



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 21st July 2022

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Term Dates

Term 1 – Monday 5th September to Friday 21st October

Term 2 – Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December

Term 3 – Wednesday 4th January to Friday 10th February

Term 4 - Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March

Term 5 – Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Term 6 – Wednesday 7th June to Friday 21st July

Staff Development Days

1st September 2022

2nd September 2022

3rd January 2023

5th June 2023

6th June 2023



Niamh Y6 and Lily Rae Y4, winners in the Sevenoaks Swimming Gala

Key Dates

Monday 5th September

Children return for Term 1

Wednesday 7th September

Meet The Teacher

(3.30pm in classrooms or

5.30pm remotely)

Thursday 8th September

Year 6 – Kent Test

W/B Monday 12th September

Y4 and Y5 CATs Tests (two mornings)

Thursday 6th October

KS2 Harvest Festival at St.

Peter's (Time TBC)

Friday 7th October

KS1/EYFS Harvest Festival (School Hall)

Dear Parent/Carer,

This time of year is always a happy occasion but also tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to our wonderful children in Year 6. We will very much miss them and it goes without saying that all of us at Ightham are incredibly proud of the people they have become. You go with all our best wishes for your future happiness and success.

It is a fact of being in a primary school that, once children leave us, we often don't see them or their families again. In many ways, this tells me that the school has prepared the children well for the next stage of their life adventure and they are ready to fly. It is, however, always lovely to see ex-pupils in school and I have been delighted to welcome two of our ex-pupils into school this week for work experience. Holly and Erin left Ightham in 2016 but asked to come into school this week to work with our children. I have been so pleased to note how well both are doing and the wonderful young people they have become.

It has been a very busy final couple of weeks for Oak Class. Last week they visited Windmill Hill on their residential trip. The children had a super time and I'm sure they will remember their visit for many years to come. My thanks go to Mr Terry, Mrs Gray and Mrs Parkinson for leading the trip.

This morning, Year 6 performed their end of year production, 'Honest', to parents on our school field. My thanks to Ms Glassock and Mr Terry for preparing the children for this.

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 3

Elm – 0

Beech – 1

Oak – 0

Lateness

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

Acorn – 91.9%

Pine – 90.9%

Chestnut – 97.0%

Willow – 93.6%

Elm – 89.9%

Beech – 88.5%

Oak – 94.5%



This afternoon, of course, we have held our Leavers’ Assembly where awards were made to all our Year 6 children. Thank you to Reverend Tim for coming into school to deliver a blessing.

We held our first Malawi Day for three years yesterday. It was lovely to see the children across all year groups working together, and a number of staff commented how impressed they were with how the Year 6 children helped and worked with our younger children. Thank you to Miss Cook for organising Malawi Day and to all the staff for making the day such a success. All proceeds from donations made will go to Starfish Malawi. If you are interested in finding out more about the work of Starfish Malawi, do visit their website:

<https://starfishmalawi.com/>

We held our ‘Moving Up Morning’ on Monday when the children had the opportunity to meet their new class teacher. We have continued to enjoy Arts Fortnight in school this week too.

Thank you to those parents that gave feedback to the school on your child’s annual report.

Miss Cook goes on maternity leave today so we wish her well. I shall of course keep you updated when I hear from Miss Cook next term. We said ‘goodbye’ to Miss Dempsey yesterday who has been our Acting SENCO since January. She has done a fabulous job in her short time with us and we all wish her well in her new post in London. I would also like to thank Mrs Black and Mrs Gray for teaching Year 4 in Term 6 to cover Miss Richmond’s maternity leave.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school’s engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success. You can see our new logo on the footer of this newsletter!

As usual, we shall be having some improvement works done over the summer holiday. We shall be having lighting installed on the footpath leading up to the school from the Recreation Ground (inside the school); those of you that have walked that footpath in the winter months will be aware of how necessary this lighting is. We shall also be having new flooring installed in the EYFS toilets and adjacent corridor. With over ninety trees on our school site, we shall also be having our regular maintenance work done to remove dead wood and so on to keep the trees as safe as possible.

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

I would like to finish by wishing all our Year 6 children well in their onward journey and to thank their parents for their unstinting support of the school over many years. We shall miss you all.

It just remains for me to wish you, on behalf of everyone at Ightham Primary School, a very restful and happy summer holiday.

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2. Click the "Get Started" button.
3. Enter your amazon.co.uk account e-mail address and password.
4. Select the Friends of Ightham School charity by search via name or through our charity ID number of 1192718.

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Isaac in Year 6

The Courtesy Cup was awarded to: Mia in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Camilla, Penelope, Gracie and Raphael.

Year 1 – Grace R, Grace M, Louisa and Milo.

Year 2 - Charlie, Willow, Kaiden and Poppy M.

Year 3 – Eleri and Lochlan.

Year 4 – Taylor, Innes, Clara and Jasmine.

Year 5 – Brooke, Gracie, Dexter and Reuben

Year 6 – The whole of Year 6

Well done to all!

Pupil Achievements

Last Friday and Saturday was the Sevenoaks Take Your Marks Swimming Gala. Niamh in Year 6 won gold in the 50m, 100 & 200m freestyle, 50m breaststroke and 200m backstroke. She also won bronze in the 50m fly. All this after Covid and her residential trip!

Lily Rae in Year 4 won silver in the 50m front crawl and 50m backstroke and bronze in the 100m backstroke. This was her first gala!

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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