y6 (afternoon)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Chestnut Class took part in a History off the Page virtual workshop on Wednesday this week. I am sure the children gained plenty from the experience.

On Monday, we filmed the children singing their Christmas carols beside our Christmas tree on the playground. Thankfully, although it was a grey, cold day, the rain held off and allowed filming to be completed. Given the various activities that we have been unable to do this year, it was lovely to see and hear the children singing carols.

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Young at the end of this term. She is well-liked by the children and I know they will miss her. On behalf of everyone at Ightham, I thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for the future.

## PSA Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that we shall be holding a PSA Christmas Jumper Day in school next Thursday for a minimum £1 donation.



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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 95.27%

Pine – 97.26%

Chestnut – 98.65%

Willow – 97.39%

Elm – 92.25%

Beech – 95.35%

Oak – 99.33%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



## Covid-19

We are very much hoping there will be no positive cases in our school community as we head into the last week of term. Please do be aware that, should there be a positive case within school next week, close contacts would be requested to self-isolate for fourteen days from the last date of contact.

A reminder that the last day of Term 2 is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Should your child test positive for Covid-19 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December, I ask that you inform the school via email ([admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk)) as all schools have been requested by the government to support the Test and Trace system. Emails will be checked around midday. Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. In this case, parents and carers must follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

## New Entrants – September 2021

A reminder that, if you have a child starting school in September 2021, you must apply for a place at Ightham even if you already have another child that currently attends. You must apply through the Local Authority, KCC, rather than the school, at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and the deadline for applications is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## 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

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

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

## And finally...

This is the last newsletter of 2020, and what a challenging year it has been for all of us. Thank you for your continued support this year – it has been very much appreciated. I hope you have a lovely Christmas; hopefully the new year will be much kinder to all of us. A reminder that the children return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

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## Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Evan in Year 3

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Alex and Sofia

Year 1 – Poppy W, Tilly and Jeannie

Year 2 – Fearne and Holly

Year 3 – Mason and Lizzie

Year 4 – Freddie and Morgan

Year 5 – Isobel and Cate

Year 6 – Sam Fr and Luca

Congratulations to all!

## Pupil Achievements

Luna in Year 1 has done her first official grading with her Tae Kwondo club this week and is the proud owner of a yellow belt. Well done Luna!



## 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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