



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

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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



Acorn Class – Our first class photo!

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

Parent Consultations

Friday 25th October

Individual and sibling photos

PSA Cake Sale

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been yet another busy week here at Ightham Primary! Children have demonstrated their resilience in this wet weather but have continued to behave impeccably whether this be when playing inside or outside. Learning behaviours have also been a focus and class teachers have been selecting a 'star learner' each day. Children at Ightham have such amazing potential, we want to ensure that they are getting the most from their time in the classroom and absorb all of the information that comes their way!

I would also like to share some exciting news with regards to staffing. I'm able to announce that Mrs Charlotte Scott (pictured) is joining the Ightham Team as Deputy Headteacher and SENCo after Christmas. She joins us from Wilmington Primary School where she is currently Headteacher. She has sent us the following message:

My name is Mrs (Charlotte) Scott and I am looking forward to joining Ightham Primary in January as the new Deputy Headteacher and SENCo. I really enjoyed my tour and the interview day when I got to meet some of the lovely children, great staff and governors. I am passionate about supporting all children's learning and development particularly those with SEN. I have a wealth of experience as I was first a SENCo 20 years ago. In my free time I love spending time with my children (I have 4) and husband and we especially enjoy being outside and going on holiday. I look forward to meeting you all soon.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.77%

Pine – 99.72%

Chestnut – 99.17%

Willow – 96.1%

Elm – 96.09%

Beech – 98.06%

Oak – 95.76%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 2

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 1

Elm – 0

Beech - 1

Oak - 1



Mrs Scott will be visiting our school after half term and I know that our whole school community will make her feel extremely welcome and support her as she takes on her new role.

Today we will be saying goodbye to Ms Hobbs who works with us at lunchtime and after school. She has accepted a wonderful opportunity at another school and we wish her all the best. She will be missed here at Ightham.

This leads me nicely onto job opportunities at Ightham! 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 as well as an after school club assistant. 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/>

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.

Mobile Phones – Year 6

Year 6 children are able to bring their phone into school should you feel that they need to for their safety when leaving/coming to school. The expectation is that the phone is switched off and handed in during the school day and is only turned back on once they have left school. Phones are also not permitted to be on at after school clubs and breakfast club. We have this regulation in place to safeguard all of our pupils. Year 6 children have been reminded of this expectation and we would appreciate parents reiterating this message to their children also.

Ofsted – Parent View

So many of you have taken the time to speak to me on the school gate to tell me how well your child is doing in school and how pleased you are. At some point, Ofsted will visit us and will want to hear the views of parents. Please take the time to record these here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

As I have said previously, feedback is always welcomed and my door is always open.

Have a lovely weekend – fingers crossed for drier weather!

Miss K Snow

Interim Head of School

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Friday 27th September is National Teaching Assistants' Day!



Thank-you to all of our amazing Teaching Assistants. We really couldn't do it without you. You make a huge difference to the children at Ightham Primary. Thanks for all you do ❤️

**Ightham Parish Council
Village Clean-up Day
Saturday 28th September 10am**

Help tackle overgrown vegetation and general village litter. Please bring protective gloves and any gardening equipment you have (eg. secateurs/loppers).

Hi-vis jackets, rubbish bags and litter pickers are provided.

Please gather at the top Village Hall Car Park at 10 am for a briefing.

NB: Minimum age: 12 +.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Village Clean Up Day

Today, Year 3 have taken part in a litter-pick as part of their Bio-Blitz afternoon (pictures to follow in next week's newsletter!)

Please support this fantastic community initiative to keep our village looking it's best.

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: Eliza in Year 2

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year 1 – Clara and Charlie

Year 2 – Bertie and Theo G

Year 4 – Max and Marlowe

Year 5 – Florence and Poppy B

Year 6 – Lottie and Callum

Congratulations to all!



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