



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th March 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 14th March

Science Week

Monday 21st March

Drama Showcase (Hall) –
3.30pm

Monday 28th March

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 30th March

Parent Consultations
PSA Easter Fayre (from
2.30pm)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Oak Class and Beech Class visited Sevenoaks School on Wednesday morning to take part in Science workshops in their laboratories. I understand that the children were thoroughly enthused and the feedback in school was extremely positive. My thanks go to Mrs Ball for organising the visit and to Sevenoaks School for putting on such a wonderful experience for our children.

We are very much looking forward to our Science Week in school next week. The teachers have been preparing exciting, educational activities for the children to take part in.

Thank you to Mrs Hitchings for the Bike Skills Day on Tuesday this week which was run to mark International Women's Day. Mrs Hitchings reported that all the children that took part were polite and attentive, and that all improved their bike skills by the end of the session. The clinics were run for children in years 3-6 and the feedback was really positive from all involved.

Well done to our football team who played St Katherine's on Tuesday afternoon and won 3-1. Many thanks to Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Titchner for organising and supporting the team.

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.5%

Pine – 93.9%

Chestnut – 95.0%

Willow – 94.4%

Elm – 83.9%

Beech – 95.6%

Oak – 92.8%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 4

Pine – 2

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 2

Elm – 0

Beech – 0

Oak – 0



Ukraine

Like us all, I am aghast at what is happening in Ukraine and my thoughts are with the people there. Please do let us know if your child or family is being directly affected by what is going on. An appeal letter went out today regarding donations and practical help.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday next week. Your child may wear a red nose into school and we request a minimum £1 donation for Comic Relief. Please note that all other usual school arrangements are in place such as school uniform.

Whole school photograph – Jubilee Celebrations

The School is currently making plans to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee later in the year. To mark the Jubilee, we would very much like to take a professional whole school photograph to display in school and more widely. I would therefore be delighted to hear from any parent who feels they may be able to help us with this. Please contact admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk

School Reading Books

My thanks go to the PSA for agreeing to fund £2000 towards new books in school. The School is spending a further £3,000 on new books over the next few months. We do ask that, when books go home, they are looked after and returned in the same condition they went home. Reading scheme books are not cheap and I am aware that some books are not currently being returned from home. Please do be aware that we will request payment for books that are not returned to school. Failure to return books means that other children do not get to enjoy them. It also means the School has to replace books that are part of a scheme specifically designed to meet the needs of our children and help them with their phonics learning.

Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

We have been requested by the DfE to share this information with parents.

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

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The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

Mr D Sherhod

Head Teacher

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Clara in Year 4

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Ada and Mimi

Year 1 – Ethan and Rufus

Year 2 – Philip, Kaiden and Tilly

Year 3 – Jackson, Albie and Finley

Year 4 – Arthur and Daisy

Year 5 – Arthur and Raphael

Year 6 – Jack and Eva

Well to all!

Please see the attachment for the Reading Week winners.

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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