



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th 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,

Ightham village is set to hold a Coxcombe Fair this summer on Saturday 4th June. This will be a great community event celebrating past and present. 2022 marks the 900 year anniversary of St Peter's Church and of course the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Some of you may remember the last Coxcombe Fair of 2012 held in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There will be family fun and entertainment. If you or anybody you know might like to have a stall at the event, please contact Kirsty Mitchem on 01732 885 072.

As with all local schools, we continue to see a number of covid cases at Ightham. Year 3 has been in a bubble this week. Year 2 is no longer in a bubble as case numbers have thankfully decreased in this year group. As you would expect, I continue to monitor case numbers across the school daily.

I understand that some children have been symptomatic while their LFD tests have been negative, and subsequent PCR tests have been positive. **It remains the case that, if your child has covid symptoms, they must take a PCR test.** Please do particularly be aware that many people are reporting the first symptom of the omicron variant as being a headache. The Government does not currently identify this as one of the three main symptoms. We are also

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 92.8%

Pine – 97.8%

Chestnut – 85.6%

Willow – 83.9%

Elm – 87.3%

Beech – 89.9%

Oak – 81.7%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 3

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

W – 3

Elm – 0

Beech - 1

Oak - 0



starting to see, unfortunately, cases where children were previously infected only a couple of months ago. My assumption would be that omicron only became prevalent in mid-December in the UK and previous infections were probably caused by other variants.

The Key Stage 1 and 2 Assessment presentations are now available on the school website:

<https://ightham.kent.sch.uk/classes/year-2-chestnut-class/>

<https://ightham.kent.sch.uk/classes/year-6-oak-class/>

May I, once again, remind all parents/carers that you should not be entering the school buildings, for any reason, at the end of the school day, unless invited to do so by a member of staff. This includes the school toilets. It remains the case that one or two people are ignoring this very reasonable request, and we shall follow up where necessary.

School Videos

As you may be aware, we had brand new videos filmed in school during November. I'm delighted to say those videos are now available and you can watch them via the home page of our school website:

<https://ightham.kent.sch.uk/>

Very well done to all those children that took part in the videos.

Cobs Close – parking issues

Parents are requested not to park in Cobs Close as lorry access is required. Residents report that parking here causes considerable problems as blind spots are created when turning into Oldbury Lane.

A message from Ightham Parish Council – parking issues

“We have put some bollards up outside Tanglewood to prevent people parking at the end of the residents drive but it seems as though some people are driving up onto the verge behind them and reversing back out onto A25. Parking is available at the village hall for those who want to use it and walk over the bridge.”

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Arthur in Year 2

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

- Year R – Elisa and Joelle
- Year 1 – Gabriel and Grace M
- Year 2 – Sebby, Tripp and Rupert
- Year 3 – Ellie and Archie
- Year 4 – Hardie, Macy and Dua
- Year 5 – Molly and Evie
- Year 6 – Max C and Isaac

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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