



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st April 2023



A photo taken this week in one of the classrooms at our link school, Thugulu, in Malawi.

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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 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,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable Easter holiday. We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Godbold and Miss Richmond on Monday.

I am pleased to tell you that we had air conditioning fitted in our Year 4 classroom over the Easter holidays. My thanks go to the PSA and to all those parents that contributed to the collectionpot request that the PSA ran in the Spring Term. We have also had a broadband upgrade during the holiday.

We have two Bank Holidays this term – on Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May. School will be closed on both of these days. This means that the Year 6 KS2 SATs tests will take place from Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May in the mornings. All children are expected to be in school for these tests unless they are unwell. The Year 2 KS1 tests will take place the following week from Monday 15th May.

We will be holding a King's Coronation Afternoon in school on Friday 5th May. The children will work in mixed age groups across the school and will take part in activities linked to the Coronation. A reminder that the PSA Coronation event is also taking place on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 7th May 12-4pm.

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.67%

Pine – 95.83%

Chestnut – 95.83%

Willow – 100%

Elm – 99.17%

Beech – 99.17%

Oak – 97.41%

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



For those of you that may be wondering, our Spring Concert has become a Summer Concert this year and will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th June at the Village Hall.

The Year 6 production this year is called ‘School Daze’ and will take place on Thursday 29th June with performances at 2pm and 5pm, so do make a note of this date.

The last day of the academic year is on Friday 21st July and school will finish at 1.30pm that day. There will be no after school club available on the last day of the academic year.

There is still time to contribute to our voluntary fund this academic year. My thanks go to the eighty-five parents that have contributed so far. Your support of the school is very much appreciated.

A professional photographer came into school to take new photos for our school website just before the Easter holiday. She took 704 photos in total and they are really lovely! Look out for many of these photos being uploaded to our school website shortly.

Governors’ 200 Club

The winners for March 2023 were :

1st - Jeff Reading, £10.00

2nd - Caron Pullinger, £6.00

3rd - Lisa Colbear, £4.00

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



Over the past few months we have been madly preparing for the King’s coronation event on 7th May and with only 2 weeks to go, we are still looking for helpers who could give up just 1 hour of their day to help on a stall. If you or anyone in your family could do this, please let your class know.

Every bit of time or money donated to the PSA goes directly into improving the lives and education of all the children at school. Please if you are able to spare just an hour of your time this will make a huge impact on everyone.

Have a great weekend

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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: Freya in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Miles and Max

Year 1 – Jack, Elara and Lily

Year 2 – Theo G-P and Harrison

Year 3 – Hudson and Enzo

Year 4 – Jackson and Lochlan

Year 5 – Holly, Sophia and Taylor

Year 6 – Gracie, Ava and Dax

Well done to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Jeannie in Year 3 for completing her bronze swimming badge during the Easter holidays.

Congratulations too to Cordelia in Year 1 for competing in her first dance festival last weekend and winning a silver medal for her modern solo.

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.



Jeannie in Year 3



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