



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th October 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

3rd January 2023

5th June 2023

6th June 2023

Key Dates

W/B Monday 17th October

Maths Week

Monday 17th October

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 19th October

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Thursday 20th October

Y6 Community Afternoon

Friday 21st October

Last day of Term 1

Monday 31st October

First day of Term 2

Tuesday 1st and Friday 4th

November

Y5 Mini-Medics

Wednesday 2nd November

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi)

leading assembly

Dear Parent/Carer,

We shall be enjoying Maths Week in school next week. My thanks go to our Maths Leader, Mrs Johnson, for organising the week.

Very well done to our rugby team that took part in the Rugby Festival at Sevenoaks Rugby Club yesterday afternoon (see photos below). My thanks go to Mrs Parkinson, for organising and managing the team, and also to Mr Aitken for all his support. The team did extremely well coming third in their group and second in the plate.

Our harvest gifts were delivered to the Pilsdon in West Malling earlier this week. Thank you Mrs Brown for transporting all the gifts.

A reminder that we have our first parent consultations of the year next week. Children undoubtedly make the best progress when parents and school work together. I hope you find your consultation useful. A reminder that each appointment is strictly ten minutes in length. If you are late to your appointment, the appointment won't overrun as this will impact on other parents waiting for their appointment.

We will shortly be requesting nominations for two Parent Governors. Mr Reading's term of office ends later this month and he has indicated a willingness to stand for re-election. Mr Thomas has stood down from the Governing Body after three years. My thanks go to him, on



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 88.06%

Pine – 81.11%

Chestnut – 94.17%

Willow – 95.83%

Elm – 94.43%

Beech – 96.30%

Oak – 97.12%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 1

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



Attendance

Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their child(ren) attend school regularly and arrive on time. Regular attendance is essential to the all round development of the child and they should be allowed to take full advantage of educational opportunities available to them.

We strongly discourage holiday absence during term time and holiday absence will not be authorised by the School. If you intend to take holiday during term time you are requested to write a letter or email to the Head Teacher. A note in your child’s contact book or telling the class teacher verbally is insufficient. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Please do be aware that an attendance of below 90% during the school year is regarded as ‘persistent absence’ by the Government. The School will follow up where attendance is causing concern as poor attendance undermines a child’s education.

Ightham PSA

Can’t wait to see a lot of you at the film night tonight. We are pleased to announce some more fun events coming up:

21st October - Home clothes day, pumpkin sale and of course doughnuts!

31st October - We will be running a photo competition for your best carved pumpkins and more

4th November - PSA sale

9th December - Santas grotto and mini Christmas fair

14th December - Christmas jumper day

17th December - Santas sleigh is coming to town

If you think you could spare some time to help the PSA please contact:

Chair@ighthamPSA.com

Nourish – Job Vacancy

Nourish, our catering contractor, are looking for relief cooks and general assistants during term time. If you are interested, please contact Teresa Adonis-Taylor (Operations Manager) on 07796025222

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

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Arthur in Year 2

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year 1 – Tristan and Raphael

Year 2 – Theo and Marlowe

Year 3 – Ellis and Ayra

Year 4 – Jackson and Lottie

Year 5 – Ruby Tr and Nathan

Year 6 – Jasmine, Mansun and Zach B

Congratulations to all!



Well done to the rugby team for a great performance at the Sevenoaks Rugby Festival.

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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