



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th April 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

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,

A reminder that we have a Bank Holiday weekend approaching so the children will return to school on Tuesday next week.

We will be holding a King's Coronation afternoon in school on Friday 5th May. The children are invited to wear red, white and blue on Friday for a minimum £1 donation to the PSA. In the afternoon, the children will be asked to work with children in different year groups on a creative project linked to the Coronation. The following week, we shall also be asking the children to write a letter to the King, with the best being sent to Buckingham Palace.

A reminder that the PSA Coronation event is taking place on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 7th May 12-4pm. Fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us! I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thank you to those of you that donated shoes to our Malawi appeal recently. I am delighted that Chris Knott will be in school next week and he will be taking the collection with him to be put on the ship bound for Malawi in early May. We are hoping to once more set up a live link with Thugulu when Chris is in school for those children in Years 3 and 4.

We would be delighted to hear from any parents that may be able to regularly volunteer some time to help out in our school library. Please email the School Office if this is something

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.33%

Pine – 95.83%

Chestnut – 91.11%

Willow – 99.17%

Elm – 97.22%

Beech – 97.78%

Oak – 99.43%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 1

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 1

Beech - 1

Oak - 0



you may be interested in doing – admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk

Ightham Parish Magazine

You can download the latest edition by clicking on the following link:
<https://online.fliphtml5.com/thbfa/fgev/>

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



KS1 raised a cracking amount on their readathon over Easter and raised £1509.84. This money will mostly go towards new toys for the playground. Well done to all who took part! One week to go until the King’s Coronation event on 7th May. We really hope to see as many of you there as possible. With Bar, BBQ, bouncy castles, stalls, games, dog show, tug of war - there will be something for everyone.

***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 rep know. ***

There is still time to purchase tickets for the wine tasting event at the Mount Vineyard on 25th May. Tickets are £45 per person.

Buy tickets at shop.ighthampsa.com

Have a lovely long 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: Macy in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Chloe and Leo

Year 1 – Raphael and Brooke

Year 2 – Freddie and Joshua

Year 3 – Arya and Charlie

Year 4 – Molly and Summer

Year 5 – Isla, Lily-Rae and Eddie

Year 6 – Yana, Zach G and Raphael

Well done to all!

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Charlie in Year 3 who was selected to represent Rondos Academy U8s at the Mare Nostrum Cup held in Barcelona. 393 teams from all over the world attended and Charlie's team won the U8s tournament!

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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