



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

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The choir at Ightham Mote.

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

Key Dates

Monday 24th June

Y6 Residential Trip
 New Entrants' Meeting

Tuesday 25th June

Y4 visit to Ightham Mote

W/b Monday 8th July

Arts Fortnight
 Drama and Choir Showcase
 (3.30pm, School Hall)

Tuesday 9th July

Open Afternoon (2-3.30pm)
 Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi)
 visiting school

Wednesday 10th July

Y2 visit to Dungeness and
 Dymchurch
 Choir visiting St. Peter's Church

Thursday 11th July

YR visit to Chatham Dockyard
 Y6 Production 2pm and 5pm

Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope you have had a good week. Summer finally seems to have arrived and the School is looking wonderful thanks to the hard work of our site team, Mr Payne and Mr McCloy, and our gardening/woodland team of Mr and Mrs Standen.

I very much hope the weather remains as it is over the next week as it will be ideal for our Year 6 pupils who will be embarking on their residential trip to Windmill Hill. We are always at the mercy of the weather in this country, and incessant rain or very high temperatures (and we've had both in recent years) can be challenging for all. I am very pleased to note the current forecast suggests settled weather with a temperature of around 21 degrees. Perfect!

I know that many of you will have been with us today to join in with our annual Sports Day. Mrs Parkinson, with support from the staff, has worked incredibly hard to arrange and manage the day once more. We are incredibly lucky to have someone as dedicated as Mrs Parkinson to lead our sports and P.E. across the school – my thanks to her.

Last week, Mr Roff very kindly came to play his cello to Years 2 and 5. The children were absolutely fascinated and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Mr Roff for the experience.

On Wednesday evening, a team of swimmers took part in the Sevenoaks Swimming Gala. Very well done to all the children that took part. Thank you to Miss Avery and Mrs Parkinson for supporting the team throughout the evening, too.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 93.89%

Pine – 96.94%

Chestnut – 98.00%

Willow – 98.61%

Elm – 99.44%

Beech – 93.89%

Oak – 87.71%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 1

Elm – 3

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



We are looking at our swimming arrangements for the next academic year and are currently in talks with Sevenoaks Leisure Centre about moving our swimming lessons there. Some of you may recall Mark Horne, who was heavily involved with swimming at Ightham for twenty-two years before taking on a new role as the manager of the pool at the Leisure Centre a couple of years ago.

We know that many local schools use the Leisure Centre so this looks like a potential option for us in the next academic year. I shall keep you updated on our progress with this.

Elm Class will be visiting Ightham Mote on Tuesday next week. I am sure this will be an excellent learning experience for them.

Our wonderful choir, led by Ms Glassock, visited St. Peter's Church Coffee Morning and then Ightham Mote on Wednesday this week. Jenny at St. Peter's Church subsequently emailed the School to say the following: "It is a pleasure and a privilege to host the choir. They sing beautifully, are so obviously enjoying themselves and the behaviour of all of them was excellent. A real credit to the school. The customers at Coffee Shop were very appreciative, particularly of your choice of songs! One lady came especially from Tonbridge when she heard that they were singing, having enjoyed them so much when she came with a friend when the choir sang at Christmas!" Very well done to the choir and, of course, Ms Glassock!

Year 5 Parents – Kent (PESE) Test

Parents of children in Year 5 have previously received information about the Kent (PESE) Test. If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at: www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Registration opens on 3 June 2024 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2024

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents and not the school to register your child for the Kent Test. If you do not register your child to take the test within the given window, your child will not be allowed to sit the test.

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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.

Sports Day Results

Overall Results:

- 1st Place - Oldbury
- 2nd Place – Knole and Chartwell
 - 3rd Place - Mote

Well done to all the children!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Grace M (right) in Year 3 who participated in the Bright Stars gymnastics competition and got second place!



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