



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 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



Year 5 enjoying their science at
Hurstmonceux.

Key Dates

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday – School
Closed

Friday 10th May

Astrodome Workshops – Y1
and Y5

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,

Acorn Class visited Bore Place on Wednesday and Beech Class visited Hurstmonceux. I understand from Mrs Godbold and Mrs Johnson that both trips were highly successful.

I have been made aware of some issues with parking at the bottom of Oldbury Lane. If the small car park at the bottom of Oldbury Lane is full, please do not park next to the car park and encroaching onto Oldbury Lane. This is making driving more hazardous for cars coming up and down the lane. I would ask that you are also mindful of pedestrians and limit the speed driving along the lane. Thank you for your support in this matter.

A reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday so school will be closed. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday.

I mentioned in the newsletter last week that Mr Payne will be retiring in the summer. I am very pleased to have appointed Mr McCloy to join our team as our new Caretaker. He will be starting at Ightham next week and will be working alongside Mr Payne initially in order to ensure a smooth handover given Mr Payne's encyclopaedic knowledge of the school.

There will be a visiting Astrodome workshop for children in Beech Class and Pine Class next Friday which links to their work in class. The following Friday, there will be a History Workshop for Oak Class in the morning which Mrs Swansborough has organised for Year 6. The costs of all these workshops are being met by the School Voluntary Fund so we are not asking parents to contribute to these activities.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 98.33%
Pine – 96.67%
Chestnut – 97.5%
Willow – 98.89%
Elm – 99.17%
Beech – 98.06%
Oak – 97.78%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0
Pine – 0
Chestnut – 0
Willow – 1
Elm – 1
Beech – 1
Oak – 4



Year 5 Parents – Kent (PESE) Test

Parents of children in Year 5 will have received information about the Kent (PESE) Test from the School Office earlier in the week. 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.

Governors' 200 Club – April Draw

The winners of the April 2024 draw are:

1st - Jennifer Reading, £9.50
2nd - Julia Weller, £5.70
3rd - Josephine Andrade, £3.80

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 2nd June 2025 (this is a correction to the date given in the newsletter last week)

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

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 5th June - First day of Term 6

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of the academic year and school finishes at 1.30pm. There will be no After School Club on that day so you must ensure your child is collected at that time.

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher



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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.

Ightham PSA



Upcoming PSA events

24th May - Home clothes day and bake sale

21st June - Sports day BBQ 3.30-6pm

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

Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Edward in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Millie and Clara

Year 1 – Thea, Aiden and Max

Year 2 - Max and Cordelia

Year 3 – Elvis and Nevie

Year 4 – Lily and Tilly

Year 5 – Arnie, Harry and Albie W

Year 6 – Reuben and Olly

Congratulations to all!



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