



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

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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 18th January

Y2 and Y6 Assessment

Meetings for Parents (via zoom)

Monday 7th February

Craig Jenkins (Storyteller) into school

Tuesday 8th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February

Last day of Term 4

Dear Parent/Carer,

Willow and Elm classes took part in the K'Nex challenge on Monday. The children greatly enjoyed this whilst also developing their Design and Technology skills.

On Tuesday afternoon, Alvin Shaw came into school to talk to Oak Class. Alvin is a local Magistrate and this was his tenth year visiting Ightham. The children, once again, learnt a lot from his visit.

Congratulations to Henry and Harriet in Year 6 who are our new Head Boy and Head Girl for Terms 3 and 4. Many thanks to Max C and Isabelle for doing a fantastic job in Terms 1 and 2.

Due to the current cold weather and the need to ensure sufficient ventilation in classrooms due to covid, I have taken the decision to somewhat relax our school uniform requirements for the rest of this half term. This will be reviewed for the start of Term 4 in mid-February. Children may wear additional layers into school such as undershirts, and they may also wear their school hoodie into school should they wish to do so.

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 94.2%

Pine – 96.7%

Chestnut – 88.9%

Willow – 93.4%

Elm – 96.3%

Beech – 94.5%

Oak – 93.0%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 4

Pine – 3

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 2

Elm – 2

Beech - 4

Oak - 1



Mr Terry and Mrs Johnson will be running parent meetings after school on Tuesday next week to discuss end of Key Stage assessments. These meetings will be held remotely, and details will be sent out separately. Please do make every effort to attend, particularly if you’ve not previously attended these talks.

Please may I remind you that you should not be parking on the school driveway at the beginning or end of the school day unless you have a specific agreement from the school to do so. We do have a very small number of parents and children that need to use the driveway for specific reasons and this has been explicitly agreed by the school.

Inevitably, we have had a number of covid cases in school since the start of term. Our Year 2 class will remain in a bubble next week due to the cases in that class. A reminder that we do request you keep your child off school if they are unwell and a PCR test must be booked if they have covid symptoms.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results **must** be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they **must** continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature **must** complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

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.

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Lochlan in Year 3

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R - Gracie and Louie B

Year 1 - Elizabeth and Joshua

Year 2 – Luna and Jeannie

Year 3 – Molly, Izzy and Annabel

Year 4 - Ruby Th, Max and Macy

Year 5 – Yana and Dexter

Year 6 - Damien and Darcey

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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