



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022

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Year 6 Community Afternoon – 20th October.

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

Tuesday 8th November

PSA AGM (2pm, School Hall)

Wednesday 9th November

'Flu vaccinations

Thursday 10th November

New Entrants' Tour (Sept 2023 entrants)

W/b Monday 14th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 18th November

Children in Need

Monday 21st November

Y5/6 Hockey Tournament

Monday 28th November

Girls' Football Tournament

Monday 5th December

Drama Showcase (3.30pm, School Hall)

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family had a lovely half term holiday. Prior to half term, Oak Class organised and ran a Community Afternoon at St. Peter's Church Hall. The feedback received from all was highly positive. Jenny Webster emailed the School afterwards and said the following: "Congratulation to all the polite and well behaved children in Year 6 for a lovely afternoon in the Church Centre. The atmosphere was amazing from the beginning and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves."

We were delighted to welcome Chris Knott, from Starfish Malawi, into school on Wednesday morning. Chris has been a friend to the school for many years now. He led a fantastic assembly where the children and staff learnt about the name 'Starfish Malawi' and also learnt something about what attending a school in Malawi would be like. He then spent an hour with Willow Class followed by an hour with Elm Class. After his visit, Chris wrote to me and said: "What a fabulous day I've had. Sometimes, it's easy just to say these things but there were some very special moments in the classroom when children asked such poignant questions I couldn't believe it. I really do want to continue to work with you very closely." We are hoping that Chris will return to school before Christmas to share a film of Christmas in Malawi. He will also be returning early in February to do some more work with our children.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.75%

Pine – 94.58%

Chestnut – 92.5%

Willow – 97.08%

Elm – 99.17%

Beech – 98.1%

Oak – 97.41%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 1

Mrs Johnson organised maths workshops throughout the day on Wednesday for our Key Stage 2 classes. The workshops required the children to demonstrate teamwork as well as apply their maths knowledge to unfamiliar problems using reasoning and problem-solving skills. The children certainly gained a lot from their workshop. Many thanks to the PSA for funding such a worthwhile event.

It has been a particularly busy week, and we also welcomed Mick Abbott into school on Tuesday and Friday to lead Mini-Medics workshops for our Year 5 children.

Also on Tuesday, Mrs Parkinson organised a league match for our football team. I understand the team played exceptionally well, and were able to claw back a deficit to draw the match 3-3 against a very strong team from Churchill Primary School.

A reminder that ‘flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Wednesday next week for those children whose parents have completed the consent form.

Next week, poppies will be sold on the playground after school by Year 6 from Monday to Thursday.



During half term, Ruby attended a fine art painting course with her grandad and this was her work. She completed this in oil paints all on her own. I am sure you will agree with me that it is exceptionally good!

Governors' 200 Club

The winners of the October draw are:

1st - Steven Pressland, £15.00

2nd - Joanna Crisp, £9.00

3rd - Jane Knight, £6.00

School Office

The School Office is traditionally extremely busy in Term 2. I do request that you read information sent out from the School carefully before contacting the School Office to ask for information that has already been provided. Where possible, do also try to help the School Office staff by sending your child into school with the items they need for that day.

Mr Sherhod
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Ightham PSA

Hopefully you all feel rested after the half term. We had a great end of term sale selling spooky doughnuts, gingerbread mummies and pumpkins. Well done to everyone who entered the pumpkin carving and costume competition. Congratulations to the winners!

There will be no sale tonight but we are looking forward to the Christmas events coming up

9th December - Santas grotto and Christmas fair

14th December - Christmas jumper day

17th December - Santa's Sleigh

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

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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.

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Dua in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Aelwen and Max

Year 1 – Louie B and Louie P

Year 2 – Alex and Harrison

Year 3 – Jeannie and Story

Year 4 – Harry and Joshua C

Year 5 – Holly and Evan

Year 6 – Leo, Ella, Evie M and Gracie

Well done to all!



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