



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th 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 28th March

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 30th March

Parent Consultations

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, we have been running our Reading Week in school and the feedback I have received has been highly positive. Reading, alongside Phonics, is identified by Ofsted as a clear priority in all primary schools, and this is clearly reflected at Ightham. Part of our curriculum intent includes the following sentence: "Phonics and reading are prioritised to allow pupils to access the full curriculum offer." We aim to encourage all our children to develop a lifelong love of reading. We do ask that all our children read every day after school as part of their homework. You will also find recommended reading lists on your child's class page. This includes both the Times Educational Supplement (TES) recommended reading list for children as well as books specifically for your child's year group. As part of our reading week we have, of course, been enjoying Ightham Book Day in school today. Very well done to all those children (and staff) that dressed up as their favourite book character! My thanks go to you for your hard work in supporting and encouraging your child to take part and make the most of reading week. Thank you also to Miss Richmond and Miss Cook for their hard work in organising the activities for the whole school.

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.3%

Pine – 98.3%

Chestnut – 99.4%

Willow – 93.4%

Elm – 97.5%

Beech – 95.5%

Oak – 96.3%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 5

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 2

Beech - 0

Oak - 1

This week has once again been very busy in school. We had a one day financial and governance compliance visit on Wednesday which I am pleased to report went well.

Next week, Beech Class and Oak Class will be visiting Sevenoaks School to take part in Science Workshops in their laboratories. This is part of the outreach work that Sevenoaks School provides to local primary schools and we are very grateful to them for providing this opportunity for our children. My thanks also to Mrs Ball for making the arrangements for our children to take part.

Some of our Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in bike activities on Tuesday morning and my thanks go to Mrs Hitchings for leading this.

The following week (14th March) we shall be enjoying our Science Week in school. This will be the first science week we’ve been able to hold in school since 2019 and we are all very much looking forward to it!

I am sorry to say that Mrs Olawepo will be leaving Ightham at the end of Term 4. Mrs Olawepo was my very first staff appointment almost eight years ago at Ightham so has very much been on the ‘Ightham journey’. Her family are relocating and she will be missed. I am now in the process of organising her replacement for Term 5.

Governors’ 200 Club - Winners

February’s winners are:

1st - Caron Pullinger £17.00

2nd - Ashley Birch £10.20

3rd - Jenny Cooper £6.80

Ightham Parish Magazine

You can read the March edition of the parish magazine by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/kcpress/ipm-march-2022.html>

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Charlie in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Millie and Amelie

Year 1 – Grace R and Freddie

Year 2 – Edith, Florence and Arya

Year 3 – Josh G and Edward

Year 4 – Olly, Alex and Holly

Year 5 – Ella and Zach

Year 6 – Harriet and Max T

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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