



## Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”



# July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that another school year has nearly passed and we are looking ahead to the summer holidays already, but what a successful year it has been for the school! I continue to be extremely proud of the school, its staff and students and I am very excited for further successes in the future.

During the course of this year there have been many things to celebrate and at the heart of any school must be its standards. We are measured at several different stages and at each one of these Garlinge is consistently at or slightly above national average, but in the past week we have received our Key Stage 2 results and I am very pleased to say that we are well above the national average. Nationally, 64% of pupils achieve the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics but for pupils at Garlinge 75% did so. This is a fantastic achievement by your children and an excellent reflection of the work of all the teachers and other adults within the school – I'm sure we will only go from strength to strength from now on and I am very pleased that Ofsted also recognised how well we have done over the previous four years when they visited us in March.

We have also had a very busy term for all of our music provision. Mrs Cook, Mrs Scott, Miss Scott, Mr Cowan and Mrs Northrop work extremely hard throughout the year to provide a range of opportunities for our pupils and this term the choir and musicians have been performing widely, at our Celebration Afternoon, assemblies and our fantastic music concert to name but a few! We have also had our first pupils take their Grade 1 exam in clarinet and we are excitedly awaiting the results – good luck to them both!

Our sporting provision has also improved tremendously through the year under the expert guidance of Mrs Mileham, Miss Sparkes and Miss Allen. Sport is such an important part of school life and I believe that we now have in place some of the very best provision of all the schools in Thanet. We recently won the prestigious 'Most Improved School' award at the Thanet Passport awards night and also became the first school in Kent to gain the Kent Sports Active Infants Gold Award as well as the Sainsbury's Gold Mark for all school sport. Our pupils also represented Garlinge and Thanet in two recent Kent School Games events, picking up silver medals in both to be the second best primary school in Kent for both Years 3 and 4 squash and Tri-golf. As if that wasn't enough we recently had a thrilling day where the children had a visit from the actual Premier League trophy, the author of the Jamie Johnson books and sessions with Charlton Athletic coaches – perfect for honing sporting aspiration!

I would also like to take this opportunity to report that after the recent consultation process regarding us joining a Cooperative Trust with St Mildred's Infants and Bromstone Primary School, I am pleased to say that Governors voted unanimously to go ahead and join. Whilst the impact of this should not alter the day to day running of any of the schools, it does enable us to formalise the work the three schools have been doing together for the last five years and I look forward greatly to this happening.

As with the end of any school year, there are a few people who will be leaving us to move on to other things or pastures new. I would like to wish my most sincere thanks to both Mrs James and Mrs Kimpton, two of our Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistants, who are leaving Garlinge after nearly 50 years' service combined! This is a staggering achievement and one we are very grateful to them for. We will also be saying good bye to Miss Toomey who will be leaving and we would also wish her the very best in her new job.

I would just like to finish with a huge 'Thank you' to all of you for your support during this fantastic year. We appreciate your support greatly and realise that we would not have had the successes that we have had without it. I hope that you all have a happy and relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, ready for the new school year.

Mr J Williams  
Headteacher



### **School Meal Price Increase**

Please note that school meal prices will be increasing to **£2.20** per child per day from Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Reminder, school meals need to be paid for in advance at the start of each week. Application forms for Free School Meals are available at the office should you wish to apply.

Please assist the school to help a smooth transition from school lunch to packed lunch and vice versa. If your child would like to change, please let the office know one week in advance.

### **After School Clubs Payments**

If your child has been given a place at an after school club that requires a payment, please ensure that it is handed in prior to the club starting. If your child is unwell or absent on the day of the club we will not be able to provide refunds.

### **Anti-social behaviour/ Inconsiderate Parking**

Please be considerate of local residents around our school by respecting our neighbours' properties particularly when collecting children at the end of the school day. Please do not let your children run into our neighbours' gardens and driveways.

We are constantly receiving complaints from our resident neighbours about inconsiderate parking outside their driveways preventing them from attending important hospital appointments. Please may we remind you all not to block driveways when dropping and collecting your children from school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### **Earrings**

Earrings should not be worn during PE lessons and they can only be removed by parents or pupils. If your child has permission to have their ears pierced during the holidays please assist your child in practising to take them in and out as this can be quite tricky at first. Please ensure that ear piercing takes place at the very start of the holidays.

