



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

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Mrs Warnes with her Lifetime Achievement Award.



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 2nd September 2024
 Tuesday 3rd September 2024
 Monday 4th November 2024

Key Dates

W/b Monday 8th July

Arts Fortnight

Drama and Choir Showcase
(3.30pm, School Hall)

Tuesday 9th July

Open Afternoon (2-3.30pm)

Chris Knott (Starfish Malawi)
visiting school

Wednesday 10th July

Y2 visit to Dungeness and
Dymchurch

Choir visiting St. Peter's Church

Thursday 11th July

YR visit to Chatham Dockyard

Y6 Production 2pm and 5pm

Monday 15th July

Malawi Day

KS1 Choir Showcase (3.30pm,
Hall)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Some of our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability training earlier in the week. I am very grateful to Mrs Hitchins, one of our lovely ex-parents, who very kindly came into school to deliver this training.

It has also been lovely to welcome back a number of our ex-pupils this week who have been in school to take part in work experience organised by their secondary schools. It is always so pleasing to note that, without exception, our ex-pupils are polite, courteous and also happy to be back at Ightham.

As you know, Mrs Warnes will be retiring at the end of this academic year. I am delighted to tell you that, last weekend, Mrs Warnes won NEU West Kent District Lifetime Achievement Award! We are all absolutely thrilled for Mrs Warnes and this award is richly deserved. I am certain that those of you that know Mrs Warnes will heartily agree. Well done to Mrs Warnes!

I am very pleased to tell you that Mrs Lloyd will be taking on the role of SENCO at Ightham for the Autumn term. This provides excellent continuity for the school as Mrs Lloyd has worked alongside Miss Avery for the last couple of years so knows all our children and systems.

As we approach the last couple of weeks of term, there is still much to look forward to in our school diary. On Monday, we shall be enjoying the final Drama and Choir Showcase of the year. On Wednesday, Chestnut Class will be visiting Dungeness and Dymchurch, while on Thursday Acorn Class will be visiting Chatham Dockyard. We are very much looking forward to the Year 6 production on Thursday afternoon. The choir will be visiting St. Peter's Church on Wednesday. We shall also be enjoying our annual Arts Fortnight in school from Monday onwards.



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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 97.22%

Pine – 93.89%

Chestnut – 93.33%

Willow – 96.93%

Elm – 94.15%

Beech – 95.28%

Oak – 94.72%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 0

Pine – 1

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 3

Oak - 2



End of day timings – September 2024

From the start of the next academic year, the end of the day for Acorn Class and Pine Class (Reception and Year 1) will be 3.15pm. This is to help parents who need to collect children from both playgrounds and also to hopefully alleviate the congestion outside the Year 2 classroom when children from that class are being dismissed at the end of the school day. The end of the day for children in Year 2 to Year 6 inclusive will remain 3.20pm.

A Message from Ightham Tennis Club (ITC)

As I’m sure you know, our School is proud of the links we foster and develop within our local community. We have a super relationship with ITC and they have requested I pass on this message to you which I am more than happy to do:

In the run up to the summer holidays and with the spell of good weather we are having there will be lots of fun, outdoor events for the pupils and families at Ightham Primary School which we have always supported by giving access to our bathroom facilities, water for drinks and on occasion electricity when asked to do so. After Sports Day last week, when our small clubhouse and bathroom was visited by large groups of unaccompanied children, we’d like to remind parents that children under the age of 14 must be always accompanied by an adult when visiting the club and we would ask that you try not to disturb our players on court when you visit the club, or your children play around it.

Wishing everyone a lovely summer from the ITC Committee

Open Afternoon

A reminder that our Open Afternoon is on Tuesday next week between 2pm and 3.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to come into school to look at work with your child and celebrate their successes with them. You will also have the opportunity to chat informally with the class teacher. **Please make sure your child remains with you at all times.** Once you have finished looking at work, you are free to take your child home – just make sure the class teacher is aware that you are taking your child please. If you are unable to attend Open Afternoon, your child will be dismissed from school at 3.20pm as usual.

Governors’ 200 Club – June Draw

The winners of the June draw are;

1st - Natasha Foster, £9.50

2nd - Julia Weller, £5.70

3rd - Demelza Carroll, £3.80

New PSA Treasurer Required!

Very sadly, our lovely PSA is still in a position whereby nobody has put themselves forward to become the new Treasurer. Can you help? I am sure Natalie, the current Treasurer, would be more than happy to talk to you about the role if you wish to find out more – you can email her at: treasurer@ighthampsa.com

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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.

Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Hardie and Olly in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Year R – Nia and Joshua

Year 1 – Poppy, Maddox and Thea

Year 2 – Funley and Florence

Year 3 – Olly and Theo G-P

Year 4 – Willow and Edie

Year 5 – Fearne, Izzy and Albie A

Year 6 – Maya and Hardie

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Malachy, Max and Theo A in Year 3, and Jess in Year 1 who received their cricket awards from Platt Cricket Club this week.



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