



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

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We are sharing with you today the commemorative edition of First News, a newspaper aimed at children. You may wish to share reading this with your child over the next few days to help them learn more about Queen Elizabeth II.

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

Key Dates

Monday 19th September

School Closed

Wednesday 21st September

High Five Netball Training at Sevenoaks School

Wednesday 28th September

Triathlon Competition at Sevenoaks School

Thursday 6th October

KS2 Harvest Festival at St. Peters (9am)

Friday 7th October

KS1/EYFS Harvest Festival (School Hall)

Wednesday 12th October

New Entrants' Meeting for Sept 2023 (School Hall, 2pm)

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure, like me, you were greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II towards the end of last week. Reverend Tim came into school on Tuesday morning to lead a special assembly to remember our Queen. Our flag has been flying at half mast this week during the period of mourning. Please may I remind all parents that the School will be closed on Monday, in line with all state schools, as a mark of respect to the Queen.

Those of you that attended 'Meet The Teacher' meetings will be aware that we have a focus on times tables with our slightly older children this year. Please do encourage your child to learn their times tables every evening as tables recall will greatly help your child in their Maths work. Your child should also read every evening to develop their reading skills. We do also strongly encourage that you read to your child every evening, including in our older age groups.

Information relating to our School Voluntary Fund will be sent out in the next 2-3 weeks. 38% of our families contributed to this fund last year; a sincere thank you to those parents that did so. As you will be aware, the cost of living crisis is affecting all of us, and this certainly includes schools. The Voluntary Fund is used, amongst other things, to support our pupils when their families endure financial hardship. Please do support the School and our pupils, if you are able to do so, by contributing to our Voluntary Fund when this information is sent out.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Pine – 99.4%

Chestnut – 98.6%

Willow – 98.3%

Elm – 97.8%

Beech – 99.4%

Oak – 97.1%

Lateness

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

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



Governors' 200 Club

Here are the winners of the last 2 months' draws:

July

1st - Ashley Birch, £18.50

2nd - Steph Murtagh, £11.10

3rd - Jeff Reading, £7.40

August

1st - Karen Corstorphine, £18.50

2nd - Amy Woollgar, £11.10

3rd - Demelza Carroll, £7.40

Spaces in School

We currently have one space in Year 3 and one space in Year 6. Do let your friends know if they are looking for a space at an outstanding community school!

Message from KCC

“The Chair of Kent County Council, Lesley Game, invites all Kent primary school children to send in Tribute drawings of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to give thanks for her life and service. All drawings will be displayed at County Hall in Maidstone where the public have been invited to sign the book of condolence. The drawings will remain in place for a period of time. Please can drawings be sent to the following address as soon as possible: Civic Office, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.”

School Uniform

We have a large amount of second hand uniform in school. Please contact the School Office – admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk – if you are interested in purchasing second hand uniform. Please be aware that we ask your child to bring a bookbag, and not a rucksack, into school.

Free School Meals

Even if you do not wish to take up Free School Meals for your child, the school still benefits financially if you successfully apply. If you think that your child may be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), then I strongly encourage you to apply using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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
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.

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

- Year 1 - Aulban and Ada
- Year 2 – Evren and Elvis
- Year 3 – Coralie and Hudson
- Year 4 – Arty, Henry and Zach
- Year 5 – Isla and Arthur
- Year 6 – Ava and Lennie

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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