

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”



October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of our first term of the year, I would once again like to thank you all for the support that you continue to show your children and the school. In what has been a very busy and successful term so far, it is lovely to see how well embedded the school values are within our pupils. At the recent cross country event at Quex Park, it was clear to see **Perseverance, Aspiration, Respect** and **Teamwork** displayed by all of our runners and huge personal bests were claimed by many of them. To see a team so large yet so focused on doing the very best for themselves, as well as supporting other children from their school, was extremely humbling and reflected very well on all involved. I look forward to further opportunities in both sport, art and music over the coming terms.

I would also like to thank the many parents who came and watched our Year 1 pupils in their Harvest Assembly, as well as all those who donated goods which will be passed on to the Thanet Food Bank. The pupils performed brilliantly in a range of songs and stories and they loved doing so in front of the people they care about the most.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable half term break. I hope that all families have a good rest and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 29th October.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Open Day 8th November 2018



Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015? We would like to invite all parents whose children will be starting school September 2019, to come and visit us!

Open Sessions for Prospective Parents of Year 2019 Reception

Thursday 8th November 2018

09:30 or 14:00 or 17:30

It is for parents and children who will be age 4 by 31/08/2019 to come and see our warm and friendly school!

Year 6 Application Process for Secondary School Admission

Can we please remind parents of Year 6 children that the application process for children starting secondary school in 2019 opened on 1st September and closes on 31st October 2018. If you have any queries please contact Admissions by phoning 03000 41 21 21 or email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Harvest Festival

A **BIG** thank you to all who donated goods for our Harvest Festival – Thanet Food Bank have expressed their thanks.



Sleep Workshop



Foreland Inclusion Support Service are offering a FREE half day Sleep workshop on:

Date: Monday 19 November 2018

Time: Registration and Coffee from 9:00 am

Workshop starts at 9:30 am and finishes at 12:45 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Venue: Green Banks Mash, Westfield Road, Margate CT9 5PA

This workshop is for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2018 (ages 4/5) & up to age 11 who live in Thanet and who have not previously received any training or support around sleep issues. Children should not attend.

The Workshop will include information on a range of sleep problems in children, who may or may not have a medical diagnosis, identifying the possible causes and consider interventions and advice to improve them.

To book your place please contact ffiss@foreland.kent.sch.uk or telephone on 01843 268997 term-time only before Friday 26th October 2018.

After School Clubs



It is great to see so many children this term keen to take part in an after school club at Garlinge. We have had an overwhelming response to all clubs taking place next term especially Gymnastics, Cosmic Yoga, Storytime, TSC Football and Dodgeball.

We have tried to allocate at least one club to each child that has applied, however, this may not have been the child's first choice. There is a waiting list in Term 2, if any spaces become available you will be notified. If your child has been successful in

gaining a space, you will receive a text message by the week beginning Monday 29th October. Thank you.

Missing School Uniform Items

As you can appreciate many pupils have costly school uniform items such as the black school fleece. Please can you check your child's school uniform in case they have accidentally taken someone else's home by mistake. If your child does have the wrong clothes, we would appreciate it if you could give them to your child's class teacher or drop them into the school office. Thank you for your support.

Young Voices at the O2

Monday 4th February 2019 is the big day when our School Choir travel to London to perform at the Young Voices 2019 Concert at the O2 London. We hope that they have an enjoyable and memorable day.



After School Collection Arrangements

Please make sure you are on time to collect your child. Children not collected by 3.25pm will be taken to the late collection point outside the front office. Late collection is monitored by the school support staff and a letter will be sent to parents who frequently collect late. If you know you are going to be late to pick up your child, you must contact the school and let us know. We understand that exceptional things happen on occasions, however it is your responsibility to ensure that you make alternative arrangements so that your child is collected from school on time. If alternative arrangements are made, please let the school office know. We will not let a child go home with any other adult, unless you have informed the office to say that this is permitted.



