



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 16th December 2021



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Term Dates

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 21st July 2022

Staff Development Days

1st September 2021

1st October 2021

17th December 2021

27th May 2022

6th June 2022

Key Dates

Tuesday 4th January

Start of Term 3

Monday 10th January

K'NEX (STEM) Workshops –
Willow and Elm Classes

Tuesday 11th January

Alvin Shaw (Magistrate) in to
Oak Class

Wednesday 19th January

Water Polo Competition

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted that our Key Stage 2 Christmas Services have been able to go ahead as planned this week. Willow Class and Elm Class had their service on Monday; I very much hope that all who attended enjoyed it. I spoke to Reverend Tim yesterday and he told me how thrilled he was to welcome the children back to St. Peter's for the first time in two years. My thanks go to Reverend Tim and all at St. Peter's Church for inviting us to have our Christmas services at the church once more. Oak and Beech Class are having their Christmas Service this afternoon (Thursday).

We enjoyed our Christmas lunch yesterday (Wednesday) and I can personally confirm the food was lovely! We also had our PSA Christmas Jumper day to really get us all into the mood for Christmas.

A reminder that both our Reception Nativity and Tinsel and Tea Towels have been professionally filmed and are available to purchase on DVD.

We welcomed Colin Welch, a local archaeologist, into school on Monday morning. He talked to Beech and Elm classes about a local V2 rocket excavation he has been working on. He also brought in artefacts for the children to study - see the main photo above. After his visit, Colin emailed us and said the following: *"I really enjoyed meeting you all, and was struck by how inquisitive your year 5 and 6 children were. One boy in year 6 spent all of his time that*



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.1%

Pine – 97.5%

Chestnut – 94.4%

Willow – 92.0%

Elm – 91.9%

Beech – 95.9%

Oak – 94.7%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 1

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 2

Beech - 0

Oak - 0

I was there after the presentation looking at the crystals I had brought along in a bottle. He said that he didn't know why he found them so interesting but had a great big smile on his face.”

Last Friday, Key Stage 2 children visited the Christmas Tree festival at St. Peter's Church. My thanks go to Cedric Read, a School Governor, for organising this. He was particularly delighted to receive the thank you letters from the children following their visit.

We look forward to, once again, welcoming Alvin Shaw into school on Tuesday 11th January in the afternoon. Alvin is a local magistrate and his workshops are always well received by the children. Alvin tells me that this will be his tenth year visiting Ightham.

Today is the last day of Term 2 as we have a staff INSET day tomorrow. The children return for the start of Term 3 on **Tuesday 4th January**.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and very much look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Mr D Sherhod
Head Teacher

From Mrs Freeman

December's 200 Club Winners

This month's winners are:

1st - Clayton Woollgar £31.00

2nd - Lisa Colbear £18.60

3rd - Ginette Eve £12.40



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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Holly T – Y3

The Courtesy Cup was awarded to Isobel D – Y6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Max T – YR

Brooke C – YR

Max O – Y1

Theo GP – Y1

Jeannie A – Y2

Lily I – Y2

Poppy P – Y2

Albie W – Y3

Georgina C – Y3

Evan R – Y4

Arthur VB – Y4

Dua N – Y4

Jasmine W – Y5

Morgan D – Y5

Niamh Miller – Y6

Dylan Green – Y6

Congratulations to Gabriel S in Year 1 who was awarded his red belt at jujitsu last weekend!

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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