



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th November 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

Monday 15th November
Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 19th November
New Entrants' Meeting for
2022 (9.30am)

Wednesday 24th November
New Entrants' Meeting for
2022 (1.45pm)

Dear Parent/Carer,

We held a two minute silence in school yesterday (Thursday) to mark Armistice Day. Afterwards, Max and Isabelle (our Head Boy and Head Girl) laid a wreath in the village on behalf of everybody at the school (see main photo).

Our promotional video was filmed at the beginning of this week. We anticipate the editing being completed at the end of this term, and I look forward to sharing it with you when we have the final version. My thanks go to Mrs Standen for organising and overseeing the filming.

The annual PSA AGM was held on Thursday afternoon. Twenty-six people attended in total, including nine by remote link, and I am delighted to report the PSA remains in excellent shape. Thank you to everyone involved.

The winners of the Governors' 200 Club for November were as follows:

- 1st - Julia Weller - £13.50
- 2nd - Jeff Reading - £8.10
- 3rd - Katherine Briley - £5.40



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.8%

Pine – 98.1%

Chestnut – 97.0%

Willow – 96.4%

Elm – 96.8%

Beech – 96.0%

Oak – 99.3%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 3

Pine – 4

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech – 0

Oak – 0

Today (Friday) we've been holding a “Silly Socks” day for Slideaway. Slideaway is a superb charity that does amazing work in supporting children that have been bereaved. I shall let you know how much we raised for this fantastic charity in our newsletter next week.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week in school. This is a national initiative that is led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year, the week has the theme “One Kind Word”.

Our girls' football team took part in a competition on Tuesday after school at Knole Academy. They played four matches in total and drew two of them. Very well done to all those children that took part, and my thanks to Mrs Parkinson for organising and managing the team.

My thanks also go to our Year 5 parents for efficiently organising transport for Thursday, at short notice, so that Year 5 curriculum swimming could go ahead after our coach company advised us on Wednesday they could not provide transport this week.

Children in Need Day – Friday 19th November

Next Friday, we shall be raising money for Children in Need. Your child may wear yellow clothing to school if they would like to do so. It is important that your child's clothing is appropriate for PE if their class is timetabled to do so on the day. We request a minimum £1 donation to Children in Need.

Reception Christmas Nativity

The Acorn Class nativity will be held in the school hall on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December in the morning. Further details will be sent to Acorn Class parents shortly.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Production

The Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production will be taking place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th December. Further details will be sent to Pine Class and Chestnut Class parents shortly.

New Management Information System - Arbor

We are excited to announce that we have moved our Management Information System (MIS) to Arbor. Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system. We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Arbor App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of. These can all be found [here](#).

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register next week. Please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Haswell at school@ightham.kent.sch.uk

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Malachy in Year 1

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Mimi and Cordelia

Year 1 – Grace R and Theo A

Year 2 – Oliver, Hudson and Arya

Year 3 – Lochlan and Ellie

Year 4 – Isla, Eddie and Taylor

Year 5 – Esme and Yana

Year 6 – All of Oak Class for their charity work on behalf of the Royal British Legion

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.



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