

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



Years 5 and 6 Summer Term Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and children in years 5 and 6,

We would like to wish you a warm welcome back to a new term. This newsletter gives a brief outline of the topics for the summer terms 5 and 6, along with additional information which you may find useful. As well as fun in the summer sun, the coming months have some important assessment dates, which are explained in this newsletter.

These two busy terms will be fast-paced, creative and challenging; hence we are always grateful for all of the support that you can give your child at home to support our teaching.

How Can You Help Your Child?



Please make sure your child arrives in school by 8:45am ready to start their first task of the day, set by the class teacher. We ask that you telephone the office if your child is not well enough to come to school at the earliest opportunity. Our morning lessons do begin promptly at 8.45am, so prompt arrival does help your child to have a smooth and organised start to their day ready to learn.

We ask your child to continue wearing our school uniform with pride. 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 we ask that children are wearing the green school jumper/cardigan, or a plain grey school jumper/cardigan (as opposed to any hoodies please). Girls may choose this term to wear green summer dresses, or the boys grey school shorts on the warmer days. All items of school uniform should be clearly named. We would also request that children wear black shoes and not trainers or sandals to school please. Earrings are permitted, but must be small plain studs please.

Please continue to help your child be organised for Physical Education; make sure they always have a PE kit in school (this should consist of a plain white t-shirt, plain dark shorts, plain dark joggers and plimsolls or trainers). We are also more than happy for the children to wear their shorts for P.E. lessons outside as the weather warms up. Children with pierced ears will need to remove earrings when taking part in P.E. lessons; this can be done either at school or at home beforehand. If you are considering having ears pierced, please may we suggest that this is left until the longer summer break please.

Also as a reminder, we are proud to have been awarded 'Healthy School' status—we encourage parents to pack a healthy lunchbox for their child, and we discourage chocolate, sweets or crisps. We also encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times. The children are encouraged to drink water, either from their school bottle or from their own bottle (particularly as the weather gets warmer).



Homework

Please continue to help your child to: learn and practise their times tables daily, read daily using a broad variety of texts, learn any spellings sent home and complete maths, English and topic homework which is sent home. We do encourage the children to set high standards in homework books (similar to those in our classes) so please may we ask you to support us with this. Your child should be bringing their homework diary to school each day, in order to record any homework that is set. New targets have been set for reading, writing, science and maths. Please spend a few minutes asking your child what their new target is. If there are any questions about how you can support your child at home, please do see his or her teacher.

Topics and Learning

All children will work hard on their maths, English and reading skills each morning. The afternoons will consist of topic based activities. In term 6, year 6 will also be working hard as a team preparing for their end of year production!

Year 5:

Topic: Mountains

Science: Earth and Space

PSHCE: Me and my relationships/growing and changing

Music: Learning to play the Ukulele

RE: Judaism

PE: Striking games, net/racket skills and swimming. The other half of 5B and 5C will be swimming on Tuesdays – this begins on the 17th of April and is every Tuesday.

Year 6:

Topic: South America

Science: Human systems then changes and feelings

PSHCE: Me medicines and drugs, then Changes/Me and my feelings

Music: End of year production music

RE: Sikhism

PE: Cricket/tennis then swimming/athletics

Year 6 SATS

The summer term is very important, as it is the time that we formally assess the children in order to track their progress against their prior attainment and national expectations.

Year 6 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) take place from 14th - 17th of May. It is vital that your child attends school during this week, unless they are very unwell. Appointments within school time will not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. This week, your child came home with a letter inviting them to attend our 'Free SATs Breakfast club' – this proves to be very popular every year, we aim for as many children as possible to attend please. We also warmly invite parents and carers to attend our year 6 SATS information evening, on Wednesday 25th April at 5.30pm in our KS2 hall.

Year 5

Year 5 assessment week takes place in the week commencing 11th June; the children will be assessed in all areas of maths and English. Again, it is important that children are in school during this week. We do find that if children sit the tests separately from their class, they tend not to perform to their full potential. Year 5 children will also be completing their VR (Verbal Reasoning) and NVR (Non-Verbal Reasoning) tests during the week beginning 14th May, in preparation for their up and coming Kent Test decisions – further details will follow and an invite to Kent Test meeting will be sent home.

Important Dates

These are some of the key dates for the term:

Tuesday 17th April – 5B/5C swimming starts and continues every Tuesday

Thursday 19th April – parent evenings for 5C and 6C

Wednesday 25th April – Year 6 SATS parent information evening 5.30 KS2 hall

Thursday 10th May – year 5 parent workshop afternoon

WB 14th – 17th May – year 6 SATS tests and year 5 VR/NVR tests

Tuesday 15th May – Year 5 SRE information meeting for parents 3.20 in 5A

Thursday 17th May - Year 6 Stagecoach secondary school bus company meeting for parents

Wednesday 23rd May - Year 5 parent meeting in the KS2 hall 5.30 to discuss secondary PESE process

Friday 25th May – break up for end of term 5

Tuesday 5th June – year 6 leavers photos

Tuesday 5th June – year 6 swimming begins for those selected

WB 11th June – year 5 assessment week

Thursday 14th June – year 6 reward trip to Pfizer's science jamboree – children to be selected

Friday 22nd June - years, 5/6 sports day (details will follow)

Friday 29th June – year 5 reward trip to the Kent Police Primary Schools Open Day visit – Maidstone -children to be selected.

Thursday 5th July – transition day. (Year 6 go to their new schools)

Thursday 12th July – school open evening event (details to follow)

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th July – year 6-production evenings 6.00pm KS2 hall.

Monday 23rd July - year 6 leavers and parents assembly 1.45 KS2 hall.

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Tuesday 24th July - last day of term. Saying our goodbyes and good luck to year 6!



Finally, if you do have any questions about your child's education please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher or myself.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D Pegden – Assistant Head Teacher and Upper Key Stage Two Department Leader.