



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th February 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

Friday 4th March

Ightham Book Day

Monday 14th March

Science Week

Monday 28th March

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 30th March

Parent Consultations

Dear Parent/Carer,

Despite the terrible storm last Friday – is it really already a week ago? – I hope you managed to have a lovely half term holiday. We were relieved, and not a little surprised, to find that the storm did not appear to do any damage to the school. With over ninety trees on site and a School House that is over 170 years old, I must admit I walked the school site last Saturday morning with some trepidation. I am aware that some of our families did, unfortunately, sustain substantial damage as a result of the storm, and I very much hope those families are now well on track to get all the issues resolved.

(Robert) Bob Platt

I was very sorry to learn during the half term break that Bob Platt passed away recently. I know that many of you won't know Bob, but he was the Head Teacher at Ightham Primary School for a number of years in the 1970's. He had continued to stay in touch with the school in recent years and often attended our annual community coffee morning held in the school hall. Sadly, the last time we were able to run the coffee morning was back in December 2019 due to the pandemic. Bob was a generous donor to the fundraising for the new year 3/4 building in 2015. On behalf of all of us at the school, my sincere condolences go to Bob's family.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 92.1%

Pine – 96.7%

Chestnut – 97.1%

Willow – 96.1%

Elm – 97.2%

Beech – 96.6%

Oak – 94.0%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 2

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 2

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



Ightham Book Day

We are very much looking forward to Ightham Book Day on Friday 4th March. We encourage all the children to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. We request a minimum £1 donation and all money raised will go towards further improving our library. My thanks go to Miss Fisher and her team who have been doing a lot of work recently to get the library shipshape and ready for full use once more following the impact of the pandemic. Although Ightham Book Day is on Friday, the children will be taking part in book-related activities throughout the week. My thanks go to Miss Richmond and Miss Cook for their hard work in organising the activities for the whole school.

Covid Update

On Monday you will have heard the Government lifting of Covid restrictions. The DfE says the following:

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

The Government no longer asks fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and removes the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

End of routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual.

We request that you do not send your child into school if you suspect they may have covid or are exhibiting covid symptoms. We request that you conduct an LFD test and, should that be positive, you should keep your child at home for at least 5 days and until two negative LFDs on consecutive days have been carried out. If a child develops symptoms or is unwell during the day, parents/carers will be called for collection.

Football Matches

Well done to our football team who played three league matches on Tuesday. They drew each one 1-1. My thanks go to Mrs Parkinson for organising and managing the team and to Mrs Titchner for all her support.

Ightham Parish Magazine

The link to the February edition of the magazine is below:

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

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Harper in Year 2

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Florence, Raphael and Penelope

Year 1 – Lily and Alex

Year 2 – Coalie, Poppy W and Enzo

Year 3 – Arty and Summer

Year 4 – Olly, Max and Sofia

Year 5 – Esme and Zach B

Year 6 – Charlie, Isobel and Darcey

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Miles in Year 1 who passed his karate grading.



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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