



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023



Well done to the Year 6 football team.

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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
- 1st September 2023

Key Dates

Monday 20th February

First day of Term 4

Tuesday 28th February

Y5 Viking Day

Wednesday 1st March

Music Hub Concert –
Sevenoaks School

Friday 3rd March

Ightham Book Day

Wednesday 8th March

Y5 and Y6 Energy Show at
Sevenoaks School

Thursday 9th March

Y3 and Y4 Liquid Nitrogen
Show at Sevenoaks School

W/B Monday 13th March

Science Week

Dear Parent/Carer,

My congratulations to our footballers who won the competition at Kemsing Primary School last Friday! It was the culmination of a highly successful sporting week for the school. Very well done to all those involved, and my thanks to Mrs Parkinson for all her hard work in organising and managing our various sporting teams.

On Tuesday afternoon, Beech Class held a Book and Cake Sale. This proved to be highly successful and I was so impressed with how the children worked as a team. Thank you to all those parents that donated books; I am pleased to say that nearly all were sold. Of those that weren't, some are now in classroom reading corners, and the remainder have been donated to charity. The Book Sale raised £370 in total which is a superb achievement. Some of this money will be used to send donations on a container ship to Malawi in May. Details on this are to follow in Term 4. My thanks go to Mrs Johnson and the Year 5 team for supporting the children with this project.

I am delighted to say that we will be welcoming Miss Cook back to school following her maternity leave after the Easter Holidays. However, we shall all have to get used to her married name of Mrs Godbold when she returns! Mrs Godbold will be teaching Acorn Class on Mondays to Thursdays, and I am delighted that Mrs Warnes has agreed to continue teaching Acorn Class on Fridays. We hope to arrange a 'Meet The Teacher' meeting with Mrs Godbold

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 99.17%

Pine – 98.06%

Chestnut – 98.61%

Willow – 97.22%

Elm – 96.39%

Beech – 96.39%

Oak – 99.43%

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

prior to her return sometime in March for Acorn parents.

I must make a special mention of Reuben in Year 5. He found himself as the only person close by when his godmother choked on a piece of food in his home last week. Thinking quickly, Reuben enacted his first aid training and was able to help her dislodge the offending food. His godmother later disclosed that she thought she only had a few seconds to live so it was a serious incident. This is an excellent example of why first aid training is crucial and why the school leads Mini Medic workshops for our Year 5 children every year. Very well done to Reuben – we are all very proud of you!

Year 4 hosted their Community Afternoon at St. Peter’s Church Hall yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. Thank you to Ms Glassock for organising the afternoon and very well done to the children! Well done also to those children that took part in the Cornet Concert on Wednesday afternoon.

Finally, a reminder that next week is half term. Term 4 commences on Monday 20th February.

Year 4 Classroom – Air Conditioning Appeal

The PSA is currently raising funds to enable the school to install air conditioning in our Year 4 classroom. If you would like to find out more, or make a contribution, please follow the link below:

<https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/3068323/>

Safer Internet Day

The school took part in Safer Internet Day on Tuesday this week. The theme this year was ‘Together for a Better Internet’. The link to the parent and carer section of the Safer Internet Day website is here: [Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Governors’ 200 Club

The winners of the Governors’ 200 Club January draw are:

1st - Anna Sambuk - £11.00

2nd - Paula Costa - £6.60

3rd - Joanna Crisp - £4.40

Recreation Ground Gate – Drop-off in the morning

Please may I remind parents that the Recreation Ground gate is open between 8.35am and 8.45am for drop-off. This allows time for your child to walk up the hill and be in the classroom ready to start their school day at 8.50am.

Mr Sherhod
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Absence Form

New government guidance to schools further tightens up expectations around attendance. 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>

Ightham PSA



Thank you for the bottle donations today for our Tombola later in the year. We hope you have a fun but relaxing half term and see you in a week!

Team PSA

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Charlie in Year 3

The Courtesy Cup was awarded to: Gracie in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Torben, Leo and Joshua

Year 1 –Tristan, Oliver and Elisa

Year 2 – Gabriel and Zac

Year 3 – Hudson, Rupert and Story

Year 4 – Arty, Henry and Jasper

Year 5 – Reuben, Monty, Evan, Nathan and Innes

Year 6 – Zach G, Dexter and Elliot

Well done 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.



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