

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”



March 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well what an exciting term it has been! It is amazing to think the amount that has gone on over the past six weeks. We have had to contend with the Beast from the East and an Ofsted inspection, but have had the excitement of countless sporting and musical events where your children have continued to impress and build on the school's growing reputation.

I am very pleased to say that the inspectors once again saw the school in a very positive light, with excellent learning and fantastic behaviour. The report will be published on both the Ofsted website as well as the school website in the coming weeks, we hope that you enjoy reading it.

It has also been another very busy term for our sporting teams. We have competed in many different sporting events and our results are certainly improving. Both the Year 3/4 and the year 5/6 teams reached their respective finals of the hockey tournaments and we won our first Thanet wide event last week when the Years 3 and 4 Tri-golf team triumphed at their tournament. They will now go on to represent Thanet in the Kent School Games later on in the year. It is testament to the fantastic work of the PE department as well as the work ethic of our pupils that we are now enjoying so much sporting success – long may it continue! Finally, I would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Easter holiday. I hope that you all have some enjoyable, relaxing family time and the children come back ready for another busy summer term on Tuesday 17th April.

Mr J Williams
Headteacher



Nursery Places Available for April 2018– Apply Now!

There are currently morning and afternoon spaces available in our Nursery for children over the age of 3. These are free to all parents as part of the free 15 hours of early education entitlement. If you are interested, please come and see our admission officer, Mrs Brazier in the office.

Cleaner Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner for 11.25 hours per week. The hours are 6.30am to 8.45am, Monday to Friday, 42 weeks per year (term time, INSET days, one week in the Easter break, first and last weeks of the summer break). The pay for this role is set at Kent Range 2 which is approximately £7.83 per hour, or approximately £4,100 per annum pro rata. An application form is available from the School Office or you can apply online via the advert on www.kent-teach.com. The closing date for applications via the School Office is Friday 20 April 2018.

Parking

Please continue to help us to secure the safety of your children by parking considerately and not on pavements, where children need to walk on their way to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Smoking and E-Cigarette Policy



The School has adopted a new Smoking and E-Cigarette Policy to provide a healthier environment that is free of tobacco smoke and vapours from e-cigarettes.

Whilst it is recognised that there is no current legislation banning e-cigarettes they remain unlicensed and little is known about the health risks they may cause. E-cigarettes contain liquid nicotine, flavour and other chemicals which is turned into vapour and is inhaled by the user. Our intention is to protect non-smokers from being exposed to these vapours which could be potentially harmful, and may cause safety concerns.

Until such time as legislation comes into effect the school will take the position of banning the use of these devices in our buildings or on our premises. We expect people who are smokers or vapers to take steps to minimise the effects of their smoke or vapours on others whilst at school. Primarily this will be by ensuring that when smoking it is at a reasonable distance away from our premises.

For more information of the policy please visit our website www.garlingeprimary.co.uk

Year 4 Trip to Kent Life Museum

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their recent trip to the Kent Life Museum on 6th March. They took part in a range of activities to further their understanding of Roman Britain. They came face to face with Queen Boudicca and a Roman centurion. A Roman servant taught them all about roads, aqueducts and toilet etiquette and they got to make their own leather amulets. All the children's behaviour was exemplary and they demonstrated our school values.

Festival of Song

On 20th March, eighteen children from the school choir took part in the Festival of Song at the Winter Gardens, along with fifteen other schools. They sang a variety of pop and rock songs from the 1950s up to the present day. They all had a fabulous time representing the school at this annual event.

Orchestra Workshop

On 22nd March, fifteen of the children who have woodwind and brass instrumental lessons, attended a music workshop at Dane Court School in Broadstairs.

They spent the day with six other schools composing their own music and playing music from the 'BBC 10 Pieces' for school orchestras. The day culminated in a concert to parents and friends. All the children had a fantastic day meeting new children in an orchestral setting.

Money Matters

Exciting news: we will be hosting another FREE Adult Education course for parents, grandparents and carers!

Would you like to:

- ❖ Talk about pocket money and fun ways to help your children learn about money?
- ❖ Share money saving ideas?
- ❖ Manage your money better, understand debt and save more?

Starting on Tuesday, 1st May for 4 weeks, at 1.15pm, the course is designed to be 2 hours with parents and 30 minutes with children included at the end, however, if parents cannot stay for the end of the session, that is fine. Over the four weeks we will look at various ways of making the family budget stretch a little further e.g. money saving tips, budgeting, dealing with debt, talking to children about money and anything else the learners wish to discuss.

