



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 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 21st July 2022

Staff Development Days

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



Key Dates

- 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)
- Monday 13th December
Y3 and Y4 Christmas Service (St. Peter's Church, 2pm)

Dear Parent/Carer,
Typically, for this time of year, there is plenty going on in school as we head towards the end of Term 2.

Year 1 took part in a Sparkle and Shine evening after school on Tuesday. Mrs Ball and Mrs Warnes arranged for the children to go into our woods and take part in various activities. Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Gray, our Forest School Leaders, organised a camp fire. The children had a fabulous time. Thank you to all those members of staff that gave up their time to help out, and especially to Mrs Ball and Mrs Warnes for organising such a wonderful experience for the children.

We were thrilled to be able to hold our Reception Class nativity on Thursday and Friday morning in school this week. The children did exceptionally well and we were all very proud of them. Thank you to Miss Cook, ably supported by Mrs Lappin, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Warnes, for arranging the nativity.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to our Key Stage 1 production on Tuesday and Wednesday. My spies tell me it is looking very good and we are in for a treat!

K'Nex are coming into school on Monday to lead STEM (Science and Technology) workshops with Year 3 and Year 4. These workshops are being paid for through the School Fund.

We also have our first Drama Showcase for almost two years on Monday after school and we



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.6%

Pine – 84.1%

Chestnut – 99.4%

Willow – 90.6%

Elm – 95.9%

Beech – 74.7%

Oak – 93.7%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 3

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 3

Elm – 2

Beech -1

Oak - 0

are very much looking forward to that. This is for children that attend Drama Club to showcase their talents to parents, and separate details have been sent out.

On Thursday morning, the school nurses will be coming in to administer ‘flu vaccinations to those children whose parents/carers have given consent. Please note – the deadline for consent has now passed so only those that have previously given consent will receive the vaccine.

Ightham Parish Magazine – Bumper Edition

The bumper Christmas edition of the Parish Magazine is available for you to read using the link below. You may be interested to read the article that I wrote for the magazine this month which commences on p19.

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/thbfa/suaw/>

After School Club – Staff Required

We require additional staff to run our After School Club from January. Please contact the School Office – admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk – if you are interested. Sadly, we may be in a position where we have to limit numbers at After School Club on certain days after Christmas if we are unable to secure sufficient staffing to run this provision. Please do let any family or friends know who you think may be interested. Thank you.

Activity Clubs

Just a reminder that all activity clubs, except for gymnastics, end this week.

Governors’ 200 Club

The winners of the Governors’ 200 Club this month are:

1st - Rory Costorphine - £17.50

2nd - Hannah Browning - £10.50

3rd - Rebecca Wright - £7.50

Alteration to Summer Term Dates

The DfE have laid regulations to reduce the minimum number of sessions schools are required to meet in the academic year 2021/2022 and enable everyone to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen on 3 June 2022. The final day of Term 6 will therefore be Thursday 21st July and not Friday 22nd July as previously advertised.

PSA - Wreaths

Thank you to Samantha Wilson for all her hard work last night teaching everyone how to make Christmas wreaths whilst raising money for the PSA. She did an amazing job and there were some beautiful wreaths.



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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.

Mr D Sherhod

Head Teacher

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Ella in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Everyone for being amazing in the Nativity!

Year 1 – Ophelia and Alex

Year 2 – Willow, Matilda and Harper

Year 3 – Joshua C and Josh G

Year 4 – Hardie, Ruby Th and Alex

Year 5 – Gracie and Ava

Year 6 – Isla and Mia

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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