



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th April 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

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,

On Monday 20th May, we shall be hosting a Year 4 Art Day on our school field and in our woodland for our Year 4 children as well as Year 4 children from other local schools. We look forward to welcoming children and staff from: Leigh Primary School, Chiddingstone Primary School, Hever Primary School, Plaxtol Primary School, Penshurst Primary School and Fordcombe Primary School. Mrs Brown, with assistance from Mrs Black, has been working exceptionally hard to plan the day which will involve lots of local artists volunteering their time to the project. I have had the pleasure of leading our hub of schools this year within the Sevenoaks Partnership and we are really looking forward to the day. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us so the day can go ahead!

The Governing Body met just before the Easter holiday and agreed to continue the process towards becoming an academy with The Pioneer Academy (TPA). Governors held a meeting on Monday afternoon with Class Reps and PSA Reps to answer any questions that they wished to ask.

Acorn Class will be visiting Bore Place on Wednesday next week and Beech Class will be visiting Hurstmonceux. I am sure all the children will have an enjoyable experience and learn plenty during the day.

We shall be saying goodbye to our wonderful school caretaker, Mr Payne, at the end of this summer holiday. Mr Payne has been at Ightham for almost ten years and he has decided the time has come to retire. Many of you will be unaware of the immense impact Mr Payne has had during his time at the school. He is on site at 7am each and every day, ensuring the school



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.33%

Pine – 98.06%

Chestnut – 99.44%

Willow – 96.39%

Elm – 97.5%

Beech – 99.72%

Oak – 97.22%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 1

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 2



is ready for children and staff. He will be very much missed by us all at the school but I’m pleased to say he will be with us for a while yet!

Mrs Warnes has also informed me that she intends to retire at the end of this academic year. As with Mr Payne, Mrs Warnes has been with us for many years and she has been a wonderful presence on our staff. She has, however, indicated to me that she will be willing to continue doing some supply work with us next year so we won’t quite be saying goodbye!

INSET Days 2024-25

The published INSET Days for Ightham Primary School for the next academic year are as follows:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 3rd June 2025

The first day of the new academic year will therefore be on Wednesday 4th September.

Please do be mindful that, should your child be transferring to a new school (e.g. secondary school transition), the dates for the new school may well be different to ours.

All term dates for 2024-25 will be in line with the Local Authority published dates for Kent schools.

Dates - Reminder

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 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.

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Ightham PSA



Dates for the diary

24th May - Home clothes day and bake sale

21st June - Post Sports day BBQ

We are looking for a new treasurer for the PSA. If you think you could help please email me chair@ighthampsa.com

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: Olivia in Year 2

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Arthur and Romey

Year 1 – Joshua and Skye

Year 2 – Robin and Mimi

Year 3 – Elizabeth, Miles and Grace R

Year 4 – Willow and Story

Year 5 – Jasper, Eleri and Summer

Year 6 – Liza and Charley

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Nathan, Year 6, attended the St George's Day concert at St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church in Tonbridge on Saturday 20th April.

In a team of adult volunteers, he helped sell raffle tickets and collect donations for local dementia friendly communities which raised over £700 in total. Well done Nathan!



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