Flyers will be in book bags soon or ask our Family Liaison Officer, Ali Gillatt for details. Places are limited, sorry there is no crèche facility.



Buster's Big Bash 2018

Buster's Big Bash is a fantastic action – packed event for families, with lots of exciting things for children to see and do. It is run by the KM Charity Team to celebrate its successful green travel and literacy work with schools across the county. This free family event takes place on the morning of Saturday, 12th May in Dane John Gardens, Canterbury from 10:00 - 12.30pm. Tickets require advanced booking. To book your place, go to the website <http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/walktoschool/bigbash/>

United Mothers

We hold our United Mothers group on a Thursday, 9:00 until 11:15 at Garlinge Children Centre.

All our mums, grandmothers and aunties are welcome to come along, join our group, and meet new people. This is an ideal opportunity for mothers of children who have English as an additional language (EAL) to discuss a variety of subjects, such as understanding the school, and the education system.

This is a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, meet members of staff and find out their role within the school so they can be more involved in school life.

This is a unique learning environment to bring together women of many different backgrounds to break down language and cultural barriers.

The group is run by two members of the non-profit organization called Beyond the Page, with Ewa Farrall, our Minority Outreach Worker.



Time: 9:00 - 11:15 am

	Garlinge Children's Centre CT9 5NR				St John's Community Centre CT9 1LN			
	Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Friday
April	19th	20th	26th	27th				
May	3rd	4th	10th	11th	17th	18th	24th	25th
June	7th	8th	14th	15th	21st	22nd	28th	29th
July	5th	6th	12th	13th				

Little Garlinge Toddler Group.

We are excited to announce that Garlinge Primary School and Nursery will be starting a Parent & Toddler Group after the Easter holidays. Little Garlinge Parent & Toddler Group will be starting Friday 20th April at Garlinge Children Centre. Please see Ali Gillatt, Family Liaison Officer (FLO) for more details.

Little Garlinge Parent & Toddler Group

Every Friday (term time only)

At Garlinge Children's Centre

8:55am - 10:30am

Each session will include age appropriate toys and a singing time at the end of the session.

All Garlinge School & Nursery parents & carers are welcome to bring their babies and toddlers along to meet new friends.





Things to do in Thanet this Easter half term

Friday 30th March Teddy Bear's Picnic and Easter egg hunt fun 11:00 - 15:00pm- RSPCA Thanet branch, Birchington

Events at Dreamland:

Sunday 30th March 10:00-11:30am – Shaun the Sheep Movie (free, but must be booked in advance)

Sunday 30th March 13:00- 16:00pm -Young Animators Workshop (drop-in session)

Friday 6th April 12:00-16:00pm Peter Rabbit Appearance & Storytime

Saturday 7th April to Sunday 15th April 11:00-17:00pm – Shaun the Sheep's Championsheeps (fun family sports event)

Friday 30th March to Thursday 5th April 11:00-15:30pm -The Inflatable Whale Theatre Show (free, but first come first served basis; 6 shows per day, each at 20min intervals)

Scavenger and Great Eggcase Hunts

The Thanet Coast Project are running some exciting holiday activities this year, such as a "Scavenger and Great Eggcase Hunt" this April. Pop down to the beach for some fun, with talks, explorations and beach-art! Suggested donation £1. For more information contact 01843 577 672.

Tuesday 3rd April Coastal Community Beach Hut (opp. Arlington House) 11:00 – 12:30pm

Wednesday 4th April Viking Bay Beach, Broadstairs 11:00 – 12:30pm

School Term Dates

Please consider term time dates carefully when booking any holidays for the year. For a full list of **term/holiday dates** please see the school website calendar on www.garlingeprimary.co.uk or collect a paper copy from the school office.



Dates for your Diary 2018

Monday 26th March – Thursday 29th March	Y6 Residential Trip to Swattenden
Thursday 29th March	Last day of term (normal finish time)
Friday 30th March-Friday 13th April	EASTER TERM BREAK
Monday 16th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 17th April	Return to school
Monday 7th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May	KS2 SATS
Friday 25th May	Last day of term
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018 inclusive	TERM BREAK
Monday 4th June	Return to school
Tuesday 24th July	Last day of term

Please take the time to either check in your child's book bag each day or visit our website to be informed of any events and/or school news. For all diary dates please visit the [EVENTS PAGE](#) on our website www.garlingeprimary.co.uk.