



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th May 2023

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The container ship, carrying your shoe donations, set sail for Malawi on Friday last week.

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

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

Tonbridge Swimming Gala (7-9pm)

Monday 12th June

Class photographs

Tuesday 13th June

Y1 Phonics Screenings

Wednesday 14th June

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Summer Concert (2pm)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well done to our children in Year 2 who have been completing their KS1 SATs test papers this week. The results contribute to their overall assessment of attainment in Reading, SPAG, Writing and Maths for the end of KS1. This is the last year that KS1 SATs tests will be statutory although most schools are likely to continue using them optionally to confirm their teacher assessments.

Oak Class visited the Tunbridge Wells Literary Festival on Tuesday as David Walliams was launching his new book with a one-hour talk to primary school children in the area. I understand the children had a fantastic time. Well done to Molly who won a model of 'Robodog' for asking the question that David Walliams chose as the best from all the schools in attendance. Robodog has been enjoying the rest of this week in Oak Class!

I am delighted to tell you that Mr Terry is an expectant father with baby to arrive shortly! He will therefore be taking some paternity leave in Term 6 but fully expects to accompany Year 6 on their residential trip and attend all the end of year celebrations.

Oak Class will be visiting the Sikh Gurdwara in Gravesend on Monday as part of our RE curriculum. I am sure this will be a very worthwhile visit.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.89%

Pine – 99.44%

Chestnut – 94.17%

Willow – 98.33%

Elm – 93.61%

Beech – 96.11%

Oak – 98.28%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 3

Willow – 1

Elm – 1

Beech - 1

Oak - 0



Mrs Hitchings is providing bicycle training for our Year 6 children this week and next week. My thanks go to her for this.

Very well done to Dexter, Flavia, Yana and Heid for taking part in the ESSA South East Primary Schools Team Championship in Guidford on Saturday last week. It was a massive achievement to qualify to take part, and I understand that the overwhelming majority of children that took part were from independent schools. Thank you to Mrs Parkinson for organising our participation and also to her and Miss Avery for accompanying the children.

We are thrilled to be welcoming Craig Jenkins back into school on Friday next week. Many of you will, by now, be somewhat familiar with Craig. He is a superb storyteller and he will be coming in to work with all our children during the morning. Thank you to our wonderful PSA for funding this return visit.

Music Recital – Wednesday 24th May at 2pm

We shall be holding our Music Recital on Wednesday afternoon in the School Hall. This will commence promptly at 2pm. A maximum of two adults are invited to attend per child performing at the Recital. Siblings that are currently attending Ightham will also be invited to attend.

Starfish Malawi Sponsored Walk at Bewl Water – Saturday 17th June

Starfish Malawi say: “Please join us on **Saturday 17th June** to walk this year and enjoy a lovely day in the Kent countryside. If you are not able to join us, why not walk with friends or family in a location near you and get sponsored for doing it.”

You can find out more by clicking on the following link:

<https://starfishmalawi.com/bewlwatersponsoredwalk>

For more information about the projects, please view these webpages: [Glad Tidings](#) & [Hope Clinic](#)

Starfish Malawi – Container Ship Sails

The container has begun its long journey to Malawi and will hopefully be there in approximately 3 months’ time. This year Starfish Malawi are sending some large items of medical equipment for the maternity wing, including delivery beds, ward beds, incubators and baby scales. There was a huge donation of clothes from Sport England and supplies of Christian books and Bibles for the Pastor’s libraries. The container always brings so much joy to so many people when it arrives.

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



End of term next week and we will be celebrating with doughnuts on the playground from 3.15. Gluten and dairy free alternatives available - please just ask.



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Heidi, Flavia, Yana and Dexter at the ESSA Swimming Finals.

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Story in Year 3

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Daisy, Poppy and Freddie

Year 1 – Gracie and Millie-Lou

Year 2 – Lily, Robyn and Nevie

Year 3 – Matilda and Harper

Year 4 – Albie W and Harry

Year 5 – Nathan, Maya and Dua

Year 6 – Molly, Dexter and Jasmine

Well done to all!

Pupil Achievements

Milo, Theo GP and Lily were given the most amazing opportunity to be mascots for Manchester United football team last Saturday. They got to meet the players, took autographs and watched the game. They had a fantastic time!



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.