



“Inclusion at our Heart”

22nd July 2015

Dear Parents & Carers

Well, it has been another fantastically busy and successful time for all associated with Garlinge this year. Firstly, may I thank you all for your kind wishes since I took over as Headteacher. I have had a whirlwind two terms, but I have thoroughly enjoyed it and am very proud to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school.

Could I also congratulate our pupils on some fantastic results. Our children in Foundation Stage (Reception) once again scored higher than the national average in their assessments, as did those in year 2, who improved their scores for the 5th year running – a staggering achievement! The year 6 children also scored record results with 85% of them obtaining a level 4 in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, as well as fantastic progress scores, which we hope will put us in the top 10% in the country for the 3rd year running! Well done to you all, and to the brilliant team of teachers and other adults involved in such results.

I would also like to thank you for your patience during what has turned out to be a very long building process. Although there have been delays, we expect to ‘receive’ our new buildings, which comprise of 8 classrooms, an ICT space and a new hall, within the next 2 weeks. The building company will then spend the following 3 weeks cleaning their welfare unit, making good the playground and removing the unsightly mobiles in the KS1 playground, which will then be redeveloped later in the year. We all agree that the rooms will be an excellent upgrade and should have a very positive impact on your children’s education.

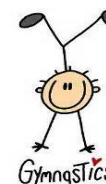
I wish our leavers well and hope everyone has a super summer break and look forward to seeing you all at **8.45am on Monday 7th September.**

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Key Steps Gymnastics Competition

On 30th June Garlinge Primary School represented Thanet in the Finals of the Key Steps Gymnastics Final at the Pegasus Gymnastics Club. This was the first time our KS1 pupils experienced high level gymnastics competitions and expectations. After a nervous start the pupils composed themselves and performed their two routines and vault with confidence. The selected children had been working towards this competition for months and truly showed our school values of perseverance, aspiration, respect and teamwork. A huge well done to them all!



Roman Day



History Off The Page treated our Year 4 classes to a Roman themed day on the 3rd July. These experiences provide a “hands on” interactive learning environment that catches the imagination of our pupils.

Dreamland

On Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils were lucky enough to be invited along to spend the morning at Dreamland, Margate to sample the rides and attractions along with pupils from other local schools. The children had a fantastic time and were thrilled to get the chance to experience all that the park has to offer with their friends. They had great fun and were a credit to the school with their enthusiasm, good manners and behaviour.



Sports Days



The Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Sports Days were a great success this year. The sports days were held on three separate mornings with every child fully involved in all activities. Lots of medals were won, not only for the winners but for those pupils demonstrating our school values of perseverance, aspiration, respect and team work. Pupils from Years 2, 4 and 6 were involved in supporting the sports days along with leaders from the Ursuline College, apprentices from Margate Football Club, Thanet Athletics Club and Total Sports Coaching. Blue Team won both KS1 and KS2 Sports Days with the most points! The children were cheered on by parents and carers and it was lovely to see so many of you there. Thank you to the staff and helpers involved for all their efforts. A special thanks for the PTFA for providing refreshments and to Mrs Davey and Mrs Stewart for their hard work and organisation.

PTFA Discos



A BIG Thank You to the PTFA for organising the Discos on Friday 10th July! What a great way for the children to let off steam after working so hard this term. If any parents and carers wish to volunteer at these events the PTFA would be extremely grateful for any support you could offer. Not only would your help be invaluable you will also be rewarded with smiling faces and the jubilation of the pupils having such a wonderful time.

Year 6 Production

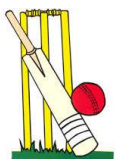
The Year 6 production "Old School Daze" was a great success, the effort and hard work that the children and staff had put in really showed. The dedication and enthusiasm made the production especially memorable, with many "laugh out loud" moments. All the pupils, staff, parents and carers that watched the performances will agree that it was brilliant!

Ancient Greek Day



History Off The Page visited again on Thursday 16th July to treat our Year 3's to a truly ancient day! The children enjoyed immersing themselves in all things Greek, painting tiles, making mosaics and pottery, whilst learning many new facts!

Cricket



Year 5 and 6 pupils represented Garlinge in two cricket festivals recently, at Margate Cricket Club on Friday 10th July and at Broadstairs Cricket Club on Friday 17th July. Three of the children won medals and all of them will receive a certificate in assembly. Their behaviour was fantastic and they represented the school and themselves flawlessly. We won three, only losing one and in our last game against Northdown Primary on the last ball! They improved each game and were a credit to the school.

PTFA Summer Fayre

On Saturday 18th July the Garlinge PTFA outdid themselves at our Summer Fayre! The sun shone and our playgrounds were filled with stalls and activities. It was a great success, well done to the volunteers and helpers who made it so special! Look out for photos in the local press!



School Dinners

If your child is in Year 2 now, please note that when they move to Year 3 in September they will no longer be entitled to a free nutritious meal. However you may be entitled to a free school meal (FSM) and a letter has been sent to Year 2 parents with guidance on how to claim for a FSM. Principals Catering would like to remind parents of children in **Years 3 to 6**, that school meals **MUST** be paid for in advance, on the child's first school day of the week, for all of the days that the child is wanting a meal provided – **you will be unable to pay daily**. If your child does not pay at the beginning of the week, you will be contacted and asked to provide a packed lunch. School dinners are **£2.15 per day, £10.75 per week**.

