



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th November 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



Our Year 6 pupil, Molly, is currently performing in Mary Poppins in the West End. See below for more details!

Key Dates

Monday 21st November

Y5/6 Hockey Tournament

Monday 28th November

Girls' Football Tournament

Monday 5th December

Drama Showcase (3.30pm, School Hall)

Tuesday 6th December

Acorn (Reception) Nativity – 9.15am in the School Hall

Wednesday 7th December

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I very much hope you have managed to avoid the torrential rain which we seem to have endured for most of the week! Our annual Anti-bullying week has been taking place in classrooms this week. This is organised nationally by the Anti-bullying alliance.

A new school promotional video was filmed in early October and is now available to view on the home page of our school website. Just scroll down the page to find the video:

<https://ightham.kent.sch.uk/>

We held an own clothes day in school today to raise funds for Children in Need and we requested a minimum £1 donation. If you have yet to send in your donation, it isn't too late! Please just send in your donation early next week and this will be included in the total amount donated.

You will have recently received a letter regarding our voluntary fund. Thank you to all those parents that have already kindly contributed. A reminder that we subsidising swimming lessons this year through the voluntary fund to a total amount of £1,200. The voluntary fund is also used as a hardship fund to help those parents whose children otherwise would be unable to take part in activities organised by the school. For example, this has previously



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 90.34%

Pine – 99.67%

Chestnut – 98.67%

Willow – 98.62%

Elm – 98.67%

Beech – 97.54%

Oak – 96.72%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 2

Elm – 0

Beech - 1

Oak - 0



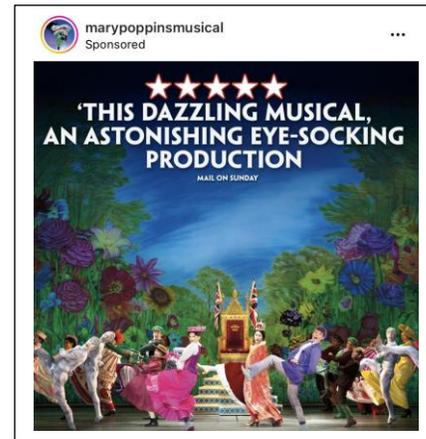
included support with payment towards the Year 6 residential trip. The voluntary fund has also been used in the recent past to pay for STEM workshops. I do urge you to make a donation to the voluntary fund if you are able to do so. This may be done through Parentpay.

Good luck to those children taking part in the hockey tournament on Monday afternoon!

Our very own West End Star! – Molly (Year 6)



We are absolutely thrilled that Molly is currently performing in the West End production of Mary Poppins at the Prince Edward Theatre in London. She went through multiple auditions to successfully land the key role of Jane. Molly has been performing since September and the show is due to run until January. We are all extremely proud of her!



Starfish Malawi – Gift for Christmas Appeal

This month sees the launch of Starfish Malawi’s appeal for donations for basic food and hygiene resources for families in the area that they work in. Malawi is facing large increases in basic resources as a result of the devaluation of the Malawian Kwacha and also a knock-on effect of global increases. Many families can’t now afford the simplest of food or items like soap or washing powder. They have therefore put together four options of resources, shown below, with different values that you can choose from to donate for. Their team in Malawi will then purchase and distribute the resources to those families in need. In order to donate, please visit:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/giftsatchristmas

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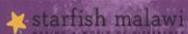


Ightham Values

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.



2022 Christmas Gifts Appeal

Choose one of our packages to donate or you can create your own

£5.00 = Hygiene Pack = HP
(2 tablets of soap, 2 toothbrushes, 2 tubes of toothpaste and 500gm of washing powder)

£10.00 = Cooking Pack = CP
(1kg Rice, 1kg Beans, 1ltr cooking oil, 1kg salt, 12 eggs, 1kg peanuts)

£15.00 = Family Washing Pack = FW
(6 x 500gm washing powder, 10 large tablets of soap)

£50.00 = Large Basic Essentials Pack = LBE
(2lts of cooking oil, 1kg Beans, 2kg Rice, 4 tablets of soap, 5 tubes of toothpaste, 5 toothbrushes, 1kg washing soap, 2kg salt, 2kg sugar, 2 bags of maize flour, a dozen eggs, 1kg beef)

www.justgiving.com/campaign/GiftsAtChristmas

Not sure what to give your loved one for Christmas?
Gift Voucher available
admin@starfishmalawi.com

Ightham PSA

Thanks to you all, we raised £410.92 from our Halloween events which will nearly cover the cost of the new KS2 books the school have asked for. Just a reminder to get your Santa's grotto ticket for the 9th December as they are selling fast. From 3.30, there will be a BBQ, Bar, Tombola and a chance for your kids to do their Christmas shopping! We will be collecting donations for the Tombola (a bottle, some chocolate, jar of sweets, unwanted gifts etc) next week in the car park after drop off, if you could spare anything. Any donation will go a long way to raising money for our school.

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Alba and Miles
Year 1 – Amelie, Annabelle and Marcus
Year 2 – Grace R and Oliver
Year 3 – Poppy M and Edith
Year 4 – Albie W and Ellie
Year 5 – Daisy and Oly
Year 6 – Oli, Yana and Heidi

Congratulations to all!



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