



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2023



Year 6 Tennis at Ightham Tennis Club

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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 17th April- First day of Term 5

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May – King's Coronation Afternoon

Sunday 7th May – PSA Coronation Party in the Rec (12-4pm)

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday

W/B Tuesday 9th May – Key Stage 2 SATs

W/B Monday 15th May – Key Stage 1 SATs

Monday 22nd May – Year 6 Sikh Gurdwara visit

Wednesday 24th May – Music Recital (2pm – Hall)

Friday 26th May – Craig Jenkins (Storyteller) into school

Friday 26th May – Last day of Term 5.

Wednesday 7th June – First day of Term 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

We say goodbye to Mrs Owlett today. Mrs Owlett joined us in September to teach our Year 4 class. My thanks go to for her hard work whilst at Ightham, and on behalf of everyone at the school I wish her well for the future.

I hope you found the parent consultations this week helpful. I am aware that a very small number of parents did not attend the meeting they signed up for. We do understand that things happen but I know teachers would appreciate being informed if you are unable to attend as a courtesy to them.

On 16th, 23rd, and 30th of March, Year 6 pupils took part in a special tennis school training programme organised by Ightham Tennis Club (ITC) and led by its Head Coach Jem Jones. The programme was supported by ITC, Ightham Primary School and the Coxcombe Fair Fund. It was aimed at introducing tennis to more kids at the school and local community.

Willow Class hosted their Community Afternoon yesterday at St. Peter's Church Hall. Very well done to the children! I hope their guests enjoyed the afternoon. My thanks, as always, go to Ms Glassock for organising the afternoon.

Our Key Stage 2 Easter Service took place on Tuesday afternoon. This was the first time all of Key Stage 2 had been able to attend the church together since December 2019. Thank you to

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.64%

Pine – 94.96%

Chestnut –

Willow – 93.54%

Elm – 97.44%

Beech – 100%

Oak – 92.22%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 1

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



Reverend Tim for welcoming us to St. Peter’s, and thank you to Ms. Glassock for arranging the afternoon.

I hope the children have enjoyed ‘Break the Rules’ day today! A reminder that Term 5 commences on Monday 17th April. May I wish you and your family a lovely Easter.

Invicta Academy – Easter Lessons

Invicta Academy are offering remote ‘live’ lessons between 3rd and 6th April. Available lessons include Spelling, English and Maths for children in KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2 (and beyond). If you would like to find out more, click on the link below:

<https://www.invictaacademy.com/>

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



Thank you for your donations this week. I hope everyone enjoyed breaking the rules! If you haven’t yet donated there is still time: breaktherules.ightham.psa.com

Have a really happy Easter

Dates for the diary

Easter holidays - KS1 sponsored Readathon
7th May - Kings Coronation picnic in the park
25th May - Mount Vineyard Wine Tasting
3rd Nov - School Fireworks Night

St Peter’s Church

St Peter’s Church warmly invite you to join them for Breakfast@Church at 9.00am on Sunday 2nd April, in the Church Centre, Fen Pond Road, Ightham.

This is a more informal act of worship at which families are very welcome. The service begins with breakfast, including bacon butties, and they look forward to welcoming you on Sunday.



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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: Arnie in Year 4

The Courtesy Cup was awarded to: Isla in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Theo and Eliza

Year 1 – Amelie, Joelle, Ada and Aulban

Year 2 – Ethan and Arthur

Year 3 – Arthur and Poppy M

Year 4 – The whole class

Year 5 – Macy and George

Year 6 – Flavia, Lennie, Zach B

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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