



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

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Forest School fun!

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

Thursday 3rd October

KS2 Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church

Friday 4th October

KS1 & Reception Harvest Festival – School Hall

Friday 11th October

PSA Film Night

Friday 18th October

PSA Own Clothes Day

Monday 21st October

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 23rd October

Flu vaccinations

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Friday 25th October

Individual and sibling photos

PSA Cake Sale

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all having an enjoyable week and your children have been sharing details of their learning with you. This week, I have been popping into Maths Lessons. All classes are currently learning about place value. Children articulated their knowledge confidently and progression from previous years was clearly evident.

Another highlight for me was walking into Year 1's hospital set up in the hall. Thankfully 'Florence Nightingale' was there tending to the patients in their retelling of her story in the Crimean War. They demonstrated their understanding through their acting and answered questions demonstrating their understanding. Well done Pine Class! Definitely some future Hollywood stars in this class! Year 1 also began Forest School this week and went on a 'bear hunt'. Thankfully they didn't see any real ones and came back safely.

Clubs have begun this week and it's lovely to see so many children signing up for these extra-curricular activities both before and after school. Thank-you as always to our dedicated staff that choose to run these activities.

The next couple of weeks promises to be busy. We have our Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church on Thursday 3rd October in the morning. On Friday morning, it will be the turn of Reception and Key Stage 1 in the School Hall. You should have received a separate letter about our arrangements for these events.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.39%

Pine – 98.89%

Chestnut – 99.72%

Willow – 96.1%

Elm – 96.67%

Beech – 99.10%

Oak – 99.17%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech – 0

Oak – 2



Roles do come up from time to time so do let the team in the School Office know by emailing admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk if this is something you might be interested in. At present, we are looking for a midday meals supervisor who could work with one of our KS2 classes. All roles in school are subject to rigorous safeguarding checks including an enhanced DBS.

Is my child too ill for school?

Parents are sometimes unsure whether or not their child should attend school due to illness. The NHS has provided this extremely useful document to help parents:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Considerate Parking

Following on from last week's newsletter, please may I urge parents to park considerately in Cobs Close and also the small car park at the bottom of Oldbury Lane. Photographs were sent in to school showing cars parks extremely dangerously near the exit to the A25. Remember, parents have the option of parking in the village hall car park as well as the recreation ground. The safety of our children and the wider school community is our number 1 priority. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Free School Meals

Even if you do not wish to take up Free School Meals for your child, the school still benefits financially if you successfully apply. If you think that your child may be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), then I strongly encourage you to apply using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2023 **are now open. Parents must apply by Thursday 31st October 2024 at the latest.**

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places> Do let us know if you require any assistance with this and we will do our best to help you with the application process.

PSA

The PSA had a fantastic year of fundraising last year. Please find attached their Impact Report from last year. Thank-you to them for all they do for the school at to you for supporting their events and donating.

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Miss K Snow

Interim Head of School

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Ightham Mote – New Community Centre Opening

Issy and Archie attended their first official engagement on Wednesday evening and attended the grand opening of the Community Centre at Ightham Mote.

They attended with Ms Glassock and all had a great time.

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: Philip in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year 1 – Grace and Joshua

Year 2 – Eliza and Luke

Year 3 – Mimi and Tristan

Year 4 – Theo A and Grace M

Year 5 – Rupert and Ellis

Year 6 – Jackson and Isabelle

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Matilda (Y5) and Catherine (Y2) for receiving a Director's Award at their Talentz awards evening.



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