



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th 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 29th January

National Storytelling Week
 Y6 Parent Meeting – KS2
 Assessments (3.30pm)

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 have been pleased to note the days getting just a little longer this week. As I type this, the sun is shining and it feels like we may indeed be moving slowly towards springtime. Of course, at the beginning of the week we were subjected to very high winds, something that we appear to be increasingly susceptible to. With over ninety trees on site, I am very aware of the potential damage that these high winds can bring. We were left in a position on Monday where we had to take the decision to close the school due to a power failure. May I take this opportunity to thank all our parents for arranging collection of your child following our message to you. I am very aware that this will not have been a straightforward task for many of you with work commitments and so on.

As a result of the early closure of the school on Monday, we delayed the parents' meeting for Year 6 children. This will now take place straight after school in the Year 6 classroom this coming week. The meeting will last for around 30 minutes and I do encourage you to attend.

Mrs Johnson will continue to teach in the mornings next week as she builds up her strength following her operation. If all goes well, we anticipate that Mrs Johnson will start to built up to some afternoons the following week. We are all very grateful to have her back in school. Mrs Johnson and I have worked for almost a decade together, and she has had only one day absent in all that time for ill health, so I am sure you can appreciate how much we all missed her at the start of this term!

I know that Ms Glassock, Mrs Warnes and the children are very much looking forward to Young Voices next week. It promises to be a wonderful day and an experience those in attendance



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 95.76%
Pine – 94.29%
Chestnut – 86.67%
Willow – 95.77%
Elm – 95.56%
Beech – 96.06%
Oak – 97.18%

Lateness

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

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



will remember for years to come.

Staffing

To add capacity at the school, we have a number of vacancies that we would like to fill. Please contact the School Office (admin@ightham.kent.sch.uk) or speak to me informally when I'm on gate duty in the morning if you are interested in any of these roles:

- 1:1 Teaching Assistant – Fridays only 8.30am to 3.30pm
- Casual relief Teaching Assistant
- Handy-person site maintenance – one day per week
- Breakfast Club Worker – Fridays 7.50am to 8.50am
- Qualified teacher for supply cover work

Parish Council Request

At the monthly Parish Council meeting last week, it was raised that children have been climbing on the shipping container near to the entrance to the car park. The Parish Council will be putting a notice on the container requesting that nobody climbs onto it. Can you please supervise your child to ensure this doesn't happen before and after school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

TPA Consultation

A reminder that the TPA Consultation runs until Friday 9th February. We invite comments and questions to be submitted to consultation@ightham.kent.sch.uk

The Full Governing Body will carefully consider all responses following the closure of the consultation period. The information you were sent remains on our school website and can be accessed at:

<https://ightham.kent.sch.uk/consultation-about-whether-ightham-primary-school-should-become-an-academy-as-part-of-the-pioneer-academy/>

National Storytelling Week

National Storytelling Week takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. This year it is being celebrated between 27th January and 4th February 2024 and we are going to be celebrating it in school next week. Sharing and making up stories with a child is a great way to help them relax, develop empathy, and learn about the world. It also boosts their vital literacy skills. Next week, it would be lovely if you could share and make up stories with your child. You could dream up new worlds inspired by the everyday objects around you. Maybe a favourite teddy has unbelievable adventures whilst you sleep, or a pair of old shoes gives you magical powers when you wear them! Your child could be the protagonist of each and every story that you (and they) tell. We hope you have a magical and creative storytelling week with your children.

Mr Sherhod
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Ightham PSA



Are you a budding baker and would like to donate a cake/ cakes/ biscuits for our Valentine's Day cake sale? We will collect them in the car park at drop off on 9th Feb.

Also, 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.

Any questions email chair@ighthamrsa.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 and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Daisy in Year 1

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Arthur and Clara

Year 1 – Isaac and Freddie

Year 2 – Louie B and Brooke

Year 3 – Evren, Harrison and Joshua

Year 4 – Philip and Harper

Year 5 – Oliver E and Albie W

Year 6 – Hardie, Isla and Ruby Tr

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Edith in Year 4 who competed in a floor and vault gymnastics competition in Dulwich and won a silver medal!



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