

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”



February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year, although it certainly seems a long time ago now! The children have come back refreshed and trying really hard with their learning, so I am looking forward to having a fantastic term. It has been very pleasing to see high attendance at the beginning of the year and we thank you for your continued support with this very important area.

You may have seen in the local press coverage relating to SATs data in recent weeks. I was extremely pleased to see Garlinge at the top of the attainment tables out of all schools in the Margate, Westgate and Birchington area, particularly as this is just one of a number of things that we are focused on improving. Alongside the huge expansion of the sport, the arts and music, I am very proud of this achievement and it shows just how well the pupils of Garlinge are doing and indeed the progress that we are making as a school. We are looking to encourage children to be rounded people and members of society and the evidence certainly suggests that this is what is happening. Again, I thank you very much for the part that you play in supporting us in our aims.

Finally, we are obviously experiencing some wintry weather at the moment. Please ensure that you send your children to school well wrapped up and prepared for the colder days and if we were to have potential snowfall that may disrupt the school day, we will always look to communicate any decisions with you as soon as possible via the Kent School Closures website as well as our text messaging service.

With very best wishes,

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher



Nursery Places Available for April 2019– Apply Now!

There are currently morning and afternoon spaces available in our Nursery for children over the age of 3. These are free to all parents as part of the free 15 hours of early education entitlement. If you are interested, please come and see our Admissions Officer, Mrs Brazier in the office.



Safety around the School

This is a frequent plea, but we regularly receive complaints from members of our school community about inconsiderate parking by parents. Residents often report that parents can be verbally abusive when challenged about their parking so please park legally, safely and considerately when coming to our school. Do not block drives or garages, do not park on yellow lines or where your car is causing an obstruction. Also, remember that the busy staff car parks are particularly hazardous and parents and children should NOT walk across them. Footpaths **MUST** be used.

Your support in this matter is extremely important, as at times, pupils' safety is being put at risk.

PE Department News

Your child will be receiving a new PE T-shirt in their house colour at the start of the new term. This will replace the white PE T-shirt and will be the only one accepted for PE lessons. We're sure they will look fabulous in their new kit! Please look out for all the term's PE and Sports news in our termly magazine! You can follow the PE department on twitter @TeamGarlinge.



World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day at Garlinge Primary School and Nursery. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage our children to explore the pleasures of books and reading.

The children will take part in a range of activities during the day and will get the opportunity to come dressed as their favourite book character.

Absence during term time

At Garlinge Primary School and Nursery we believe attendance and punctuality is crucial to our pupils learning. It is important for children to attend school regularly so they not only learn, but also improve their social skills and raise their self-esteem. May we therefore remind our parents and carers that **all non-essential absence** should be arranged during the school holidays and not in term time.

Garlinge Primary School is part of the Kent Challenge Scheme which means that holidays/leave of absence cannot be approved in term time except for exceptional circumstances. If Parents and Carers are considering holiday/leave of absence they must seek permission in writing from Mr Williams **BEFORE** taking their child out of school. We ask for **at least 4 weeks' notice** (where possible) and an absence request form is now available from the office. If an absence is not approved, it will be recorded as unauthorised and a **Penalty Notice** may be requested.

Please see the School Website under Parents/Attendance for our full Policy and further information. Thank you for your co-operation.

Bags2School

We are pleased to announce that on Monday 4th February our school is again taking part in this fundraising event organised by the PTFA. This is a **NON UNIFORM DAY** and your opportunity to clear out your wardrobes and cupboards and get rid of any unwanted clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. Bags will be sent home with flyers.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more, then any other bag can be used.

Thank you.



Eco News

Thank you to you all for your support with our International Walk to School Month competition in October. The children really enjoyed it and it was a huge success. We are very proud to announce that our competition has won a prestigious **KM Green School Award!**



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.

Family Liaison Officer News (FLO news)

I am pleased to offer all our parents and carers a fantastic course run by Adult Education: **Parents Towards Employment.**

Come along to the course and have the opportunity to have some practical ideas to succeed when applying for a job.

- ❖ Would you like to build your self-confidence?
- ❖ Do you need to improve your maths and English?
- ❖ Know your own strengths and weaknesses?
- ❖ Know what skills you can bring to the job?
- ❖ Start your journey to being work ready?



This exciting course is starting on **Tuesday 5th March, 9:00am until 11:00am for 5 weeks.** See Ali Gillatt Family Liaison Officer, for more details.



Coffee Morning

We hold our Coffee and Conversation **mornings every Thursday between 9:00am and 10:15am in the ICT suite.**

Drop your children off and meet us in the KS1 playground.

All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Ali Gillatt (Family Liaison Officer) and Ewa Farrall (Minority Ethnic Outreach Worker)

Dates for your Diary 2019



Monday 4th February

Young Voices Concert at the O2 London

Monday 4th February

Bags2school - Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 5th February

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 14th February

Last Day of Term

Friday 15th February

INSET DAY

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

TERM BREAK

Monday 25th February

Return to School

Friday 1st March

Secondary Schools "National Offers Day"

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 15th March

Secondary Schools Acceptance/Refusal by Parents last date

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April

Year 6 Swattenden Residential Trip

Wednesday 3rd April

Parents Evening

<i>Friday 5th April</i>	<i>Last Day of Term</i>
<i>Monday 8th – Monday 22nd April</i>	<i>EASTER TERM BREAK</i>
<i>Tuesday 23rd April</i>	<i>INSET DAY</i>
<i>Wednesday 24th April</i>	<i>Return to School</i>
<i>Friday 24th May</i>	<i>Last Day of Term</i>
<i>Monday 27th – Friday 31st May</i>	<i>TERM BREAK</i>
<i>Monday 3rd June</i>	<i>Return to School</i>
<i>Friday 19th July</i>	<i>Last Day of Term</i>
<i>Monday 22nd July</i>	<i>INSET DAY</i>
<i>Tuesday 22rd July</i>	<i>INSET DAY</i>



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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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 Primary School & Nursery parents & carers are welcome to bring their babies and toddlers along to meet new friends.

