



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

6<sup>th</sup> June 2022



## Key Dates

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

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022. I hope you had a lovely Christmas. All my best wishes to you and your family for the coming year.

You will have received my letter relating to Covid on the first day of term. I shall endeavour to keep you updated as and when the guidance to schools changes over the coming weeks. Inevitably, with cases throughout the country running at such a high level, I do anticipate there will be some impact on the school and I thank you for your continued support and understanding. I would like to thank those many parents that have been wearing face coverings this week when dropping off and picking up your children. We must all do what we can to protect our community.

Local residents have requested that parents avoid parking in Cobs Close till the end of January whilst building works are ongoing.

Willow and Elm classes will be taking part in the STEM K'Nex workshops on Monday morning. These were delayed prior to Christmas and I am sure the children will learn much from them. Costs for this are being met via the School Fund.



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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 93.2%

Pine – 94.3%

Chestnut – 93.5%

Willow – 92.6%

Elm – 95.2%

Beech – 98.2%

Oak – 92.6%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 1

Beech -0

Oak - 0

We shall, once again, be welcoming Alvin Shaw into school on Tuesday afternoon next week. He is a local Magistrate and this will be his tenth year visiting Ightham. His talks are also extremely informative and I am sure our Year 6 children will gain a lot from his time with them.

Sadly, we suffered a significant water leak during the Christmas holidays in the main school building. Mr Payne did a sterling job in organising prompt repairs, but we are in the process of going through the insurers to pay for new carpets in the corridors.

## 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.

## Free School Meals

Even if you do not wish to take up Free School Meals for your child, the school still benefits financially if you successfully apply. If you think that your child may be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), then I strongly encourage you to apply using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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## Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Rory in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Finley and Aulban

Year 1 – Zac and Marlowe

Year 2 – Arthur, Darcy and Crystal

Year 3 – Oliver and Holly

Year 4 – Dua and Nathan

Year 5 – Morgan and Heidi

Year 6 – Henry and Clayton

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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