



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2024



Year 3 raising money for Children in Need

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Term Dates for 2024-25

Term 1 – Wednesday 4th September to Friday 25th October
 Term 2 – Tuesday 5th November to Thursday 19th December
 Term 3 – Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February
 Term 4 – Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April
 Term 5 – Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May
 Term 6 – Tuesday 3rd June to Tuesday 22nd July

Staff Development Days for 2024-25

Monday 4th November 2024
 Friday 20th December 2024
 Monday 2nd June 2025

Key Dates

Tuesday 19th November

Year 4 Trip – Chart Farm

Wednesday 20th November

New Entrants' Open Event

Thursday 28th November

New Entrants' Open Event

Thursday 5th December

Y6 Community Afternoon

Friday 6th December

PSA Elf'ridges

Tuesday 10th December

Year R Christmas Production

Wednesday 11th December

Year R Christmas Production

KS2 Choir to St Peter's and Ightham Mote

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you have had a good week! All classes had a workshop with Chris Knott from Starfish Malawi on Wednesday. As ever, we are grateful to him for coming in and raising awareness of the work he does and the charity. We will continue to support this project at Ightham.

On Monday, Year 1 spent time practising their cutting skills for DT. They looked at how to be safe using a knife and fork and how to handle food with clean hands. Year 1 were wonderful and especially careful when cutting their fruit into small pieces. Well done Year 1!



Year 2 had their first Forest School session this week and the children had a wonderful time. They created frames from large sticks and produced a piece of art work using exciting finds from the forest. Some children even made reindeer Christmas decorations by cutting and joining sticks from the forest floor. They had great fun on the huge swing and as the weather was so nice, they were able to safely climb the trees too.

This week, Year 5 have focused on this year's theme of 'Choose Respect' for Anti-Bullying week. The children have all fully engaged in discussion around the theme and worked in pairs to create posters demonstrating their understanding of 'respect' and 'disrespect'. They also used role play to act out different scenarios and consider the impact of them.

Children started the week exploring conflict resolution tools as part Anti-Bullying week in Year 6. They had their first hockey session of the week on Wednesday afternoon and enjoyed



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.05%

Pine – 100%

Chestnut – 97.5%

Willow – 98.33%

Elm – 97.58%

Beech – 97.78%

Oak – 96.67%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 4

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 2

Beech - 3

Oak - 2



listening to our visitor from Starfish Malawi, Chris Knott, in the second part of the afternoon

On Thursday, they had another set of visitors, this time young adults from Sevenoaks School came as the first in a series of lessons to teach the class about computer-aided design.



Our School Ambassadors, Izzy and Archie, attended the Remembrance Service in Ightham on Sunday 10th November to lay the wreath from Ightham Primary School.

Year 4 have completed some great art today. It has taken a few weeks to complete each stage of the art work but along the way they have learnt valuable lessons about the space they give their work on the page, the focus given to each part of the work, listening to instruction to ensure the end product meets the criteria for the piece, fore and background, the difference between different painting techniques including using washes and finally adding a variety of media to create depth and contrast. Elm Class have had their first lesson in forest school this week! They have enjoyed making, building, climbing and swinging - it was great! Ukulele playing is coming along really well, children are looking forward to being able to show their hard work to everyone at the Christmas concert.

This week Acorn Class began their new topic, 'Once Upon a Time' with a visit from 'Postlady Snow' (sadly, no photographic evidence!) There was a special parcel for Acorn Class on Monday morning. Inside was a letter from 'The Jolly Postman' as well as a copy of his very special book 'The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.' Children have very much enjoyed reading the story and being introduced to all the characters and settings. The children have loved their new Post Office role play area too. They are all enjoying making parcels and letters, visiting the Post Office to get stamps and then being the postman on his bike delivering the post to the different book characters post boxes in the playground. It's wonderful to see them all working as a team in the sorting office!

Lastly, we would like to say a huge 'thank you' for all the shoeboxes that have been sent in this week, supporting 'Operation Christmas Child'. Mrs Johnson delivered 72 boxes today to our drop-off point in Tonbridge.

What a kind and giving community we have in Ightham! Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Snow

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PSA Update

I am sad to inform you that we have been forced to cancel the Christmas fair and grotto this year as we couldn't get enough volunteers to help run the event. Luckily the children will still be able to enjoy Elf'ridges in school next Friday and due to the your generous donations you have some lovely gifts coming your way!

In lieu of the grotto, we will be holding 'Carols in the Courtyard' on Wednesday 18th December from 3.30pm. Christmas jumpers and elf suits welcome! There maybe a cheeky mulled wine or hot chocolate available to warm up those vocal cords. We hope to see you there.

Children in Need

It was fantastic to see everyone dressed up in spots today. Thank-you all for taking part and helping us raise money for this worthwhile cause. We have raised £208.30 so far.

Also for Children In Need, Willow Class baked and decorated cakes and cookies for a sale after school on Thursday, raising a fantastic £295! Well done to all those who took part, a fantastic achievement! Congratulations go to Joelle, Amelie and Brooke who won the class cake decorating competition and what wonderful bakes from everyone!

Overall our school community has raised £503.30 for this year's Children in Need Appeal! 😊

Thank-you!

Thank-you to Mr Jameson for buying 12 music stands for the choir. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



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 and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Edie in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Adrianna and Elsie
Year 1 – Barney and Sophie
Year 2 – Hannah and Archie
Year 3 – Millie-Lou and Robin
Year 4 – Malachy and Ophelia
Year 5 – Isaiah and Philip
Year 6 – Alice and Arty

Congratulations to all!



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