



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

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## Term Dates

Term 1 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
 Term 2 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
 Term 3 – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
 Term 4 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
 Term 5 – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
 Term 6 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## Staff Development Days

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024



KS2 Choir at Young Voices.

## Key Dates

### Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day

Acer Meeting (9am)

### Thursday 8th February

Y3 Community Afternoon

### Friday 9th February

Last day of Term 3

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

First day of Term 4

### Tuesday 20th February

KS2 French Day

### Friday 23rd February

Girls' Football Competition

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi) into school

Dear Parent/Carer,

Twenty-four children took part in Young Voices at the O2 in Greenwich on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The feedback I received was extremely positive, although everyone was very tired by the time the coach arrived back in Ightham some time after 11pm. I am very grateful to Mrs Ball for stepping in to lead the visit alongside Mrs Warnes as Ms Glasscock was unable to attend. Many thanks too, to all the parent helpers and those who came to support.

Our footballers were involved in three league matches earlier in the week. They won all their matches: Shoreham (2-1), Dunton Green (3-0) and Kemsing (1-0). Thank you to Mrs Parkinson for organising and managing the team.

Miss Avery and Mrs Parkinson took a team of seven children to the Dare to Believe Inclusive PE Festival on Thursday afternoon. They had the opportunity to try different types of sport such as Boccia and table cricket. I understand all the children enjoyed taking part and very well done to all involved!

A reminder that this is National Storytelling Week. Information was sent out last week by Mrs Ball, our English Leader, and it is not too late to take part at home.

As you know, we are a very outward-looking school. Our Geography Leader, Mrs Weller, yesterday led a subject meeting for all the Geography Leaders in the Sevenoaks Partnership of Primary Schools (SPPS). SPPS comprises of thirty-two schools in total (the website currently says thirty-one, but another school recently joined!) and I am proud to be a Trustee on the Board.; you can find out more information about the work of SPPS by following the link below:

<https://www.sevenoakspartnershipprimaryschools.org.uk/>



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## Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 93.89%

Pine – 93.61%

Chestnut – 92.78%

Willow – 98.06%

Elm – 97.49%

Beech – 93.61%

Oak – 94.54%

## Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 1



We received 81 parent responses in total to our parent questionnaire this year. My thanks to all those parents that took the time to respond. Our Senior Leadership Team went through the responses earlier in the week and outcomes were also shared with the Governing Body. It is always lovely to receive very positive comments. As I know you appreciate, everyone tries their best for the children, and to have this acknowledged by some of your comments and responses was very much appreciated. It is also very helpful to receive constructive feedback as to what we can do better as a school. I am very aware that there are always things we can improve, and it is helpful to get your feedback on this. One parent indicated they were dissatisfied with a number of aspects of the school, but also responded that they had not raised any concerns directly with the school. I like to think that myself and all our staff are very approachable, so please do speak to us if you have any concerns. It was pleasing to note that 78 out of the 81 respondees would recommend Ightham to another parent. One parent did comment that there appears to be no criteria for winning the Gold Cup. This has been shared in the past, but almost certainly too long ago for many of our parents to have been part of our school community so my apologies for not having shared this with you more recently.

The Gold Cup will be awarded for one of the following reasons:

- Outstanding contribution to school life
- Consistently outstanding work
- Being an excellent role model
- Always trying your best
- Significant progress

Essentially, the Gold Cup is awarded for an outstanding reason over an extended period of time (as opposed to a one-off event). The Gold Cup will be awarded to a maximum of one child per week and the staff will decide on the winner each week. If a child deserves to win the Gold Cup on more than one occasion during their time at Ightham, the Gold Cup can and will be awarded to that child again. We expect that every child will win the Gold Cup at least once during their time at Ightham, but this could be in Year 6 as well as earlier in their school life.

### Governors' 200 Club

The winners of the January 2024 draw are:

1<sup>st</sup> - Katy Hefford, £9.50

2<sup>nd</sup> - Julia Weller, £5.70

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jane Knight, £3.80

### Ightham Parish Magazine

You can download the latest edition of the Ightham parish magazine by clicking on the link below:

[https://media.acny.uk/media/venues/page/attachment/2024/01/IPM\\_FEBRUARY\\_2024.pdf](https://media.acny.uk/media/venues/page/attachment/2024/01/IPM_FEBRUARY_2024.pdf)

### TPA Consultation

A reminder that the TPA Consultation runs until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. We invite comments and questions to be submitted to [consultation@ightham.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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/>

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### Ightham PSA



Come and join us for our Quiz night on 1st March. There will be cheese, nibbles and a bar.

Open to everyone so gather a team together and buy your tickets here [Quiz Night Ticket](#)

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:** Alice in Year 5

**Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:**

Year R – Joshua and Harry

Year 1 – Leo and Jonah

Year 2 – Oliver and Aulban

Year 3 – Grace M, Gabriel and Arthur

Year 4 – Oliver and Charlie

Year 5 – Lochlan, Arnie and Zac

Year 6 – Macy, Clara and Hardie

Congratulations to all!



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