



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st 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

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,

As I mentioned in the newsletter last week, Alvin Shaw (a local magistrate) visited our Year 6 class recently. He wrote to me earlier in the week and said the following: "Brilliant interaction from all your year 6 pupils. The school can be very proud of them. Their interest in the subject matter and their questions were excellent. I am sure they learnt a tremendous amount about the justice system in this country and the teachers will be able to refer back to the topics we covered."

From next week, this newsletter will be sent out via Arbor rather than Parentmail. I understand that almost 99% of our parents have now signed up to use Arbor. If you are one of the small minority that has yet to do so, this would be a good time to complete the signing up process. If you do not receive the newsletter next week on Friday afternoon, please will you let the School Office know.

I am delighted to tell you that Miss Richmond is expecting her first child. All being well, Miss Richmond expects to remain teaching Elm Class until the end of Term 5. I am currently in the process of advertising for a maternity cover teacher and I will update parents in due course.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.1%

Pine – 96.1%

Chestnut – 75.7%

Willow – 87.0%

Elm – 96.3%

Beech – 95.7%

Oak – 96.0%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 3

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 2

Elm – 3

Beech - 6

Oak - 2

Mr Terry and Mrs Johnson ran parent meetings after school on Tuesday to discuss end of Key Stage assessments. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please do contact the relevant teacher and they will be happy to provide you with the presentation slides. The presentations will also appear on the class pages of the website in the next couple of weeks.

We have continued to have a few cases of covid in school this week. As I mentioned last week, Year 2 in particular has been affected and this class has been operating in a bubble this week. There were a few cases of covid reported in Year 3 over last weekend, and I wrote to those parents separately requesting that they test their children daily using LFDs. Staffing, as anticipated, has been affected by covid, although thankfully it has been manageable so far. I am pleased, following my request a couple of weeks ago, that Mrs Black has joined our team as a supply teacher. Mrs Black has many years’ teaching experience, and I am delighted to welcome her to our team.

We have signed up to Recycle4Charity which recycles printer ink cartridges and raises funds for the school. If you have any empty inkjet cartridges please bring them to the school office via your child’s bookbag. Please note they do not accept laser printer cartridges or toners.

It is not too late to make a contribution to our School Fund. Less than 50% of our parents currently make a contribution and we are very grateful for all contributions we receive. As are we all, the school is impacted by inflation costs.

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Isla in Year 4

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Annabelle and Millie-Lou

Year 1 – Malachy and Arthur

Year 2 – Hudson, Story and Edie

Year 3 – Joshua and Albie W

Year 4 – Lizzie, Holly and Max

Year 5 – Flavia and Ava

Year 6 – Taya, Isabelle and Henry

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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