

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



Lower Key Stage 2-Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It only seems like yesterday that I was writing to welcome you all to the Year 3 and 4 Department and now we are firmly settled into the summer terms. We have been pleased to welcome some new members of staff to our team. Miss Hart is fully settled into her role as TA in classes 3C and 3D and a warm welcome too to Miss Stone who has joined us this week as class TA in 3D.

Last term was a very busy one with various events taking place across the department. I was very proud to hear news of all the sporting events that many Year 3/4 children took part in, achieving success in cross country events, hockey and tri golf tournaments to name a few, particularly as all children involved in representing the school did so with pride and excellent sportsmanship. This term looks set to be just as successful with news of excellent achievements by some Year 3/4 pupils at a local squash tournament and Change for Life Festival. Well done to all involved!

The next few terms are certain to be busy and eventful, so this newsletter aims to keep you informed with ways to support your child as well as keeping you updated with events and dates.

How you can help your child

Attendance and punctuality



We want all children at Garlinge to get the most out of their education and attending school every day is an important part of your child's education. In Years 3 and 4, we are keen to promote good attendance and punctuality through a variety of rewards for individual pupils and classes which I'm sure your children will enjoy telling you about. Please help your children to appreciate the importance of regular attendance and good punctuality by ensuring that they arrive at school promptly at 8.45am in time for a smooth and organised start to the day. We ask that in the case of illness, the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity.

Uniform

The children in Years 3 and 4 are looking lovely and smart and we would like all of the children to continue to take pride in their school uniform. A full uniform list is available on our school web-site www.garlingeprimary.co.uk or if you are unsure, please do speak to your child's class teacher. Please may I also take this opportunity to remind you that children should wear black shoes to school and not trainers or sandals. Also, children should not be wearing jewellery to school, apart from stud earrings and watches and the wearing of nail varnish to school is not permitted. We thank you for your support with this.

PE

Please continue to help your children to be organised for PE by making sure that they **always** have a PE kit in school. This should consist of a white T-shirt, dark shorts and plimsolls for indoor PE; trainers for outdoor PE. As the weather becomes warmer, the children are advised to wear their shorts for outdoor PE lessons, rather than jogging bottoms.



Homework

The majority of the children in Years 3 and 4 always work hard on their homework, using their homework activities to reinforce their learning in class. Well done! We have recently been really impressed with the hard work and dedication shown by the children (and their parents) towards the more project style homework tasks. Year 4 are currently displaying all the lovely volcano models made by some children over the Easter holidays-thank you!

There are occasions when we need to remind children to hand their homework in on time whilst making sure that it is completed to the **best of their ability**. As your children prepare for the transition into Years 4 and 5, please help to ensure that they take pride in their homework tasks and develop more **independence** in their approach to this important part of school life.

Your children should bring home a reading book and spellings with them each day. Please remind them that it is their responsibility to ensure that these are brought home and returned to school each day. We are trying to encourage the children to have a more **independent** approach towards their learning and your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Please support your child by listening to them read on a daily basis as well as spending time discussing their books with them. Our 'Buster's Book Club' competition continues to be popular, where children can record a target number of minutes spent reading at home on **Wednesday** to help towards the possibility of winning a class trophy. The children do really enjoy finding out which class has won the trophy, so please support your child with this and do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.



Warmer Weather

As the weather becomes warmer, please help to ensure that your child is suitably prepared at school. Although there are plenty of shaded areas on the playground, I would recommend that sun cream is applied to your child on hotter days and that they have a sun hat/cap which they can wear at break and lunchtimes. Thank you for your support with this.



Topics and Learning

The main topic areas in Years 3 and 4 for the coming terms are as follows:

Year 3

	<u>Term 5</u>	<u>Term 6</u>
History/Geography	Rivers	Scotland
Science	Rocks	Plants
RE	Islam	Islam and Christianity

Year 4

	<u>Term 5</u>	<u>Term 6</u>
History/Geography	Volcanoes	England-North and South
Science	Living things	Animals including humans
RE	Judaism	Judaism and Christianity

Targets

All of the children have been given new targets for maths, reading, writing and science to ensure that they continue to move forward and make the progress expected of them. Children should know their targets and be constantly working towards achieving them in terms 5 and 6 so please do take the time to discuss these with your child

Parental Involvement

Parent Open Afternoons

This year, at Garlinge we have been keen to share all the good learning that goes on in our classrooms. Year 3 and 4 children, teachers and TAs enjoyed welcoming you into their classrooms in terms 3 and 4 and hope that you too value the experience of working alongside your child. We will be looking into organising more dates in terms 5 and 6 and will keep you informed as soon as dates are confirmed.

School Website

Our school website has recently been updated and contains lots of news and information which may help you to support your child. There is also an area devoted to the Year 3 and 4 curriculum with photos of recent events/activities. Please do take the time to visit the site (www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) if you can.

Reading for Pleasure

Reading for pleasure continues to have a high profile in our school. As the weather gets warmer, I would like to see more children reading for pleasure in the playground. This was very popular in the warmer months last year and it was fantastic to see so many children relaxing with a good book or comic in the sunshine. If you are having a sort out of books at home and have any good quality, age appropriate books which you wish to donate, we would be very grateful. Please pass any donations to your child's class teacher. Many thanks.

Important Dates

Please take the time to check with your child each day to see if they have been given any letters as you will be informed regularly of any events/school news.

Key dates for your diary:

Friday 18th May-World Book Day II (details to follow)

Wednesday 23rd May and Thursday 24th May-Year 3 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park

Friday 25th May-Bounce Beyond workshops for Year 3

-End of term 5

Monday 4th June-term 6 starts

WB 11th June-Years 3-5 Assessment Week

Friday 15th June-Year 4 Parent Workshop

WB 18th June-Arts Week

Wednesday 20th June-Year 4 Sports Day-9.30-11.30(full details to follow)

Tuesday 26th June-Year 3 Sports day-9.30-11.30 (full details to follow)

Thursday 5th July-Transition Day

Thursday 12th July-Celebration Evening-3.30-6.00 (full details to follow)

Tuesday 24th July – End of Term 6

Finally, if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

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