

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”

May 2018



Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you all enjoyed the weather over the recent Bank Holiday and also that it continues throughout the rest of the summer! As usual, it has been a busy and successful few weeks at Garlinge and I do hope that you have had a chance to read the lovely letter that we received following our recent Ofsted inspection. We were all very pleased with the many excellent features that the letter highlighted and will continue our efforts to take the school onto even greater heights.

I hope that you may have also had a chance to look at our re-launched school website at www.garlingeprimary.co.uk We have put a lot of work into establishing a modern, up to date site as well as publishing content relevant to what is happening at Garlinge. There are pages devoted to each Department so do go online and have a look at what your child is doing. There is also a fantastic tour of the school which manages to showcase the whole school in just nine minutes!

Finally I must once again mention the sporting success which we are enjoying. Over the past five weeks the children have won a staggering four trophies, gaining success in tri-golf, netball, rugby and squash. Two of these triumphs were achieved in Kent School Games qualifiers which means those teams will now go on to represent Thanet in the Kent School Games - another first for Garlinge. Perhaps the most important feature of the successes is the values that your children have shown in all of the events, whether they have won or lost. It is frequently noted about how they play the games in the right spirit and they really are a credit to the school during these events. Well done Team Garlinge!

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

School Sport Days

Listed below are forthcoming Sports Days dates. We would love to see all parents and guardians to support and enjoy the events with the children. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

DATE	YEAR GROUP	TIME
WEDS 20 TH JUNE	4	9:30 -11:30
	2	13:30-15:00
FRIDAY 22 ND JUNE	6	9:30-11:00
	5	13:30-15:00
TUESDAY 26 TH JUNE	3	9:30-11.30
	1	13:30 -15:00
WEDNESDAY 11 TH JULY	R	9:30-10:30
	N (AM/PM)	11:00-11:30

Please ensure that your child has the following for sports day:

- Sun cream (to be applied at home)
- Sun hat
- Refillable water bottle (no fizzy drinks)
- PE kit including a T-shirt in the house colour



Going to school- Why it's so important!

- Regular school attendance and good punctuality means your child can make the most of their education, this will improve their choices in adult life and it will also help them when they enter the world of work.
- School helps children and young people with their social skills, making and maintaining friendships, building confidence and self esteem.
- If your child does not attend school regularly it could affect their attainment grades in exams, tests and assignments because of missed work.

Should you have any queries regarding absence from or lateness to school please speak with our attendance officer, Mrs Bridger.

Punctuality Matters too! Missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities!

5 minutes late every day for a year = 3 days of lost learning.

15 minutes late every day for a year = 2 weeks of lost learning.



We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly and are therefore benefiting fully from their education.



The Kent Test

For those parents who are considering entering their child for the Kent Test (11+), we have provided you with an overview of the process so that you are aware of the various requirements placed upon all involved.

Registration

- Parents will be able to register for the Kent Test online via www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- Online registration for the Kent Test (for children due to start secondary school in September 2019) **opens at 9:00am on Friday, 1st June and will close midnight on Monday, 2nd July 2018.**
- If you register online and provide an email address, you will receive your child's assessment decision by email on Thursday, 11th October 2018 after 16:00. Please be aware that postal results can be delayed.

Actual Test

Your child will take the test in Year 6 at primary school on Thursday, 6th September 2018.

Results

When results are sent out to parents they will simply confirm whether the child has passed or not. Further details will be supplied to the primary school, who will confirm the exact scores to parents.

Appeals

Those who consider appealing, please be aware that you cannot appeal until you are allocated a school. Before considering an appeal it is advisable to discuss your child's scores with the school first.

New Year R Parents Meetings for children starting in September 2018

We would like to invite parents of children starting in September 2018 for an information session, to meet the Class Teachers, Department Leaders and learn more about our school.

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| 1. Tuesday 19 th June 2018 | 18:00-19:00 | Visit 1 |
| Thursday 21 st June 2018 | | |
| Only 1 meeting needs to be attended. More details to follow. | | |

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| 2. Wednesday 27 th June 2018 | 13:30-14:45 | Visit 2 |
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| 3. Thursday 5 th July 2018 | 13:30-14:30 | Visit 3 |
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At all meetings the Admin Team will be on hand to collect admission paperwork and answer queries.

Midday Meals Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a **Midday Meals Supervisor** working 10 hours a week to support our children at lunchtime. The hours are from 11:20 to 13:20, 5 days a week, term time only (38 weeks per year). The pay is approximately £7.83 per hour, or £3,366 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 18th May 2018.



Lost Property

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 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.

Absence from school

We would appreciate it if all absences from school could be telephoned in to the school office on a daily basis by **9.30am (01843 221877 option 1)**. If your child is going to be absent due to illness, evidence may be requested, such as a doctor's prescription or a medical appointment letter/card. We do ask that parents/carers, where possible, make all appointments outside of the school day.

Responsible Parking

Unfortunately a number of parents continue to put the children and Road Crossing Patrol of Garlinge at risk through dangerous driving and parking practices.

- No parking on Yellow Lines or double parking
- No stopping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig-zag lines
- No parking near the school entrance
- Please do not block driveways



Please do not let your children walk across the school car parks, it is **DANGEROUS!**



PTFA Summer Fair
Saturday 23rd June 13:00 - 16:00



There will be lots of stalls, entertainment and wide range of activities!
Let's add to the pot for our school and make it a record- breaking Summer Fair!!

Thank you so much to all who have volunteered their time at the Fair. We still need more helpers please. Mums, Dads, carers, grandparents...please get in touch ASAP if you can help! Please contact PTFA on either of the following numbers: Kaye **07809 229 114** or Ted **07437 016667** if you are able to assist in any way.

Little Garlinge Parent & Toddler Group

Every Friday (term time only)
At Garlinge Children's Centre
8:55am -10:30

Each session will include age appropriate toys and a singing time at the end of the session.
All Garlinge Primary School & Nursery parents & carers are welcome to bring their babies and toddlers along to meet new friends.



Dates for your Diary 2018



Thursday 17 th May	Stagecoach Meeting for Year 6 Parents (14:30)
Friday 18 th May	World Book Day 2
Tuesday 22 nd May	Uniform Sale KS2 Hall from 15:30
Wednesday 23 rd and Thursday 24 th May	Year 3 Trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
Wednesday 23 rd May	Kent Test Parents Meeting (17:30)
Friday 25 th May	Last day of term
Monday 28 th May - Friday 1 st June	Half Term
Monday 4 th June	Return to school
Tuesday 5 th June	Year 6 Group Photographs
Tuesday 12 th June	Year 2 Trip to Wildwood
Friday 15 th June	Year 4 Parent workshop (13:45-15:00)
Saturday 23 rd June	PTFA Summer Fair (13:00-16:00)
Tuesday 24 th July	Last day of term



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.

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.

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