



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th 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

Millie, Year 1, in her first taekwondo competition and winning a medal!



Key Dates

Monday 28th November

Girls' Football Tournament

Monday 5th December

Acer Coffee Morning (8.35am - 10am)

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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Thursday 8th December

Y5 Community Afternoon

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our second Acer Coffee Morning will be held in the Oldbury Annexe on Monday 5th December. Acer meetings have been set up as an informal support group for those parents/carers of a child with diagnosed SEND that attends Ightham. The morning will be hosted by Mrs Adams (our Family Liaison Officer) and Miss Avery between 8.35am and 10am.

We held an own clothes day in school today to raise funds for Children in Need last week and I am pleased to tell you the School raised £194 in total. Thank you to all of you that made contributions. If the very small number of parents that did not contribute would still like to do so, we are happy to take your donation up until the middle of next week.

Mrs Pollen will be stepping down as the Pine Class teacher on Thursdays and Fridays at the end of this term. She is very keen to stress how much she has been enjoying teaching all our lovely children in Year 1. However, she is passionate about training to become a specialist dyslexia tutor and she needs more time to focus on this. I am pleased to say that Mrs Pollen won't be leaving Ightham though as she has agreed to do a few hours a week as a Teaching Assistant in upper Key Stage 2 from January.

I am delighted to tell Pine Class parents that we have been able to appoint an excellent teacher – Mrs Weller – who will be joining us from the start of Term 3. Mrs Weller previously



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.22%

Pine – 95.28%

Chestnut – 91.94%

Willow – 94.44%

Elm – 98.33%

Beech – 98.48%

Oak – 90.52%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 1

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 3

Elm – 1

Beech - 0

Oak - 1



taught at Chevening Primary School and was part of their successful team that achieved an outstanding Ofsted grading in 2015. Shortly after that, she took promotion as a Deputy Head Teacher at another school. She therefore comes to us with a lot of experience and I am sure she will prove to be a super teacher at Ightham. Mrs Weller will teach Pine Class on Thursdays and Fridays, and Miss Allen will of course continue to teach the class Monday to Wednesday.

We shall be holding a Christmas Service for children in Years 3 and Year 4 on Tuesday 13th December at St. Peter’s Church commencing at 2pm. This will also be a Christmas Service for children in Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 15th December at St. Peter’s Church also commencing at 2pm. A maximum of two adults per child will be able to come to the church for these services. Following the service, you will be able to take your child straight home from the church once they have been dismissed by their class teacher. We are, once again, hugely indebted to Reverend Tim and all at St. Peter’s Church for allowing us to visit to celebrate Christmas. Some of you may not know that Reverend Tim will be retiring in the summer and he will be greatly missed by us all at the school.

Good luck to those girls taking part in the football competition at Knole Academy on Monday next week.

Chestnut Class will be enjoying a visit from History off the Page on Tuesday. The Friends of Ightham School AGM will be held at 6pm on Wednesday at the George and Dragon and you are more than welcome to attend that should you wish to do so.

A reminder that next week (28th November) is the last week of clubs prior to Christmas.

A reminder also that the ballot for two parent governors is currently in progress. Please do vote if you have yet to do so.

Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a lunchtime supervisor to start in January 2023. We are also advertising for a full-time 1:1 Teaching Assistant to start as soon as possible. Please do contact the School Office if you are interested in either role.

Mr Sherhod
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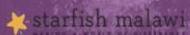


Ightham Values

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)

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

www.justgiving.com/campaign/GiftsatChristmas

Ightham PSA

Thank you for the donations so far this week for the Christmas Tombola. Anyone who hasn't already donated something there is still time. Either pass to one of the PSA or the school office. There are a few tickets remaining for the grotto so book now to avoid disappointment. Have a great weekend

Team PSA

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Florence in Year 3

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Archie and Jonah
Year 1 - Millie, Arlo and Amelia
Year 2 – Robyn and Rufus
Year 3 – Luna and Pearl
Year 4 – Josh G and Finley
Year 5 – Monty, RubyTh, Maya
Year 6 – Brooke and Rosie

Well done to all!



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