



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

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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 25<sup>th</sup> April

T5 and T6 Clubs start

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

KS2 Spring Concert (Village Hall)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Y6 Safety in Action

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK

HOLIDAY

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Y3 and Y4 to Chiddingstone Literary Festival

W/B Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Key Stage 2 SATs Week

W/B Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Key Stage 1 SATs Week

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family had a lovely Easter holiday. We are now into the final third of the school year and there is much to look forward to.

I am delighted that, on Tuesday afternoon, we are able to reintroduce our KS2 Spring Concert after a covid-enforced break of three years. Parents in KS2 will have received a separate letter which sets out the arrangements for this, please ensure the pick up arrangements e-form has been completed as well. For parents that have attended a Spring Concert in previous years with an older child, please do be aware that the format will be slightly different this year. Most of the children in Key Stage 2 have not taken part in a Concert of this nature before and we have taken this into account when planning the Concert.

Year 6 will be attending a Safety in Action workshop on Wednesday morning. I am pleased that this will, once more, be 'in-person' rather than online as it was, by necessity, last year.

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, our Year 3 and 4 classes will be attending the Chiddingstone Literary Festival. I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy the day.

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Cook is expecting her second child later in the year. Miss Cook fully intends to teach Acorn Class until the end of this academic year. I am in the process of making arrangements for her maternity cover and I will inform you of these in due course.

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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.0%

Pine – 91.0%

Chestnut – 99.0%

Willow – 96.9%

Elm – 99.3%

Beech – 92.7%

Oak – 92.7%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 2

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 1

Elm – 2

Beech - 0

Oak - 1



Some of you will be aware that, unfortunately, our wonderful SENCO Mrs Richardson has been absent from school for a while now and there is no indication that she will be in a position to return to school imminently. We have been very fortunate to be able to borrow two SENCOs from other local schools – Miss Dempsey and Mrs Linkins – to cover Mrs Richardson’s absence. I am very grateful to their ‘home’ schools for allowing us to borrow their staff at a time when staffing levels in many schools remain severely stretched as a result of the pandemic. Mrs May is also in post as our SEND Administrator.

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the questionnaire; the responses are always gratefully received. The deadline for submission is 12 noon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April and the form can be accessed via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/2TCQNHLG06>

## Ightham Parish Magazine

The latest edition of the Ightham Parish magazine can be accessed via the following link:

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

## Advice for Ukrainian families on applying for a school place and accessing childcare in England

The Government has published some advice on the Education Hub for Ukrainian families on [applying for a school place and accessing childcare](#).

The School has received one or two enquiries about places for Ukrainian refugee children at Ightham. Ightham is a Local Authority-maintained school and, as such, we follow the admissions procedures as set out by the Local Authority. The expectation is that LA-maintained schools follow their set admissions criteria and do not deviate from this.

## The winners of the March Governors’ 200 Club draw were:

1st - Bonnie Daley - £19.00

2nd - Clayton Woollgar - £11.40

3rd - Victoria Black - £7.60

## 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](http://www.coxcombe.org)

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## Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Marlowe in Year 1

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Mimi and Marcus

Year 1 – Olly and Max

Year 2 – Tripp and Rupert

Year 3 – Finley and Georgina

Year 4 – George, Max and Florence

Year 5 – Brooke and Molly

Year 6 – Isla and Ralph

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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