



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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## Term Dates

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

## Staff Development Days

7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



## Key Dates

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Last day of Term 4

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

First day of Term 5

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Parent Consultations (remote)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Parent Consultations (remote)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Parent Consultations (remote)

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a good week. As I write this, we are fortunate to have sunshine and the vast majority of our children in school. I think I can speak for the whole staff when I say how happy we are to be back in school and educating our children face to face. I very much hope your child is enjoying being back in school too.

Today is Red Nose Day and it was lovely to see so many children arriving in school with their red noses! I shall let you know in the newsletter next week how much money we have raised for Comic Relief.

I made mention of a webinar that the Local Authority ran earlier in the week to help parents/carers support children's emotional wellbeing in times of uncertainty. I have had positive feedback about the webinar from one of our parents, and it is now available to watch online should you wish to do:

[Helping Parents and Carers to Support Children's Emotional Wellbeing in Times of Uncertainty](#)



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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.92%

Pine – 96.29%

Chestnut – 99.17%

Willow – 98.80%

Elm – 93.62%

Beech – 98.05%

Oak – 99.46%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 3

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



## Covid-19 – Update

I am aware that a number of local schools have been in the position of having to close Bubbles in school as a result of positive cases since schools reopened last week. I think it is therefore worth reminding you of some of our requests in order that we keep our children, staff and community as safe as possible.

- You are reminded that your child must not attend school if they are demonstrating symptoms of Covid-19 or they are required to self-isolate.
- If your child has been given **Calpol** (or an alternative medicine) to reduce their temperature or to reduce other symptoms of their illness, they must not attend school.
- We request that all adults (unless they are exempt) wear a mask when collecting. This will help to protect all members of our school community.
- Throughout the school day we are ensuring the different Bubbles do not mix. Please support us by not allowing children from different Bubbles to play in the Recreation Ground Playground before or after school.

May I take this opportunity, once again, to sincerely thank all those many parents and carers who are supporting the school by taking all precautions to protect our community and help keep our children in school.

## Covid-19 – Testing

Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) are suitable only for asymptomatic testing (i.e. if the person being tested is showing NO symptoms). They are designed to be used for preventing the spread of Covid-19 within the community by picking up cases where someone has Covid-19 but is not demonstrating any symptoms.

If you, or your child, has symptoms of Covid-19, you must get a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test and **not** a Lateral Flow Test.

## 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: Evie M in Year 4

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

- Year R – Zac and Nevie
- Year 1 – Ellis and Coralie
- Year 2 – Archie and Lottie
- Year 3 – Sofia and Evan
- Year 4 – Gracie and Arthur
- Year 5 – Monica and Harry
- Year 6 – Lydia and Farrah

Congratulations 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.



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