



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th 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

- Wednesday 24th November
New Entrants' Meeting for 2022
(1.45pm)
- Thursday 2nd December
Acorn Nativity (11am)
- Friday 3rd December
Acorn Nativity (9.15am)
- Monday 6th December
Y3 and Y4 K'Nex Challenge
Drama Showcase (3.30pm)
- Wednesday 8th December
KS1 Christmas Production (2pm
and 6pm)
- Thursday 9th December
'Flu immunisations
KS1 Christmas Production
(6pm)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Last Friday, we held a "Silly Socks" day for Slideaway. Slideaway is a superb charity that does amazing work in supporting children that have been bereaved. I am pleased to tell you that we raised £112.40 for Slideaway.

This week, the children have been taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is a national initiative and this year the theme is "One Kind Word".

Today (Friday), we have been raising money for Children in Need. We are hoping Pudsey may even be making an appearance this afternoon! I shall let you know how much we raised for Children in Need next week.

Our football team played a friendly match away at Borough Green after school yesterday (Thursday). Mrs Parkinson reports that we were the better team for much of the match despite being a player light due to illness. The final scoreline was 4-2 to Borough Green. Thank you to Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Titchner for arranging the match and managing the team.

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 92.7%

Pine – 95.8%

Chestnut – 86.3%

Willow – 97.9%

Elm – 96.8%

Beech – 93.4%

Oak – 96.4%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



Covid-19

Please may I remind you that parents should not enter school buildings unless by prior arrangement or invitation from a member of staff.

We respectfully request that we are informed if there is a positive case of Covid-19 in your household.

Management Information System (MIS) – Arbor

Thank you to all those parents that have signed into Arbor, our new MIS - 66% of parents have done this since last week’s newsletter. If you have yet to sign up, please may I encourage you to do so as soon as possible as our communications will be fully migrated over to Arbor in due course.

Eco-Work – help required

As you know, we are very proud of our eco-work over many years. As COP26 showcased, never has this work been more important and we take our role in educating our children about the environment very seriously. I am very keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to volunteer, for half an hour a week, to work with our Eco-Council of twelve children. This would ideally be in the afternoon. If you feel you may be able to help, or would like to discuss this further, please email Mrs Haswell – admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk

World Children’s Day

With World Children’s Day on the 20th November, the United Nations are highlighting the impact of the pandemic on children and young people across the world, and how, if unaddressed the impacts may last a lifetime.

November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

School Fund

Thank you so much to those parents/carers that have already made a donation to our School Fund. We are extremely grateful for all contributions and you can still make a donation to our Fund through Parentpay.

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Frankie in Year 4

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Lily and Toby

Year 1 – Rufus and Nevie

Year 2 – Coralie, Enzo and Kaiden

Year 3 – Jasper and Albie A

Year 4 – Isla, Flo and Arthur

Year 5 – Grace and Dax

Year 6 – Ralph and Cate

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Molly in Year 5 who starred in Matilda Jr, The Musical at the Thameside Theatre last weekend. Molly played the part of Matilda, receiving rapturous applause from the crowd for her amazing performance. Thank you to all the teachers and classmates who came to cheer her on.



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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