



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st April 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



Eco- Council Litter Picking

Key Dates

Tuesday 19th April

First day of Term 5

Friday 22nd April

PSA St. George's Non-uniform day

Monday 25th April

T5 and T6 Clubs start

Wednesday 27th April

Y6 Safety in Action

Monday 2nd May

SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK

HOLIDAY

W/B Monday 9th May

Key Stage 2 SATs Week

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have now reached the end of Term 4 so we are already two-thirds of the way through the year. We enjoyed the PSA Easter Fair on Wednesday afternoon and, of course, Break the Rules Day in school today.

Sandwiched between these events, Years 4, 5 and 6 attended St. Peter's Church on Thursday afternoon for an Easter Service. This was the first Easter Service we have held since 2019 due to the pandemic. My thanks go to Reverend Tim for leading the service as well as all our friends at St. Peter's Church for making the school so welcome once again. Thank you to Ms. Glassock for her hard work in arranging the service.

We said farewell to Mrs Olawepo this week after almost eight years at Ightham. Her family are relocating to Switzerland and we shall all miss her very much. My thanks and best wishes, on behalf of everyone at the school, go to her.

Next term, Miss Simmons will be the Year 4 Teaching Assistant on Mondays to Thursdays, and Mrs Gower will be the Teaching Assistant on Fridays.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, Miss Richmond will be going on maternity leave at the end of Term 5. In Term 6, Mrs Black (3 days) and Mrs Gray (2 days) will be teaching Year 4. Mrs Gray will already be known to many of you and she has many years' experience as a Class



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.4%

Pine – 91.1%

Chestnut – 99.4%

Willow – 92.8%

Elm – 97.6%

Beech – 94.2%

Oak – 92.3%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 1

Pine – 2

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



Teacher. Mrs Black joined our team in January this year having taught at another local school for many years. She has taught Year 4 on a few occasions since then so has already been getting to know the class.

From September, Mrs Owlett will be joining our team to cover Miss Richmond’s maternity leave on a full-time basis. She is an experienced teacher who is currently teaching at another school in north Kent.

Eco-Council

We are thrilled that our Eco-Council has been meeting regularly in Term 4. Mrs Davies-O’Malley and Mrs Lappin are now running Eco-Council and they report the children have been incredibly enthusiastic. You can see some of our Eco-Council in action at the top of this newsletter.

Eco-Council has been working hard tidying up our garden area and taking part in the clean up litter picking on the school site.

Our team are:

Yr 1 Malachy & Marlowe

Yr 2 Poppy B & Enzo

Yr 3 Albie W & Summer

Yr 4 Max & Jasmine

Yr 5 Ava & Oli

Yr 6 Henry & Taya

Coxcombe Fair

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. 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. A leaflet has also been produced which contains lots of information. This can be accessed at:

www.coxcombe.org

INSET Days 2022-23

In order to help you plan, I know many of you like to know about our INSET days well in advance. The first two INSET Days of the next academic year will be on:

Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September

The children’s first day at school in the next academic year will therefore be Monday 5th September.

A reminder that Term 5 starts on Tuesday 19th April. I wish all our families a very happy and restful Easter holiday.

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Edith in Year 2

The Courtesy Cup was awarded to: Honor in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Robin and Cordelia

Year 1 – Theo A and Robyn

Year 2 – Jeannie and Oliver

Year 3 – Lochlan and Eleri

Year 4 – Daisy, Dua and Olly

Year 5 – Dax and Elliot

Year 6 – Anabelle and Clayton

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Isabelle W and Monica in Year 6 were called up to play for the ladies adult team for their Hockey Club, K Sports. Despite both still only being 10 years old they were brilliant against all adult opponents, more than holding their own. Both were singled out for praise from the opposition and coaches who could not believe how well they played. A great achievement for both girls.

Well done too to Flavia in Year 5 who was awarded her Brownie Gold Award.

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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