### **Playground Behaviours**

- The school site is a non-smoking and non-vaping environment. Smoking/vaping is not permitted within the school site or around its boundaries.
- Bikes/scooters should not be ridden in the school playground at any time.
- Please ensure that your child is closely supervised at all times on the playground before and after school to ensure that they are safe, making appropriate behaviour choices and are not upsetting anyone or putting themselves or others at risk.
- Can we also remind all parents that dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school grounds.



### **Entry into the school building**

Please would parents & carers be aware that they are **NOT** allowed to enter the school buildings unless accompanied by a member of staff, thank you for your co-operation. If you have a message for staff please speak to a member of staff on duty, or pass a message via the school office.



### **Important Information**

Due to the essential gas mains replacement work on Kingston Avenue, there will be diversion in place and no parking in Caxton Road on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July.

### Summer Seashore Safaris

Explore Thanet's chalk rocky shore for its fascinating rockpool wildlife!

Identification sheet & equipment is provided and there is help on hand to identify your finds. Wear suitable footwear for rocks & rockpools (eg wetshoes, crocks or wellies!) and wear suitable clothing for the weather conditions on the day. All events last for 2 hours and are suitable for ALL the family, but particularly 4-11s. Children must be always be accompanied by a responsible adult. Suggested donation of £1 per person (adults & children!)

**Please note: It is 'first come, first served' booking system at the start of each event -so please get there early!**

- Tues 31 July, 8:30am - Minnis Bay, Birchington (CT7 9QP)
- Wed 1 August, 8:30am - West Bay, Westgate (CT8 8QZ)
- Thu 2 August, 9:00am - St Mildred's Bay (CT8 8TP)
- Fri 3 August, 9:30am - Eastcliff, Ramsgate (CT11 8NB)
- Sat 4 August, 10:30am - Western Undercliff, Ramsgate (CT11 9PH)
- Sun 5 August, 11:30am - Walpole Bay, Cliftonville (CT9 3HF)
- Tue 14 August, 8:30am - Stone Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 1DU)
- Wed 15 August, 9:00am - Joss Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3PG)
- Thu 16 August, 9:30am - Botany Bay, Broadstairs (CT10 3LU)
- Fri 17 August, 10:30am - Dumpton Gap, Broadstairs (CT10 1TA)
- Sat 18 August, 10:30am - Nayland Rock, Margate Main Sands (CT9 1XN)



### Great British Beach Clean 2018

Sat 15 Sept, 10:00am – Pegwell Bay, Cliffsend (CT12 5HY)

Sat 15 Sept, 14:30 – Plum Pudding (west of Minnis Bay, Birchington)

## Dates for your Diary 2018

*"You're off to great places!  
Today is your Day!  
Your mountain is waiting.  
So...Get on your way!" Dr. Seuss*

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Shirt Signing
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Uniform Recycling KS2 Hall (15:15)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (13:45)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term (normal finish time)



Thank you all for a fantastic school year. We hope you have an amazing summer & we look forward to hearing all about your adventures on Tuesday, 4th September 2018!

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Kent Test
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Secondary Meeting Year 5 parents KS2 Hall (17:30)



### 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

[www.garlingeprimary.co.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.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.garlingeprimary.co.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk).



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**School Term and Holiday Dates 2018 – 2019**

**TERM 1**

Monday 3 September: INSET DAY (1)  
Tuesday 4 September: Return to school  
Friday 19 October: Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 22 October 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018 inclusive***

**TERM 2**

Monday 29 October: Return to school  
Wednesday 19 December: Last day of term

***Holiday: Thursday 20 December 2018 – Thursday 3 January 2019 inclusive***

**TERM 3**

Thursday 3 January: Return to school  
Friday 15 February: Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 18 February 2019 – Friday 22 February 2019 inclusive***

**TERM 4**

Monday 25 February: Return to school  
Friday 5 April: Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 8 April 2019 to Monday 22 April 2019 inclusive***  
*(Easter Bank holiday is Friday 19 April & Monday 22 April 2019)*

**TERM 5**

Tuesday 23 April: INSET DAY (2)  
Wednesday 24 April: Return to school

***Holiday: Monday 6 May 2019 - May Day Bank Holiday***

Friday 24 May: Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019 inclusive***

**TERM 6**

Monday 3 June: Return to school  
Tuesday 23 July: Last day of term

*2 Inset days identified*  
*3 Inset days to be arranged*  
*Inset days are subject to change*