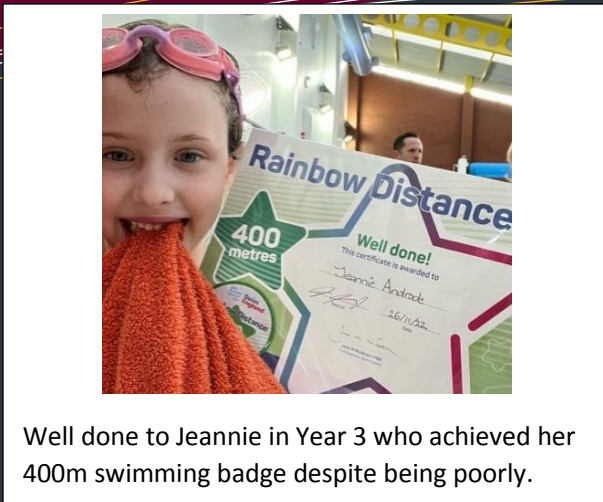




Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd December 2022



Well done to Jeannie in Year 3 who achieved her 400m swimming badge despite being poorly.

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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

Monday 5th December

- Acer Coffee Morning (8.35am -10am)
- Drama Showcase (3.30pm, Hall)

Tuesday 6th December

- Acorn (Reception) Nativity – 9.15am

Wednesday 7th December

- Acorn (Reception) Nativity – 9.15am

Thursday 8th December

- Y5 Community Afternoon

Monday 12th December

- KS1 Christmas Production (2pm)

Tuesday 13th December

- KS1 Christmas Production (9.15am and 6.00pm)
- Year 3 and 4 Christmas Service –

St. Peter's Church (2pm start)

Wednesday 14th December

- Am - Choir to St. Peter's Church
- Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December

- Year 5 and 6 Christmas Service –
- St. Peter's Church (2pm start)

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we head into December, school is taking on a very 'Christmassy' feel. It is a lovely time to be in school. At this time of year, we do have to keep an eye on weather conditions; the temperature is forecast to drop significantly over the next week or so. A letter was sent out earlier in the week regarding our severe weather procedures. Do keep a copy of the letter somewhere safe. It can also be accessed on our school website under the 'Newsletters' tab.

I am pleased to tell you that we raised £172.29 for the Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you to all our families that supported this.

A reminder that our Acer Coffee Morning will be taking place in the Oldbury Annexe on Monday between 8.35am and 10am. Acer meetings have been set up as an informal support group for those parents/carers of a child with diagnosed SEND that attends Ightham.

Very well done to those children that took part in football matches at the beginning of the week. Our girls' team took part in a tournament at Knole Academy on Monday. The girls showed great resilience and were rewarded by winning their last match. Then, on Tuesday, our school team played two of their league matches; winning one and losing the other in a very tight game. Thank you to Mrs Parkinson for organising and managing both teams and to Miss Garvin-Howard for her support.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.78%

Pine – 99.7%

Chestnut – 92.78%

Willow – 95.56%

Elm – 95.28%

Beech – 97.78%

Oak – 92.56%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 4

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 2

Elm – 0

Beech -1

Oak - 0



A reminder that clubs have now finished for the term. Chestnut Class enjoyed a visit from History off the Page on Tuesday. These workshops are always so engaging and the children learnt a lot from the day.

The ballot for two parent governors is currently in progress. Please do vote if you have yet to do so. The ballot closes on Tuesday 6th December at 12 noon so do make sure you have voted before then: <https://forms.office.com/r/iLijygsy0M>

Friends of Ightham School (FOIS)

In a recent newsletter, I told you about FOIS kindly donating just over £4,000 to the school to pay for a commercial dishwasher for the school kitchen. As a state school, Ightham is funded in the same way as all other state schools; there is sometimes a misconception that, due to our location, we somehow have more money which certainly isn't the case. As an example, our capital budget has remained at around £6,300 per year since 2010. This is the money that we have to maintain and improve the school buildings. Only this week, repair work had to be carried out to the School House roof due to cracked/broken tiles causing a leak. Had FOIS not been in a position to help us with the dishwasher, most of our capital budget would have been wiped out by this purchase for the entire financial year. You can help FOIS help the school by signing up to Amazon Smile in time for Christmas purchases. By signing up, FOIS will receive 0.5% of every purchase you make, and this is at absolutely no cost to you.

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](https://smile.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.**

You can find out more about FOIS via the following link:

<https://ightham.kent.sch.uk/our-school/friends-of-ightham-school/>

Food donations for families in need at Christmas

Sevenoaks School recently contacted us with the following message: **“If you have any families within your school who you know are really struggling and who would benefit from a donation of food items, please do get in touch. We will do our best to meet the local need and would deliver any items to you in the last week of term (w/c 12 December).”** Please do contact our Family Liaison Officer, Rachel Adams (RAdams@ightham.kent.sch.uk), entirely confidentially, if you would like us to contact Sevenoaks School on your behalf.

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.

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Lots of learning and fun at the Great Fire of London Day with Year 2 and History Off the Page!

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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MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

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

We can't wait to see you all on the 9th after school on the play ground for a BBQ and Mulled wine! Thank you for the donations so far this week. Anyone who hasn't already donated something for the Christmas Tombola and secret gift room there is still time. Either look for the white PSA buckets in the carpark or hand to the school office.

Reminder Santa's Sleigh coming to a road near you on 17th December. Have a great weekend!

Team PSA

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Raphael in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

- Year R – Maddox and Bertie
- Year 1 – Finley and Mimi
- Year 2 – Grace M and Freddie
- Year 3 – Rupert and Hudson
- Year 4 – Albie A and Olivia
- Year 5 – Hardie, Jasmine and Frankie
- Year 6 – Morgan, Ava and Reuben

Well done to all!



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