



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024



Maya, Isla, Eddie and Max representing the school at the Mayoral debate.

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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 3rd June 2024
 Tuesday 4th June 2024

Key Dates

Wednesday 1st May

Acorn Class visit to Bore Place

Thursday 2nd May

Beech Class visit to Hurstmonceux

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 13th-Thursday 16th May

KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday 21st May

Music Recital (2pm, School Hall)

Friday 24th May

Last Day of Term 5

Wednesday 5th June

First Day of Term 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to all our children and families for the start of the summer term. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter holiday.

There is, as usual, much to look forward to over the coming weeks. Please do make a note in your diary for Sports Day which will be held on Friday 21st June this year. Should the weather be against us, we do have a back-up date of Friday 5th July.

Pine Class held a Royal Afternoon Tea Party for parents on Wednesday afternoon before the end of last term. Thank you to Mrs Black for arranging this, and I do hope all our visitors enjoyed their afternoon.

We held our KS2 Easter Service at St. Peter's Church on the last afternoon of Term 4. I was very sorry that I was unable to be there, but I understand that it went very well. Thank you to Ms Glassock for all her hard work in preparing the service. My thanks, as always, to all at St. Peter's Church for making us so very welcome.

It was a busy week in the lead-up to the Easter holiday as our Choir visited St. Peter's Church and Ightham Mote on the Wednesday, and then our Reception children visited Leeds Castle on the Thursday.

A reminder that there is a Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May so school will be closed on that day.

There are two INSET Days at the start of Term 6 so the children will commence Term 6 on



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.67%

Pine – 98.33%

Chestnut – 95.33%

Willow – 95.00%

Elm – 98.00%

Beech – 98.33%

Oak – 97.33%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 1

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 2

Oak - 1



Wednesday 5th June.

School will be finishing at 1.30pm on the final day of the school year, Tuesday 23rd July. There will be no After School Club on that day so you must ensure your child is collected at that time.

May I extend a warm welcome to Mrs Swansborough who will be teaching Year 6 for the rest of this academic year.

On Wednesday this week, four of our Year 6 children took part in a Mayoral Debate with the Mayor. Very well done to Maya, Eddie, Isla and Max for taking part. Around fourteen local schools were represented at the debate and an example vote from the debate was as follows: Should we be concerned about the amount of sugar in certain foods and drinks?

Yes – 41 No - 3

Should Schools ban birthday sweets? Yes – 9 No – 35

Thank you to Mrs Pullinger for accompanying the children.

Also on Wednesday this week, children took part in French Day. My thanks to Mrs Ball, our MFL Leader, for arranging the activities for the day.

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful Easter.

Thank you for your generous donations last term. Break the Rules Day raised £995. I know that the kids love this annual event and I think secretly, so do the teachers! The money raised will pay for new PE equipment and storage for it.

At the end of this school year we will sadly lose some fabulously valuable members of the PSA committee. We are looking to recruit a new treasurer, as well as anyone with good electrical knowledge and contacts and/ or technical knowledge. If you think you could help please email me chair@ightham psa.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: Charley in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Elijah and Xander
Year 1 - Eliza and Bertie
Year 2 – Lily and Amelia
Year 3 – Lily, Freddie and Ethan
Year 4 – Enzo and Rupert
Year 5 – Olivia, Josh G, Alice
Year 6 – Clara and Max

Congratulations to all!



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