



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th July 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 2022

2nd September 2022

3rd January 2023

5th June 2023

6th June 2023



Chestnut Class at Dymchurch last Friday.

## Key Dates

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Moving up (class) morning

Y6 After School Games

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 performing 'Honest' (2pm and 5pm)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Malawi Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

2.15pm – Y6 Leavers' Assembly

**Last day of Term 6**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Chestnut Class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Dymchurch last week.

Our Arts Fortnight commenced on Monday and all the children in school have been enjoying their arts activities.

The children in Oak Class have been on their residential trip this week to PGL Windmill Hill. I will include more information about that in the final newsletter of the year next week. I very much hope all the children have enjoyed their trip and created great lasting memories for the future. I'm sure the children (and adults!) will sleep well this weekend! Thank you so much to Mr Terry, Mrs Gray and Mrs Parkinson for giving up their week to take the children on the trip.

Please may I remind parents to park with thoughtfulness in the Recreation Ground car park. I have received a small number of reports that thoughtless parking is creating some issues at drop off and pick up times.

I can confirm that we will not be reintroducing school ties in September so your child will not be required to wear a tie to school from September.



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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 88.8%

Pine – 95.3%

Chestnut – 97.5%

Willow – 91.9%

Elm – 96.4%

Beech – 90.6%

Oak – 92.6%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 3

Pine – 2

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 6

Elm – 2

Beech – 1

Oak – 0



I hope you enjoyed our Open Afternoon on Tuesday. It was really lovely to see so many parents in school – both in classrooms and sitting outside – sharing their child’s work with them.

We have a busy week in the final week of term. We shall have ‘Moving up morning’ on Monday when the children will meet their new teacher. Miss Allen and Mrs Owlett will both be coming into school. On Wednesday, we are all looking forward to Malawi Day. Our Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly will be held on Thursday afternoon in the School Hall at 2.15pm. Space is limited to two adults per child plus pre-school age children. Siblings currently in the school will be invited into the assembly.

**A reminder that Thursday 21st July is the last day of the academic year.**

The first day of Term 1 at Ightham is Monday 5th September.

### Heatwave

Given the forecast heat next week, we are relaxing our school uniform requirements for the last week of term. Children may wear P.E. kit into school every day next week.

Currently, the temperature forecast for Thursday is cooler than earlier in the week (24 degrees) so Year 6 children are asked to bring in their school uniform for their Leavers’ Assembly on Thursday afternoon. They may change into this before the assembly. I am sure Year 6 parents would be grateful to have the opportunity to take photos of the children in their Ightham uniforms.

Please be aware that the current forecast suggests temperatures of around 35 or 36 degrees on Monday and Tuesday next week. The Government has made it clear that schools should not close due to the heatwave. As you would expect, we will be taking all practical steps to keep the children as cool as possible in school. You can help us with this by: not sending your child into school wearing a jumper/cardigan; ensuring you have put sunscreen on your child before they come into school; sending your child into school with a sunhat that, ideally, provides protection for the neck and ears as well as the face; reminding your child to drink regularly throughout the day. We shall be strongly encouraging all the children to remain fully hydrated throughout the day.

### Friends of Ightham School (FOIS)

If you would like to help FOIS raise additional funds for the school, you can choose to raise money through FOIS using Amazon Smile. There is no cost to you; a small proportion of anything you spend using Amazon will be donated to FOIS. It’s extremely easy to set up...

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4. Select the Friends of Ightham School charity by search via name or through our charity ID number of 1192718.

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## Pupil Achievements

Zach in Year 5 plays for Tonbridge Cricket Club U11s and they competed in the Holmesdale CC Tournament on Sunday where they won the plate.

Ellis in Year 2 achieved his 7<sup>th</sup> kup and Arlo in Year R his 8<sup>th</sup> kup at their latest Taekwondo grading.

Congratulations 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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