



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th July 2024

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Term Dates

Term 1 – Monday 4th September to Thursday 19th October
 Term 2 – Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December
 Term 3 – Wednesday 3rd January to Friday 9th February
 Term 4 – Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March
 Term 5 – Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May
 Term 6 – Wednesday 5th June to Tuesday 23rd July

Staff Development Days

Monday 2nd September 2024
 Tuesday 3rd September 2024
 Monday 4th November 2024

Year 2 trip to Dymchurch and Dungeness.

Key Dates

Monday 15th July

Malawi Day

KS1 Choir Showcase (3.30pm, Hall)

Tuesday 16th July

Moving Up Morning

Assembly for Reverend Tim

Thursday 18th July

Y6 Community Afternoon

Friday 19th July

Y6 Leavers' Assembly @2.15pm

Monday 22nd July

Y6 Games Afternoon

Tuesday 23rd July

Last day of term – children collected at 1.30pm

Wednesday 4th September

Children return for the new academic year

Dear Parent/Carer,

As always at this time of the school year, activities and events come thick and fast! We have been enjoying the first week of our Arts Fortnight and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the various activities. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Mason for leading an insightful architecture session with Willow Class and also Helena Jenkins (a school governor) for running a fun arts and crafts session with Willow Class.

On Tuesday morning, Chris Knott came into school to update the children from Years 2 to 6 on his recent visit to Malawi when he spent time at our link school, Thugulu. We very much value our link with Chris and I am delighted he will also be coming into school on Monday as our special guest for the annual Malawi Day. You should have received a separate letter about Malawi Day.

Very well done to all the children that took part in the District Sports Competition on Wednesday and to Mrs Parkinson for organising our participation.

We very much enjoyed the Year 6 production of Archibald's War on Thursday. Very well done to the children for all their hard work in learning all their lines and the songs! My thanks go to Mrs Swansborough, Mrs Gabriel and Mrs Parkinson for arranging the production.

We were also entertained at the final Drama Showcase of the year - well done to all the children involved and to Ms Glassock. Chestnut Class visited Dymchurch and Dungeness on Wednesday and Acorn Class visited Chatham Dockyard on Thursday. Beech Class are visiting Carrot Wood today and will be taking part in their in-school sleepover tonight!

The children will be meeting their new class teacher on Tuesday morning. In the afternoon, we shall be holding a special service to say thank you to Reverend Tim for all he has done for our school and community over the last nine years. We are all going to miss him very much indeed. On Thursday, Oak Class will be taking part in the final Community Afternoon of the year, and on Friday we shall be holding our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 90.56%
Pine – 99.17%
Chestnut – 95.56%
Willow – 95.83%
Elm – 96.49%
Beech – 93.89%
Oak – 90.00%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0
Pine – 0
Chestnut – 0
Willow – 1
Elm – 1
Beech - 1
Oak - 0



Summer Reading Challenge – Kent Libraries

Launching in Kent libraries on Saturday 6 July, “Marvellous Makers” will be a celebration of the creative arts, inspiring children to express themselves in creative ways, tap into a world of imagination and storytelling, and of course to read. When they join Marvellous Makers, children aged four to 11 will be introduced to brand-new characters for this year, brought to life by the brilliant children’s illustrator, Natelle Quek. The challenge runs for nine weeks beginning Saturday 6th July until Saturday 7th September with a variety of free and fun events taking place in libraries across the county. The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK’s biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11. Produced by the Reading Agency and delivered annually in partnership with libraries. Across Kent last year, 18,143 participants took part in the Summer Reading Challenge including 2,911 children who joined the library to take part.

Children aged 4 to 11 can sign up through their local Kent library and receive a collector’s poster. They are set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way. Library staff and volunteers help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in libraries. Children who complete the six-book challenge are presented with a certificate and medal. Children can take part online, too! Visit the Summer Reading Challenge website for more information. The Summer Reading Challenge is the perfect way to support children’s reading habits and to encourage reading for pleasure during the holidays, ensuring they return ready for a great start to the new academic year.

For more information please email summerreadingchallenge@kent.gov.uk or visit your local Kent library.

End of day timings – September 2024

From the start of the next academic year, the end of the day for Acorn Class and Pine Class (Reception and Year 1) will be 3.15pm. This is to help parents who need to collect children from both playgrounds and also to hopefully alleviate the congestion outside the Year 2 classroom when children from that class are being dismissed at the end of the school day. The end of the day for children in Year 2 to Year 6 inclusive will remain 3.20pm.

New PSA Treasurer Required!

Very sadly, our lovely PSA is still in a position whereby nobody has put themselves forward to become the new Treasurer. Can you help? I am sure Natalie, the current Treasurer, would be more than happy to talk to you about the role if you wish to find out more – you can email her at:

treasurer@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.

Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Monty in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Charlie and Grace

Year 1 - Jonah, Max and Skye

Year 2 – Brooke and Joelle

Year 3 – Milo, Theo G-P and Ophelia

Year 4 – Hudson and Kaiden

Year 6 – Isla and Jasmine

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Georgina in Year 5, who passed her Grade 1 piano exam last week.



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