



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023



Year 5 Community Afternoon – December 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

Thursday 19th January

Young Voices trip to the O2

Wednesday 1st February

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi) into school

Friday 3rd February

Football Tournament at Kensing

Tuesday 7th February

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 9th February

Y4 Community Afternoon

Friday 10th February

Last day of Term 3

Monday 20th February

First day of Term 4

Wednesday 1st March

Music Hub Concert – Sevenoaks School

Dear Parent/Carer,

We welcomed Alvin Shaw, a local magistrate, into school on Tuesday afternoon to lead a workshop with our Year 6 children. I went into the classroom for part of the session and I was most impressed with the level of interaction demonstrated by the children.

I am delighted to tell you that Henry Dix was born on Wednesday 4th January at 2.02pm weighing 8lb 13oz! Our congratulations go to Mrs Dix and her family.

Sixteen children will be going to Young Voices at the O2, Greenwich, on Thursday next week. Young Voices is the biggest children's choir in the world and I am sure the children, and their parents, will have a wonderful time.

We still have a vacancy for a Midday Meals Supervisor in school despite the role being advertised for the last couple of months. If you are interested in the role, please do contact the School Office.

Please may I remind parents dropping off for Breakfast Club that we do run an informal one-way system up Oldbury Lane, then upon leaving school, turning left and exiting via Spring Lane. This is as a courtesy to other parents that are dropping off for Breakfast Club, staff that may be arriving at school at this time, and local residents. I would very much appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 94.44%

Pine – 96.11%

Chestnut – 95.0%

Willow – 97.78%

Elm – 96.67%

Beech – 99.44%

Oak – 95.3%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 2

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 1

Beech - 1

Oak - 1



Free School Meals

Even if you do not wish to take up Free School Meals for your child, the school still benefits financially if you successfully apply. If you think that your child may be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), then I strongly encourage you to apply using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Absence Form

New government guidance to schools further tightens up expectations around attendance. From the beginning of Term 3, you will be required to complete an eform if your child will be absent for any reason other than illness. All requests for a 'Leave of Absence' from school that involves missing part, or all, of the school day, must be authorised in advance by the Head Teacher. You are requested to give a minimum of two weeks' notice wherever possible. Leave of absence includes, but is not limited to: medical/dental appointments, holidays, requests to leave school early. We encourage medical/dental appointments to be booked out of school hours wherever possible. Leave in term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please note that it is for schools to determine whether or not a leave of absence is authorised and the Head Teacher's decision is final. A link to the form is below, and is also available under 'Posts' on the school website Home Page: <https://forms.office.com/r/02EDAVF6Wq>

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



Happy New Year and welcome back. We ended 2022 with some great events which raised just over £2000 so thank you for all your generosity and patience at times! This money will pay for the upcoming story teller and much more. We have some lovely events coming up, more information to follow.

Friends of Ightham School (FOIS)

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://www.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/>



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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: Daisy in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Emily and Poppy

Year 1 – Mimi and Olivia

Year 2 – Elizabeth and Miles

Year 3 – Edith and Poppy B

Year 4 – Zach, Annabel and William

Year 5 – Reuben and Charley

Year 6 - Penny, Esme and Dexter

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Matilda and Story (Year 3) have been in pantomime as part of their drama group, the Talents Musical Theatre Company. They had five Dick Whittington shows at the E.M Forster Theatre in Tonbridge. Well done girls!



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