



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th January 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

Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Tuesday 4th June 2024



Key Dates

Monday 22nd January

Y6 Parent Meeting – KS2 Assessments (3.30pm)

2pm PSA AGM (Hall)

Monday 29th January

National Storytelling Week

Wednesday 31st January

Young Voices (O2, Greenwich)

Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th February

Y3 Community Afternoon

Friday 9th February

Poetry Assembly

Last day of Term 3

Tuesday 27th February

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi) into school

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a good week and managed to stay warm! Personally, I am looking forward to the weather being a little bit warmer next week. Getting into my car on Wednesday morning, in the dark, with my car telling me the temperature was -6 degrees outside was particularly challenging!

Thank you to all our parents that have completed our annual parents survey which has been running for the last couple of weeks. We shall begin analyzing the outcomes next week.

My thanks also to those parents that attended our academy consultation meetings on Monday. Plenty of perceptive questions were asked. A reminder that the consultation continues to run until Friday 9th February and any comments should be directed to consultation@ightham.kent.sch.uk

Onto next week, and there is a meeting planned for Year 6 parents straight after school in the Year 6 classroom on Monday. This is primarily to discuss the end of Key Stage 2 assessments the children will be completing in May. Please do come along if you are able to do so as the children always have a greater chance of succeeding when the school and parents work closely together.

Chris Knott was due to visit us next week but we have postponed his visit until later in February. Among the many things that Chris does for us, he is also helping with our Eco-Flag renewal and our International Schools Award (thanks to our link with Starfish Malawi). We are working on renewing our Primary Science Quality Mark in school this year as well so there is plenty going on behind the scenes!



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 87.78%
Pine – 97.5%
Chestnut – 95.83%
Willow – 96.06%
Elm – 96.87%
Beech – 95.56%
Oak – 97.81%

Lateness

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

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



I am pleased to tell parents of children in Beech Class that Mrs Johnson will be returning to school on a phased return next week. She will be teaching the class in the mornings. I am in the process of arranging teaching cover for the afternoons.

KCC SEND Localities Consultation

There is still time for you to respond to this KCC consultation should you wish to do so...

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.”

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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A couple more dates to add to the diary:

9th Feb – Valentine’s Day cake Sale**

1st March - Quiz night (more info to come soon)

8th March - Bags2School and Mother’s Day Sale

15th March - School Disco

22nd March - Break the Rules Day

**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.

If you are clearing out your cupboards and come across any new unopened unwanted gifts or bottles of alcohol we will gladly take them off you for future PSA events. Please give to one of the PSA, take to the school office for me to collect or let me know and I can grab it from you.

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: Zac in Year 3

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Millie and Rory

Year 1 – Maddox and Aelwen

Year 2 – Tristan and Amelia

Year 3 – Robyn and Theo GP

Year 4 – Kaiden and Arya

Year 5 – Henry, Summer and William

Year 6 – Nathan and Holly

Congratulations to all!



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