



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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
- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022



## Key Dates

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
PSA A.G.M. (2pm start)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Silly Socks for Slideaway

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
New Entrants' Meeting for  
2022 (9.30am)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
New Entrants' Meeting for  
2022 (1.45pm)

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family had a pleasant half term holiday. As always, Term 2 promises to be very busy but also enjoyable with much to look forward to.

On Thursday, Chestnut Class took part in a Great Fire of London workshop. This always brings to life the learning that the children have been doing in class on this topic.

Individual school photographs were taken this morning (Friday) and they will be available for you to purchase in due course.

Next week, we shall be having a promotional video filmed in school. Our promotional videos were exceptionally well received by families and the wider community last year and we are all excited to be filming a new video. Both films from last year can still be seen on the Parish Council (<https://ightham.org/>) and school websites.

On Thursday, the PSA will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 2pm. This will either be held in the School Hall or the Annexe, depending on the weather. Please do come along if you are interested in the work our fabulous PSA do.



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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.2%

Pine – 91.2%

Chestnut – 97.0%

Willow – 97.3%

Elm – 92.7%

Beech – 92.5%

Oak – 93.9%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 1

Pine – 2

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 2

Elm – 1

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



On Friday, we shall be holding a “Silly Socks” day for a charity called Slideaway. Slideaway is a superb charity that does amazing work in supporting children that have been bereaved. We ask for a minimum £1 donation towards Slideaway in return for your child wearing the silliest, whackiest socks they wish! If you would like to find out more about Slideaway’s work, do look at their website:

<https://www.slideaway.org/>

If you have a child starting school in September 2022, please may I remind you that we are running three further sessions for parents this term. Do contact Mrs Haswell in the School Office ([admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk)) if you would like to book a place. If you have a child already at Ightham, you must still apply for a place using the KCC system. KCC wrote to all schools earlier in the week to tell us that data from last years’ application process showed that almost 50% of parents who did not apply for a school place by the closing date, already had a sibling at the school.

## School Fund

Thank you so much to those parents/carers that have already made a donation to our School Fund. If you haven’t yet done so, and would like to make a contribution, you can do so through ParentPay. We are extremely grateful for all contributions.

## Poppy Appeal

Year 6 will be selling poppy merchandise from Tuesday 2nd - Friday 12th November on the playground after-school (from 3.20 - 3.30pm) to raise money for this year's poppy appeal. The children will not be able to give change as all donations will be put straight into the sealed donation pot so parents / children will need change.

Suggested donations include:

- zip pull 50p
- silicom wristband £1
- poppy reflector 50p
- snap band £1.50
- eraser 50p
- pencil sharpener 50p
- pencil 50p
- ruler £1

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## Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Henry in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Marcus and Amelia

Year 1 – Oliver and Evren

Year 2 – Poppy W, Charlie and Florence

Year 3 – Finley, Zac and Alice

Year 4 – Nathan, Alex and Innes

Year 5 – Brooke and Leo

Year 6 – Damien and Eva

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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