



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

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Some of Year 6 enjoying Bike Skills training this 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

Wednesday 7th June

First day of Term 6

Thursday 8th June

YR Vision and Hearing Tests

Y6 Residential Trip meeting – 3.30pm

Monday 12th June

Class photographs

Tuesday 13th June

Y1 Phonics Screenings

Wednesday 14th June

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Summer Concert (2pm)

Friday 16th June

Y6 visit to Stonepitts Farm

Monday 19th June

Kwik Cricket Tournament

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Monday, Oak Class visited the Sikh Gurdhwara in Gravesend as part of our RE curriculum. I understand, from Miss Glassock, that this was an extremely worthwhile visit and that the children learnt a lot. Thank you to Miss Glassock for organising the trip and to parents for organising transport for the children.

The children in Year 6 have been taking part in bike skills training last week and this week. My thanks go to Mrs Hitchings for providing this training. It is very much appreciated.

We held our third Poetry Assembly of the year in school on Wednesday morning. Every class, from Reception to Year 6, recited a poem to the rest of the school. It was wonderful to see how confident and able our children are to stand in front of an audience and deliver a poem so well. I was especially impressed with the children in Willow Class who, to a person, had a big smile on their face and were clearly enjoying themselves immensely!

On Wednesday afternoon, we held our Annual Music Recital in the School Hall. Very well done to all those children that took part and to Miss Glassock for organising the afternoon. It was lovely to see so many Year 2 children taking part for the first time, and to see how much those that took part last year have improved over the last year.

We welcomed the storyteller, CJ, into school this morning. CJ has been visiting Ightham for a

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.06%

Pine – 98.89%

Chestnut – 95.28%

Willow – 96.67%

Elm – 95.28%

Beech – 96.94%

Oak – 93.97%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 2

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 4

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



number of years now, and he told us how much he enjoys coming here. As usual, he thoroughly engaged and enthused all the children. My thanks go to the PSA who paid for his visit into school.

Many of you may be aware that Reverend Tim Hatwell was due to retire this summer. I am delighted to tell you that he has agreed to remain at St. Peter’s Church for one more year whilst he oversees the closer ties between St. Peter’s and Wrotham. He will therefore continue to be visiting us regularly in school in the next academic year.

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th June are INSET days so your child will return to school for the start of Term 6 on Wednesday 7th June. I hope you and your family have a lovely half term holiday.

Kent (PESE) Test – Year 5 Parents

Registration for the Kent Test for children due to **start secondary school in September 2024** will open on Thursday 1 June 2023 and will close at midnight on Monday 3 July 2023. KCC cannot accept late registrations.

This year, the tests are due to take place on **Thursday 7 September 2023** for pupils in Kent primary schools.

Please note it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to register your child and not the School. Registration is through the following link:

www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Attendance

The following table was recently shared by KCC to all school governors in Kent:

What is good school attendance?

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

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Molly in Year 6 is playing Jemima in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells over the half-term. A perfect family show!



Ightham PSA



We had a fantastic evening at the Mount vineyard last night, thank you to all those who came and supported us. Have a great half term and see you in a week.

St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church would like parents to complete a short online survey <https://forms.gle/MgJs4e1ZJCAPYrCm9> to get a better understanding of the needs and opportunities for engaging with families, children and young people in the village.

It will be open for at least 3 weeks to give those that want to time to complete it. It is anonymous but for any that are particularly interested, there is an opportunity to leave contact details for a follow up.

Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Nathan in Year 5

The Courtesy Cup was awarded to: Penny in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Aiden and Skye

Year 1 – Elisa, Max and Cordelia

Year 2 – Theo G-P and Elizabeth

Year 3 – Poppy B and Crystal

Year 4 – Henry and Holly

Year 5 – Lizzie, Evan and Holly

Year 6 – Arthur, Zach G and Mansun

Well done to all!

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to all the Bright Stars gymnasts who took part in the Bright Stars Championship in Lingfield last Sunday. They all performed exceptionally well.

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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