



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

6<sup>th</sup> June 2023



## Key Dates

Monday 4th July

Drama Showcase (3.30pm)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Elm Class visit to Ightham Mote

Wednesday 6th July

Choir to St. Peter's Church

Swimming Gala

Monday 11th July

Y6 Residential Trip

Arts Fortnight

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Open Afternoon (YR-Y5)

Tuesday 19th July

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

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Malawi Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

We continue to be exceptionally busy in school during the lead-up to the end of the academic year. A number of our children took part in the District Sports competition at Knole Academy on Wednesday evening. Very well done to all those children that took part. My thanks go to Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Standen, who arranged our participation and looked after the children at the event, and also Mrs Gray and Miss Avery who very kindly helped out at the event.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to the Drama Showcase on Monday after school. Elm Class will be visiting Ightham Mote on Tuesday afternoon. Our choir will be visiting St. Peter's Church on Wednesday morning. We shall be taking part in the Swimming Gala on Wednesday evening. Chestnut Class will be visiting Dymchurch on Friday. My thanks go to all the staff whose very considerable efforts are making these activities possible.

With the exception of Year 5 (reports always go out earlier for this year group), we are aiming for end of year reports to be sent out to you on Friday next week. For parents in Years R to 5, we will have an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July between 2pm and 3.30pm for parents to come into your child's classroom informally to look at work books. The Open Afternoon will conclude at 3.30pm so please do arrive in plenty of time if you would like to look at books. You will be able to take your child home, should you wish to do so, once you have finished looking at books. Please make sure you inform the teacher so that they are aware your child is leaving with you.

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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.6%

Pine – 95.3%

Chestnut – 95.3%

Willow – 94.8%

Elm – 99.4%

Beech – 94.4%

Oak – 91.7%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 2

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 3

Elm – 2

Beech - 4

Oak - 0



## Staffing for 2022-23

As you will be aware, Mrs Richardson has been absent from school since November last year. Whilst she still officially remains with us, I have to tell you that it is highly unlikely that she will be able to return to her post at Ightham due to ongoing health issues. I will, of course, keep you updated on this. It goes without saying that we all miss Mrs Richardson very much. Since January, Miss Dempsey and Mrs Linkins have very kindly stepped in to be our Acting SENCOs. Due to changing personal circumstances, Mrs Linkins has been unable to continue with us and left recently. Miss Dempsey is relocating to London so she will also be leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Lloyd joined us at the start of Term 6 to provide additional SENCO support. Those of you who have already met her will know how good she is. I am delighted that she has agreed to stay with us for the Autumn term as this will provide us with continuity in our SEND provision. Miss Avery will be stepping into the role of SENCO from September in addition to her Deputy Head Teacher role. This means she will no longer have a class responsibility, although she will continue to teach for one day per week delivering PPA cover.

Due to Miss Avery no longer having a class teaching commitment, I have appointed Miss Allen to our team as a class teacher. I have no doubt that she will be an excellent teacher at Ightham and I look forward to formally welcoming her in September.

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, Mrs Owlett is joining us to cover Miss Richmond’s maternity leave, and Mrs Snow is joining us to part-cover Miss Cook’s maternity leave. I have also decided to further strengthen our Leadership Team. Mrs Ball will be joining our Leadership Team as KS1 Leader from September. Mrs Johnson will become our KS2 Leader.

Class teachers for September will be as follows:

Acorn Class (Reception) – Mrs Warnes (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Snow (Thurs-Fri)

Pine Class (Year 1) – Miss Allen (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Pollen (Thurs-Fri)

Chestnut Class (Year 2) – Mrs Ball

Willow Class (Year 3) – Miss Garvin-Howard

Elm Class (Year 4) – Mrs Owlett

Beech Class (Year 5) – Mrs Johnson

Oak Class (Year 6) – Mr Terry

We are also still open to applications for a midday meals supervisor and a teaching assistant. If you are interested or know of anyone suitable please contact the office.

## 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...

To register with AmazonSmile please follow the steps below:

1. Using a laptop or computer go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)
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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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The winners of the June Governors' 200 Club draw are:

- 1st - Jenny Cooper £18.50
- 2nd - Steph Murtagh £11.10
- 3rd - Ginette Eve £7.40

### Parish Magazine

The link to the bumper summer edition is below:

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

### Kent (PESE) Test – Year 5 Parents

**Final Reminder – today is the final day to register your child.** Registering your child for the Kent Tests (11+ Tests) online is now open. The deadline for registering your child is Friday 1st July 2022. Please note it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to register your child and not the School. You may register your child by visiting: [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

### Sports Day Results – Hot off the Press!

1st place - Chartwell 624 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Oldbury 610 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Mote 608 points; 4<sup>th</sup> place – Knole 604 points. Well done to all!

Mr D Sherhod

Head Teacher

## Pupil Achievements

Well done to the Bright Star gymnasts that competed in the annual club championships at Spectrum Gymnastics Academy last week. Congratulations to Coralie, Lily, Crystal, Darcy, Matilda and Jeannie (Year 2) and Georgina, Isabelle, Olivia and Holly (Year 3). They all did really well and had lots of fun.

Well done too to Darcy (Year 2) for achieving her Level 2 Water Skills badge.

## 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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