

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”



September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by welcoming you all to Garlinge after our summer break. I hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and that the children are all looking forward to their new classes and their learning. As you may have seen, it has been a very busy summer at school and our Premises Team have been working hard throughout to make lots of improvements. As well as deep cleaning all classrooms and shared areas, we have improved access to and from our car parks, installed a projector into our Key Stage 1 hall, painted the Key Stage 2 toilets, laid new carpets in several classrooms and resurfaced the Lower Key Stage 2 playground. The playground is a particularly spectacular and pleasing project and further underlines our commitment to providing our pupils with high quality sports facilities and teaching. I am sure that it will have a very positive impact on our sporting participation and success.

I am also extremely proud to report that we have had our record Key Stage 2 SATs figures confirmed since we have come back to school. 76% of our pupils reached an expected standard (or higher) in reading, writing and maths, comparing favourably to the national average of 64%. Our pupils also exceeded national averages when looking at each of those subjects individually. It is a real tribute to the dedication of the pupils, teachers and parents to achieve these results and we are grateful for your assistance.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Garlinge Primary School and Nursery has been designated a 'Centre of Excellence' by the Inclusion Quality Mark team. Following a two day inspection in June we were not only assessed as an inclusive school, but fast tracked to be a 'Centre of Excellence', a process that usually takes up to four years. We become one of just 244 schools nationally to receive this prestigious status and I would particularly like to thank Mrs Bond and Mrs Northrop for leading this process, as well as all staff and pupils, who demonstrated beautifully during the inspection just what an inclusive environment we work in. Please see more details below.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher



The Inclusion Quality Mark Award

On 21st and 22nd June 2018 we had an intense two day assessment to achieve the **Inclusion Quality Mark Award (IQM)**. The assessor interviewed a variety of pupils, parents/carers and members of our whole staff team. They were asked pertinent questions on how they felt the needs of all our learners were met. The assessor scrutinised evidence of outstanding provision and quality first teaching in all our classrooms across the school. We are extremely proud to announce that we have been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark Award. This is an amazing achievement on its own! The assessor was so impressed by our pupils and our inclusive mainstream practice, she recommended us to be put forward as a Centre of Excellence - this usually takes at least three years to achieve! This award recognises those IQM inclusive schools which demonstrate a commitment to outstanding levels of inclusive best practice. We are so proud to achieve this status and would like to thank all of our Garlinge family – without you it would not be possible!

PE Department

We are looking forward to another successful year and will be providing our pupils with lots of exciting and different ways to enjoy being active! If you haven't already done so, why not sign your child up to one of the many clubs that are on offer.

The 'Team Garlinge' School teams will be in action on the football pitch, the netball court and the Cross Country this term, so good luck to all pupils who are representing us.

Please could we also remind you that your child must always have a PE kit in school.



Attendance

Please may we remind all parents that children leaving before the end of the school day **MUST** be kept to a minimum and only under exceptional circumstances. Frequently, the end of the lesson is when the teacher re-caps and important information is given to the children. As your children's education is a priority, any appointments should, wherever possible, be made outside of school time. In the event of this not being possible, we would like to request that both the class teacher and school office are notified as soon as possible prior to the appointment and a copy of an appointment card or hospital letter brought in as evidence. Thank you for your co-operation, attendance has started off this year very positively and this is much appreciated.

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.

Collection Arrangements

We take the security and safety of our children very seriously. If your child is to be collected by someone else, even if it's another parent or carer, then you must inform the school office at the beginning of the school day to ensure that teachers are aware of the day's collection arrangements - and don't forget to remind your child too.

Parent and Carer contact details



Please remember how important it is that we are able to get in contact with you when necessary. This is not only necessary in times of emergency, but sometimes for forgotten items or just to change picking up arrangements etc—it is vital that the school office has up to date mobile telephone numbers on the system, thank you.

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!**

Eco News

We are looking forward to having our first Eco meeting of the year where we will continue to take part in the 'What's Under Our Feet' campaign for the second year running. We will be looking at what's under our feet at Garlinge and the results that we share will help the scientists at the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) understand the relationship between climate, the availability of invertebrates and how this impacts UK bird numbers and their migration patterns.

We are looking forward to sharing our results with them and with you on our Eco page on the school website.

You can also do your part at home to help the environment by joining the 'Switch Off Fortnight' for two weeks in November. Further details to follow.

The School Day

Key Stage 1

Gates open at 8.45 am and close promptly at 9.00 am- anyone arriving after this time will be asked to report to the school office.

Morning break:

Reception 10:10 am to 10:25 am

Y1/Y2 10:30 am to 10:45 am

Lunchtime:

Reception 11:30am to 12:30pm

Year 1/Year 2 12:00pm to 1:00pm

School finishes at 3:10 pm

Key Stage 2

Gates open at 8:45 am and close promptly at 9:00 am – anyone arriving after this time will be asked to report to the school office.

Morning break: 11.00 am to 11.15 am

Lunchtime: 12.25 pm to 1.20 pm

School finishes at 3:15 pm

Morning Nursery: 8:45 am to 11:45 pm

Afternoon Nursery: 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Remember - the school gates are locked at 3:30 pm.

Please collect your children promptly at the end of the school day. We will ensure that children are safely supervised if parents or carers are unavoidably delayed, but late collection should not be a routine occurrence.



Garlinge Primary School & Nursery are taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on **Thursday 27th September**. Come along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning and donations on the day will go to Macmillan. This is a perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa, enjoy some gorgeous treats and help Macmillan be there for people facing cancer.

We understand how cancer can affect people's whole lives – health, money, family, job; so please join us on **Thursday 27th September, 9am-10.30am, in the KS2 Hall** and make a difference to people's lives! If you would like to bake a cake for the day, that would be great!



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.



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 £7.95 per hour, or approximately £4,294 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 21 September 2018.



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.



Dates for your Diary 2018

Monday 17 th September	Year 1 Parents-Meet the Teacher Afternoon 13:45-15:05 KS2 Hall
Tuesday 25 th September	Year 2 Parents-Meet the Teacher Afternoon 13:45-15:05 KS2 Hall
Wednesday 19 th September	Y3 & Y4 Parents Meet the Teacher Afternoon 13:45-15:05 KS2 Hall
Thursday 20 th September	Y5 & Y6 Parents Meet the Teacher Afternoon 13:45-15:05 KS2 Hall
Thursday 11 th October	Kent test results by email and posted to parents
Wednesday 31 st October	School Nurses Immunisation Year 1-Year 5
Friday 19 th October	Last day of term
Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th October	Half Term
Monday 29 th October	Return to school



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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