



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th May 2023

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IT at Ightham Primary School.

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

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,

We have been enjoying our 'King's Coronation Day' in school today. We held a special assembly this morning, and this afternoon the children have been working on commemorative artwork which we hope to display around the school in due course. My thanks go to Mrs Brown for all her hard work in coordinating and arranging the artwork to take place across the school.

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. The PSA has been working incredibly hard to ensure the event is a success, and all proceeds go to the school, so please do come along and support. Good luck to all the maypole dancers that have been practicing so hard in Year 6!

We were very pleased to welcome Chris Knott from Starfish Malawi into school on Wednesday. He spent time in all our classes from Years 2 to 6, and I am delighted to report the live link with Malawi went very well indeed. Chris reported that he was very impressed with all our children that took part. Thank you for all your shoe donations recently. Chris tells me the container ship will set sail on 12th May and won't arrive at the port in Malawi until September. The shoes will be going to the children at our link school, Thugulu. Our annual Malawi Day will be held on Monday 17th July this year, and I am pleased that Chris will be

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 99.67%

Pine – 99.0%

Chestnut – 94.33%

Willow – 95.67%

Elm – 96.33%

Beech – 98.67%

Oak – 97.59%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 1



coming into school to be part of this with us.

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

We have another Bank Holiday on Monday so school is closed that day. We shall return to school on Tuesday.

Please may I remind Year 6 parents that Key Stage 2 tests take place in the mornings next week. You can help your child by making sure they go to bed reasonably early on the evening prior to each test and ensure they arrive in school for 8.35am each day. Miss Glassock will be providing bacon sandwiches as an extra incentive for those Year 6 children that want them!

Governors' 200 Club

The winners of April's draw are:

1st - Julia Weller - £10.00

2nd - Katy Hefford - £6.00

3rd - Joanna Crisp - £4.00

Ightham Parish Magazine

You can read the latest parish magazine (May edition) by clicking on the following link: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/thbfa/fgev/>

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



Can't wait to see you all on Sunday, thank you to all those that have offered to help, it is greatly appreciated! Thank you for the donations over the past few months too as this will all help raise funds for the school. Just praying for nice weather!

Enjoy your 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: Max in Year 2

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Maddox and Jonah

Year 1 – Oliver and Amelia

Year 2 - Oliver and Grace R

Year 3 – Poppy W and Kaiden

Year 4 – Georgina and Archie

Year 5 – Ruby Tr, Alex and Hardie

Year 6 – Freddie, Reuben and Molly

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Monty in Year 5 took part in the Chichester Rugby Festival Tour representing Sevenoaks U10s. They won their tournaments on both days and Monty was awarded a trophy for the Top Tourist for his efforts and sportsmanship on the field. Well done Monty!

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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