PE Department News

We have lots of visitors in school next term. Year 3 will be getting some expert rugby skills coaching from the PE department at Chatham & Clarendon, Year 6 will be playing football with Bob Bolder from Charlton Athletic Community Trust and Jade Bailey will be continuing her street dance workshops in Year 5. Our school teams will be in action in the Kent School Games qualifying events for basketball and athletics as well as a range of other events! You can follow all the news on twitter @TeamGarlinge.



Safety around the School

There are regular messages in this newsletter to remind parents of courteous parking and careful driving. Could we please ask that all parents/carers, park respectfully and consider the needs of all parties, local residents, other road users and especially pedestrians. We know it is difficult parking and driving around school and that there are limited parking spaces available, but can you please try to park further down the road and avoid turning or reversing in front of the school. This is a very busy place for children and adults crossing. Please ensure you always use the path when entering or leaving the site and not exit via the car park. **Your child's safety depends on you!**

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and action in this important safety matter.

Polite reminders

- ❖ Please inform us if your child has any medical condition or allergies. If so, it is essential that you fill out or renew the Medical Needs Form which is available from the office.
- ❖ If you have changed address or telephone number recently, please notify the office of new details.
- ❖ Please note that parents should not use the staff car parks when delivering or collecting children from school.
- ❖ All items of your child's belongings must be clearly marked with your child's name. Please be aware that pen or biro fades quickly and needs regularly replacing, so nametags are a good idea. Please include shoes, coats, bags, PE kits and lunch boxes in your labelling. If a named item is found, it is a lot easier for us to return it to your child.
- ❖ Dinner money is £11.00 a week (£2.20 a day) and is due on Mondays (or first day of school)
- ❖ Packed lunches- To help us protect our children please can we ask you to cut grapes and cherry tomatoes lengthways or into quarters, to avoid choking.
- ❖ Could we please remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time and that smoking/vaping is not permitted.
- ❖ Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not throw any waste or cigarette butts on the ground around the school.

Family Liaison Officer News (FLO news)

Christmas is nearly here and things can get hectic! Come along to our **Christmas Craft Coffee Mornings, Thursday 30th November and 7th December, starting at 8:55am, in the ICT suite**. We will be having Christmas crafting for you and your younger children to make for the big day!

I am pleased to offer all our parents and carers a fantastic course run by Adult Education: **Parents Towards Employment**.

Come along to the course and have the opportunity to have some practical ideas to succeed when applying for a job.

- ❖ Would you like to build your self-confidence?
- ❖ Do you need to improve your maths and English?



- ❖ Know your own strengths and weaknesses?
- ❖ Know what skills you can bring to the job?
- ❖ Start your journey to being work ready?

This exciting course is starting on **Wednesday 17th January 2019 at 9:15am**, for 4 weeks.

Please see me for details! Flyers will be in book bags soon!

We will be hosting a First Aid for Families course in February, would you like to learn how to put someone into the recovery position? How to recognise and treat someone choking? If so, this course is for you! Details will follow next term.



Dates for your Diary 2018



Thursday 18th October	PTFA Book Swap 15:15- 16:00 KS2 Hall
Friday 19th October	PTFA Halloween Discos: Year 1 and Year 2-16:00- 17:00 Year 3 and Year 4 -17:30- 18:30 Year 5 and Year 6 -19:00- 20:00
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October	Term Break
Monday 29th October	Return to School
Wednesday 31st October	Year R –Year 5 Flu Immunisation
Monday 12th- Friday 16th November	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 14th November	Parent Consultation Evening 14:40-19:30 (school closes at 14:25)
Thursday 29th November	PTFA Uniform Sale 15:15- 16:00 KS2 Hall
Saturday 1st December	Christmas Fair 13:00- 16:00



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.garlingprimary.co.uk or collect a paper copy from the school office.

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.garlingprimary.co.uk.

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