



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

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Enjoying some poetry in class!

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

- 5th June 2023
- 6th June 2023
- 1st September 2023
- 20th October 2023
- 2nd January 2024

Key Dates

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,

Firstly, I must say a massive ‘well done’ to the PSA and everybody who helped at the PSA Coronation Event on Sunday afternoon. Wow, what a truly amazing effort! It was wonderful to see the wider community come together and the lovely weather was a real bonus. I was delighted to catch up with so many of our ex-parents, whose children are now at secondary school (and beyond), ex-pupils and others from our wonderful community. Members of the PSA team began setting up at 7am on Sunday morning and didn’t finish packing up until 7pm. This was in addition to the many hours of hard work to prepare for the day. A big thank you from me and from everyone at the school – you know who you are! I’d also like to say ‘well done’ to the twelve children in Year 6 who took part in the maypole dancing which I thoroughly enjoyed.

I hope you were able to enjoy the extended Bank Holiday weekend and I’m sure many of you watched the coronation on Saturday. The art work the children produced last Friday looks amazing and I know Mrs Brown is currently carrying out the finishing touches before we display it in school.

Very well done to our children in Oak Class, whatever the outcome of their Key Stage 2 SATs tests this week. They have all worked exceptionally hard and we are all very proud of them. Their test papers are being sent away for marking and the school does not get informed of the results until July. We shall, of course, let parents know the test results once we have them.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.33%

Pine – 99.33%

Chestnut – 99.34%

Willow – 97.67%

Elm – 96.00%

Beech – 96.33%

Oak – 97.93%

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



Year 2 children will be completing their Key Stage 1 tests in school next week.

We shall sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Moffat at the end of Term 6. Mrs Moffat joined us in September 2022 as an additional Teaching Assistant in our Year 6 class. She is a qualified teacher and she has secured a role as an English teacher at an independent school from September. I do, of course, wish her well in her new role.

Oak Class will be visiting the Tunbridge Wells Literary Festival on Tuesday next week as David Walliams will be launching his new book with a one-hour talk to primary school children in the area. This promises to be an enjoyable afternoon!

We have had no response to our plea for help in the school library. If you may be able to help out, please do email the School Office:– admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



A massive thank you to all who donated items, helped out and attended the coronation event on Sunday, we had such an amazing day. The sun finally shone and the day raised just over £9,000 in profit which is just astounding!

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

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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.

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

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Catherine and Hannah
Year 1 – Finley and Florence
Year 2 – Miles and Alex
Year 3 – Poppy P and Oliver
Year 4 – Eleri and Finley
Year 5 – George, Ruby Th and Florence
Year 6 – The whole of Oak Class

Well done to all!

Pupil Achievements

Good luck to Arthur, Lizzie (Year 5) and Marlowe (Year 2) who will be taking part in The Little Mermaid at The Stag Theatre this weekend.



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