



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023



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## Term Dates

Term 1 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Term 2 – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Term 3 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Term 4 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Term 5 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Term 6 – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Staff Development Days

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Key Dates

### Monday 9th January

Y6 Assessment Meeting for Parents (3.30pm - classroom)

### Tuesday 10th January

Y2 Assessment Meeting for Parents (3.30pm – classroom)

Alvin Shaw (Magistrate) in to work with Y6 (pm)

### Thursday 19th January

Young Voices trip to the O2

### Friday 3rd February

Football Tournament at Kemsing

### Tuesday 7th February

Safer Internet Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023. I hope you had a lovely Christmas. All my best wishes to you and your family for the coming year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Weller who has joined us as a Year 1 teacher this term. I very much hope she settles in well at Ightham. Some of you may be aware that Mrs Pullinger has been away from school for some considerable time but I am thrilled that she has returned to work this term. We are all delighted to see her.

I have received one or two queries about teacher strike action taking place next week as reported in some media outlets. I can confirm that this action in taking place in Scotland only so therefore does not affect schools in England.

Alvin Shaw, a local magistrate, will be coming into school on Tuesday afternoon next week to lead a workshop with our Year 6 children. This is Alvin's tenth year of visiting Ightham, and the children always gain a lot from his time with us.

A reminder that there is a meeting for parents of children in Year 6 straight after school on Monday to discuss assessment at the end of Key Stage 2. There is also a meeting for parents of children in Year 2 on Tuesday after school to discuss assessment at the end of Key Stage 1.

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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 94.58%

Pine – 96.67%

Chestnut – 90.83%

Willow – 96.67%

Elm – 97.9%

Beech – 88.33%

Oak – 94.83%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



Please may I take this opportunity to remind all parents (other than those that are disabled) that Governors do request you park in the Recreation Ground and do not drive up Oldbury Lane. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We still have a vacancy for a Midday Meals Supervisor. Please let the School Office know if you are interested.

### **Governors' 200 Club**

The winners of the December draw were:

1st - Caron Pullinger, £20.00

2nd - Jane Knight, £12.00

3rd - Lisa Colbear, £8.00

### **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>

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## Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

**The Gold Cup was awarded to:** Morgan in Year 6

**The Courtesy Cup was awarded to:** Max in Year 5

**Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:**

Year R – Aiden and Catherine

Year 1 – Annabelle and Finley

Year 2 – Olly and Rufus

Year 3 – Crystal and Poppy W

Year 4 – Arnie, Summer and Joshua C

Year 5 – Lizzie

Year 6 – Raphael, Zach B and Dax

Congratulations to all!

## 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.