



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th 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 6th June to Tuesday 23rd July

Staff Development Days

Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Tuesday 4th June 2024

Key Dates

Wednesday 3rd January

First day of Term 3

Thursday 4th January

New Entrants' Meeting for Sept 2024 (9.30am)

Tuesday 9th January

Y6 Magistrate's Talk (pm)

Tuesday 23rd January

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi) into school

Wednesday 31st January

Young Voices (O2, Greenwich)

Thursday 8th February

Y3 Community Afternoon

Friday 9th February

Poetry Assembly

Last day of Term 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. I hope you had a lovely Christmas. All my best wishes to you and your family for the coming year.

Alvin Shaw, a local magistrate, will be coming into school on Tuesday afternoon next week to lead a workshop with our Year 6 children. This will be Alvin's eleventh year of visiting Ightham, and the children always gain a lot from his time with us.

Mrs Johnson had her replacement knee operation at the beginning of the school holidays and I send our best wishes for a speedy recovery on behalf of everybody at the school. Next week, Beech Class will be taught as follows: Monday – Mrs Hesketh, Tuesday – Mrs Brown (Art/DT day), Wednesday – Mrs Gibbon, Thursday and Friday – Mrs Davis.

Mrs Davies-O'Malley will not be in school during Term 3. The Teaching Assistant in Year 1 during the mornings will therefore be: Mrs Adams (Monday to Wednesday) and Miss Fisher (Thursday and Friday).

You will have received a letter regarding our voluntary fund earlier in the week. This request has been distributed later than is usually the case due to changes with our administration systems. We are very grateful for all the contributions already received.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 95.0%

Pine – 94.17%

Chestnut – 93.33%

Willow – 92.5%

Elm – 96.55%

Beech – 97.5%

Oak – 93.1%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 1

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech -2

Oak - 1



Governors' 200 Club

The December prize winners are -

1st - Julia Weller, £19.00

2nd - Jason Biffin, £11.40

3rd - Anna Sambuk, £7.60

Absence Form

You are required to complete an eform if your child will be absent for any reason other than illness. All requests for a 'Leave of Absence' from school that involves missing part, or all, of the school day, must be authorised in advance by the Head Teacher. You are requested to give a minimum of two weeks' notice wherever possible. Leave of absence includes, but is not limited to: medical/dental appointments, holidays, requests to leave school early. We encourage medical/dental appointments to be booked out of school hours wherever possible. Leave in term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please note that it is for schools to determine whether or not a leave of absence is authorised and the Head Teacher's decision is final. A link to the form is below, and is also available under 'Posts' on the school website Home Page:

<https://forms.office.com/r/02EDAVF6Wq>

Mr Sherhod
Head Teacher

Ightham PSA



Welcome back! We have our first PSA meeting of the year on Tuesday 9th January at 7.30pm George and Dragon, Ightham. If you would like to come along and get a taste of what we do, we would be delighted to see you and there is no obligation to join! Please let me know if you would like to come along.

Our AGM is being held in the school hall on 23rd Jan 2pm. All are welcome.

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All the best,
Joanna Crisp

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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.

Head Teacher Certificates

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Jess and Joseph
Year 1 – Poppy and Hannah
Year 2 – Ada and Louie P
Year 3 – Elizabeth and Alex
Year 4 – Willow and Edie
Year 5 – Molly, Lottie and Archie
Year 6 – Olly and Lizzie

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Cordelia in Year R who received a distinction in her grade 1 modern dance exam and a merit in her standard 1 ballet. A brilliant set of results!



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