



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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## Term Dates

Term 1 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Term 2 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Term 3 – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Term 4 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Term 5 – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Term 6 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## Staff Development Days

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024



## Key Dates

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

TPA Meetings (9am and 6pm)

### Monday 22nd January

Y6 Parent Meeting – KS2 Assessments (3.30pm)

### Tuesday 23rd January

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi) into school

2pm PSA AGM (Hall)

### Wednesday 31st January

Young Voices (O2, Greenwich)

### Thursday 8th February

Y3 Community Afternoon

### Friday 9th February

Poetry Assembly

Last day of Term 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

We were very pleased to welcome, Alvin Shaw, a local magistrate, into school on Tuesday afternoon to work with our Year 6 children. As always, this was a highly informative workshop and the children learnt a lot from his visit.

I am pleased to say that Mrs Johnson is making good progress in her recovery from her operation over the holidays. She has, however, been advised that she is not yet ready to return to school next week. Those of you that know Mrs Johnson will know that this is much to her frustration and disappointment! I have therefore made arrangements for Beech Class which mirror the arrangements for the week that we have just had.

Thank you to those sixty-three parents that have so far responded to our annual school survey. By my calculations, there are potentially another 290 responses that we could receive before the deadline! We do very much value your opinions and welcome your responses. There is still time to complete the questionnaire as it runs until Friday next week. The link is: <mailto:https://forms.office.com/e/1X54B92Bgn>

You will have received a letter regarding our voluntary fund last week. We are very grateful for all the contributions already received. If you have yet to contribute, there is still time to do so, please go to Arbor and look for School Fund under accounts.



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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 89.44%

Pine – 90.56%

Chestnut – 97.22%

Willow – 95.76%

Elm – 93.45%

Beech – 96.67%

Oak – 96.84%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 2

Oak - 1



You will have received the letter regarding our live consultation process regarding the consideration of Ightham joining a MAT at the start of this week. A reminder that there are meetings being held at 9am and 6pm in the School Hall on Monday which you are very welcome to attend should you wish to do so. The meetings will have the same agenda so there is no need to attend both. For the 6pm meeting, parking will be at the Recreation Ground car park.

Very well done to Max and Holly who were elected as our School Ambassadors for Terms 3 and 4.

## KCC SEND Localities Consultation

If you have a child with an EHCP or a child on the SEND Register, please be aware that KCC is currently consulting on proposed changes to the distribution of funding.

KCC says: “There has been a healthy response to the [Locality Model for SEN consultation](#) to date and the attention is being focused on engaging with parents and supporting them to complete the consultation. There are Family Network meetings happening next week which are being hosted by our Lived Experience Expert and we would like to extend the reach to the maximum number of parents. You will find the links below to four online parental meetings which will take place next week and which have been organised through the Family Networks. It would be much appreciated if all schools could send the meeting links to the parents of children with SEN who attend your school, either who have an EHCP or who are on the SEN register. Parents only need to attend the session of their choice. The content is identical and it will be led by KCC officers to explain the Localities model, encourage parents to complete the consultation and gather questions.”

Please use the links below to join:

- [Monday 15 January from 4pm to 5pm](#)
- [Tuesday 16 January from 4pm to 5pm](#)
- [Wednesday 17 January from 4pm to 5pm](#)
- [Thursday 18 January from 4pm to 5pm](#)

## Absence Form

You are required to complete an eform if your child will be absent for any reason other than illness. 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>

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## Ightham PSA



We have set the date for the next few events to look forward to:

9th Feb – Valentine's Day cake Sale

8th March - Bags2School and Mother's Day Sale

22nd March - Break the Rules Day

We also have another School disco, a Parents only Quiz night, a Sports day BBQ and Summer social on the agenda but no details yet.

If you are a budding baker and would like to donate a cake/cakes/biscuits for our Valentine's Day cake sale we would hugely appreciate it.

Also, we are looking for a parent who belongs to a band that would perhaps like to play at one of our larger events. Please do let me know [chair@ightham-psa.com](mailto:chair@ightham-psa.com)

Kind Regards,  
Joanna Crisp

## 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.

## Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

**The Gold Cup was awarded to:** Florence in Year 2

**Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:**

Year R – Nia and Albie

Year 1 – Yasmine and Miles

Year 2 – Millie-Lou and Amelie

Year 3 – Elvis and Theo A

Year 4 – Coralie and Pearl

Year 5 – Jackson and Finley

Year 6 – George and Max

Congratulations to all!



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