



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023



Year 1 Scientists Investigating Absorption.

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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 March

Y1 visit to The Amelia

Drama Showcase (3.30pm, Hall)

Thursday 23rd March

Y5 Hertmonceux 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

Friday 31st March

Last day of Term 4

PSA 'Break The Rules' Day

Monday 17th April

First day of Term 5

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have very much enjoyed Science Week in school. Key Stage 2 took part in one-day workshops which I know enthused the children. We are already planning to invite him back to Ightham next year! Thank you to Mrs Ball who worked hard to plan and organise the week.

A reminder that we are currently running 'Books for Bugs' until midnight on Sunday. Please do support Books for Bugs as it also helps the school. For every 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.

On Monday, Pine Class will be visiting The Amelia in Tunbridge Wells. I am sure they will have an enjoyable experience! Also on Monday, there will be a Drama Showcase in the hall after school. On Thursday, Beech Class will be visiting Herstmonceux. I remember taking a class there years ago and it was a wonderful trip. I am sure our Year 5 children will gain a lot from the trip.

We are delighted that our Year 6 children will be receiving tennis coaching at Ightham Tennis Club on Thursday afternoons over the next six weeks. My thanks go to Ightham Tennis Club for making this possible. It is always pleasing to strengthen our links within the local community.

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.61%

Pine – 98.33%

Chestnut – 96.67%

Willow – 97.5%

Elm – 96.94%

Beech – 96.11%

Oak – 96.55%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech – 0

Oak – 0



You may wish to make a note in your diary for our annual Sports Day, which will be held on Friday 30th June. EYFS/KS1 will be in the morning, and KS2 will be in the afternoon.

Best of luck to our footballers at Knole Academy tomorrow morning and to our swimmers at Medway Park tomorrow afternoon. A massive “thank you” from me to Mrs Parkinson who is giving up her Saturday to attend both events.

I am delighted to say that we have been able to arrange a performance of The Jungle Book on Monday morning in our school hall for Years 2, 3 and 4. This is a professional performance by M&M Theatrical Productions and will last for about an hour.

Year 4 Classroom – Air Conditioning Appeal – FINAL CALL!

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

If your child is in Years R-5 inclusive, the School expects that an adult brings them right up to the school gate 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.

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



A big thank you to all those who attended the disco, it was a great success. Together we raised over £1000 for the school! This will go towards the much needed air conditioning unit in the Year 4 classroom. Thank you for the teddy donations this morning, they will be used at the ‘Kings Coronation Picnic in the Park’ on 7th May (see attached poster). Happy Mother’s Day to all you wonderful mums for Sunday, we hope you have a day of rest and replenishment.

Upcoming Events

24th March - KS1 sponsored Readathon

31st March - Break the Rules Day, Easter egg hunt, second-hand uniform sale

7th May - Kings Coronation Picnic in the Park

25th May - Mount Vineyard Wine Tasting



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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: Zach C in Year 4

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Aelwen and Harry

Year 1 – Arlo and Cordelia

Year 2 – Milo and Elvis

Year 3 – Tripp and Luna

Year 4 – Finley, Annabel, Holly and Harry

Year 5 – Florence, Lily-Rae, Dua and Isla

Year 6 – Rosie, Freya and Oli

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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