



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

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Term Dates

- Term 1 - 1st September 2021 to 22nd October 2021
- Term 2 - 1st November 2021 to 17th December 2021
- Term 3 - 4th January 2022 to 11th February 2022
- Term 4 - 21st February 2022 to 1st April 2022
- Term 5 - 19th April 2022 to 27th May 2022
- Term 6 - 6th June 2022 to 22nd July 2022

Staff Development Days

- 1st September 2021
- 1st October 2021
- 17th December 2021
- 27th May 2022
- 6th June 2022



Key Dates

Tuesday 12th October
New Entrants' Meeting for 2022 (1.45pm)

Monday 18th October
Maths Week
Parent Consultations

Wednesday 20th October
Parent Consultations

Friday 22nd October
Last day of Term 1

Monday 1st November
First day of Term 2

Friday 5th November
Individual school photos

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, every class from Year 1 to Year 6 had a Fire Safety talk on Tuesday this week. These were led by Vernon Barker from Kent Fire Brigade and the children greatly benefited from his talks. Afterwards, Vernon emailed the school to say the following: "I found the school so welcoming, respectful and polite. It makes the day so much more worthwhile when there are no barriers to communication. Your pupils were marvellous and it's a shame our programmes are 2 yearly visits as I now have to wait 2 years to visit again."

Children attending Computing Club created a powerpoint presentation this week to remind people of fire safety. Please find attached Olivia, Molly and Callum's presentation. I'm sure you'll agree that their presentation is excellent.

Staff also had fire safety training at the end of September, so hopefully our school community is now very well versed in fire safety!

Thank you to all our families for your donations towards our harvest collection. We shall be delivering our collection to The Pilsdon at West Malling before half term.

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.3%

Pine – 94.7%

Chestnut – 95.2%

Willow – 97.9%

Elm – 95.9%

Beech – 98.6%

Oak – 77.5%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 2

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 2

Beech -0

Oak - 0



Next week, we look forward to welcoming Mr Abbott back into school to lead Mini-Medics first aid training for our Year 5 and Year 6 children. Mr Abbott has been coming into school for many years and we look forward to welcoming him back once more. He will be delivering three hour first aid training to the children. This is something we have built into our school curriculum over the years as first aid is an extremely important life skill.

Chestnut and Willow classes will be taking part in Pedestrian Safety workshops on Tuesday next week.

I am considering the viability of setting up a “Walking School Bus” to start at Ightham Village Hall in the mornings. A walking school bus is, simply, **a group of children walking to school with one or more adults**. ... It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school or as structured as a planned route with meeting points. In order to proceed, we would require a few parents to volunteer to take on this role. This would not be directly run by school staff. Please email admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk if you would be interested in helping us set this up.

Please may I remind you that activity clubs finished this week for Term 1 and will recommence at the start of Term 2.

You may have noticed that ‘flu vaccinations have featured heavily in the news this week. Vaccinations for our children are booked in for Thursday 9th December.

Covid-19 Reminder – from the Government

If someone has a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test taken at home:

- › they should self-isolate straightaway and [report their test result](#)
- › they should book a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible, either [online](#), through the NHS COVID-19 app, or by calling 119 and continue to self-isolate whilst awaiting results of the PCR test
- › any unvaccinated adults in their household should self-isolate whilst awaiting their PCR result, unless they are [exempt](#)

Governors’ 200 Club

The winners of the September 2021 draw were:

1st - Jennifer Reading - £18.50

2nd - Clayton Woolgar - £11.10

3rd - Jeff Reading - £7.40

Mr D Sherhod

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Jackson in Year 3

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

- Year R – Olivia and Florence
- Year 1 – Isobelle and Milo
- Year 2 – Tripp and Story
- Year 3 – Henry, Izzy and Eleri
- Year 4 – Holly, Eddie and Evie
- Year 5 – Lennie and Mansun
- Year 6 – Harry and Honor

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Ellis in Year 2, who gained his yellow striped belt and Arlo, Year R, who got his Ninja belt in Taekwondo last week.

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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