



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th February 2023



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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

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

Friday 10th March

PSA Discos

W/B Monday 13th March

Science Week
Books for Bugs Virtual Book
Fair

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break. Personally, I am delighted to note the longer daylight hours. I have also taken the opportunity to admire the many snowdrops that we have on our school site this week, a sure sign that Spring is just around the corner.

You will have received information earlier in the week about our Ightham Book Day next Friday. The whole school will be sharing a book linked to Malawi as part of our Book Day, and each class will subsequently be doing work based on the book. We are all very much looking forward to it!

On Wednesday, our choir will be taking part in a music concert at Sevenoaks School. We are indebted to Sevenoaks School for allowing the local primary schools to use their venue for what promises to be a super event.

Onto the following week, and our children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in science workshops at Sevenoaks School. Thank you to Mrs Ball for arranging our participation in these. These workshops are then followed by Science Week.

The more observant among you may have noted that the first INSET day of the next academic year will be on Friday 1st September. The children will then return to school on Monday 4th September for the start of the new academic year. I know this information is useful to many

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.22%

Pine – 97.21%

Chestnut – 96.37%

Willow – 99.44%

Elm – 95.53%

Beech – 94.99%

Oak – 96.83%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 2

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 1



of you for summer holiday planning.

You may be aware that the NEU teaching union has called another national strike day on Thursday 2nd March. At this stage, I anticipate that the school will be fully open but I will, of course, keep you updated on any changes to this situation.

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. So far, the appeal has raised in the region of £600, and we are very grateful to those of you that have already donated.

If you would like to find out more, or make a contribution, please follow the link below:

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

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
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



Welcome back. Quick reminder that there is Bags for school on the 3rd March- please clear out your cupboards and deliver to the car park at school drop off.

Please remember to hold back your shoes for a shoe drive ‘Shoes for Malawi’ that the school will be promoting soon.

Team PSA

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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>

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Mansun in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Rose and Arlo

Year 1 – Millie, Penelope and Marcus

Year 2 – Grace R and Grace M

Year 3 – Edie and Philip

Year 4 – Lottie, Georgina and Oliver

Year 5 – Monty, Daisy and Jasmine

Year 6 – Leo and Brooke

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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