



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th March 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

W/B Monday 13th March

Science Week

Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair

Drama Showcase (3.30pm, Hall)

Thursday 23rd March

Y5 Greenwich visit

Monday 27th March

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 28th March

KS2 Easter Service (St. Peter's Church)

Wednesday 29th March

Parent Consultations

Thursday 30th March

Y3 Community Afternoon

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have managed to stay warm and safe this week following the sudden cold weather we endured. I made the mistake of going into my garden last weekend to admire the crocuses and daffodils, as well as inspect all the other signs of impending springtime, only to find myself back in the depths of winter and shovelling snow and ice by Wednesday morning!

Unfortunately, the snow did mean the cancellation of the Year 5 and 6 science visit to Sevenoaks School. Sevenoaks School subsequently confirmed this will not be rearranged. The Year 3 and 4 visit did manage to go ahead on Thursday morning. I understand the children that attended thoroughly enjoyed the Liquid Nitrogen show.

We are all very much looking forward to Science Week in school next week. Andrew Berry, who was previously KCC's Science Adviser, will be coming into school to lead science workshops for children in Key Stage 2. He is currently the manager at Horton Kirby Environment Centre. I have known Andrew for many years and I am delighted he will be coming to visit us. He is engaging and extremely knowledgeable, and I know the children will learn so much from him.

We will be running 'Books for Bugs' once again next week. You should have received separate information about this. Please do support Books for Bugs as it also helps the school. For every

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.67%

Pine – 98.0%

Chestnut – 94.67%

Willow – 100%

Elm – 95.67%

Beech – 95.67%

Oak – 92.76%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech -0

Oak - 0



five books purchased, the school also gets given a book. You therefore not only have the opportunity to stock up at home for your child, but also help the school at the same time!

The NEU teaching union has announced further national strike action on 15th and 16th March. At this time, I do expect the school to remain fully open, but I shall of course let you know if there are any changes.

Year 4 (Elm Class)

Miss Richmond will be returning from maternity leave after the Easter holidays for the start of Term 5. She will be teaching all day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and on Thursday mornings. Miss Avery will continue to teach the class on Thursday afternoons as she has done throughout the year. Mrs Snow, who is currently teaching in Acorn Class, will be teaching the class on a Friday. This does mean, of course, that we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Owlett at the end of Term 4. I am grateful to Mrs Owlett for all her hard work with the class.

Ightham Parish Magazine – March Edition

You can download and read the latest edition of the parish magazine via the link below. Articles relating to the school are to be found on p21 and p23.

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/thbfa/ptcn/#p=1>

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/>

Drop-off in the morning

A reminder that drop-off at both gates is between 8.35am and 8.45am. This allows time for your child to be in the classroom ready to start their school day at 8.50am.

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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 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.

Ightham PSA



Can't wait to see you all at the disco tonight. Please remember no phones and prompt pickup.

Upcoming events

16th March - Mother's Day plant sale
24th March - KS1 sponsored Readathon
31st March - Break the rules day, Easter egg hunt, Secondhand uniform sale
7th May - Kings Coronation picnic in the park
25th May - Mount Vinyard Wine Tasting

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the Kings Coronation event. Please email me if you think you could spare an hour or two.

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