If you think that your child is eligible for free school meals, please apply on-line:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals

(or pick up an application form from the school office if you do not have on-line access).



Secondary School Information Evening

The Secondary School Application Information Evening for the current year 5 pupils (Year 6's from September 2015) will be held on Wednesday 16th September at 5.30pm in the KS2 hall.

In this meeting we will be informing you of open day dates and we will go through other useful information on applying for secondary places. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please Drive Safely



Since the road system around Caxton Road has become One Way we have received a number of complaints from our neighbours regarding speeding and generally inconsiderate driving and parking. Please take extra care if you drive your children to school and observe the speed limits and **PLEASE DO NOT** park across driveways.

Also, remember that the busy staff car parks are particularly hazardous and parents and children should **NOT** walk across them, **footpaths MUST be used**.

The safety of your children coming to and from school is very important.

Goodbyes

This year we say goodbye to three long standing staff members; Mrs Weatherley, Mrs White and Mrs Saunders, who joined us back in 1997, 2001 and 2002 respectively. They have all decided it is time to experience new beginnings and we wish Mrs Weatherley and Mrs White the happiest of retirements.

Also, leaving us are Miss Butler and Miss Rowden, who are both going off to train as teachers!

We would like to thank them all for making a difference and for many happy memories at Garlinge. It has been a pleasure to work alongside them and we wish them all the best with a "farewell and good luck!"



Pupil Awards 2014-2015

DRAMA SHIELD	Sam 6B	WRITERS SHIELD	Harvey 6B
CITIZENSHIP CUP	Evie 6B	CREATIVE ARTS	Hanna 6B
PROGRESS CUP	Charley 6B	SPORTS PERSONALITY	Ali 6C
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	Abby 6B	KIERON'S ENVIRONMENTALIST	Ella 6A
CUP OF KINDNESS	Ellie-May 6A	TEAM PLAYER OF YEAR (OLYMPIC VALUES)	Ben 6A
MUSIC CUP	Gavin 6C	MOST IMPROVED SWIMMER	Morgan 6A

	Achievement	Progress		Achievement	Progress
Nur	Bella	Markus	3A	Jessica	Charlie
RA	Anna	Mimi	3B	Ruby	Luca
RB	Alfie	Oliver	3C	Chloe	Darja
RC	Skye	Reo	4A	Alicia	Titas
RD	Yahia	Richard	4B	Lillie	Olivia
1A	Paris	Mia	5A	Oliver	Daniels
1B	Roxanne	Callum	5B	Abi-Leigh	Gejza
1C	Harvey	Jasmine	6A	Morgan	Harry
1D	Bo	Robert	6B	Neve	Hanna
2A	Thurston	Leina	6C	Anya	Kayleigh
2B	Kyron	Easkey	GS	Jack	Jake
2C	Libby	Connor			

Dates for your Diary 2015/2016

Thursday 23 rd July 2015	Last day of term – Normal finish time
Friday 24 th July 2015	INSET – School closed
Thursday 3 rd September 2015	INSET – School closed
Friday 4 th September 2015	INSET – School closed
Monday 7 th September 2015	Back to School – 8.45am
Wednesday 16 th September 2015	Secondary School Information Evening 5.30pm
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October 2015	Term Break
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2016	Term Break
Monday 4 th January 2016	INSET – School closed
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February 2016	Term Break
Friday 25 th March 2016	Good Friday – School closed
Monday 28 th March 2016	Easter Monday – School closed
Tuesday 29 th March – Friday 8 th April 2016	Term break
Monday 11 th April 2016	INSET – School closed
Monday 2 nd May 2016	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2016	Term Break
Thursday 21 st July 2016	Last day of term – Normal finish time
Friday 22 nd July 2016	INSET – School closed

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Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

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School Term and Holiday Dates 2015 – 2016

TERM 1

Thursday 3 September:	INSET DAY (1)
Friday 4 September:	INSET DAY (2)
Monday 7 September:	Return to school
Friday 23 October:	Last day of term

Holiday: Monday 26 October 2015 to Friday 30 October 2015 inclusive

TERM 2

Monday 2 November:	Return to school
Friday 18 December:	Last day of term

Holiday: Monday 21 December 2015 – Friday 1 January 2016 inclusive

TERM 3

Monday 4 January	INSET DAY (3)
Tuesday 5 January	Return to school
Friday 12 February	Last day of term

Holiday: Monday 15 February 2016 – Friday 19 February 2016 inclusive

TERM 4

Monday 22 February	Return to school
Thursday 24 March	Last day of term

(Easter Bank holiday is Friday 25 March & Monday 28 March 2016)

Holiday: Tuesday 29 March 2016 to Friday 8 April 2016 inclusive

TERM 5

Monday 11 April	INSET DAY (4)
Tuesday 12 April	Return to school
<i>Holiday: Monday 2 May 2016 - May Day Bank Holiday</i>	
Friday 27 May	Last day of term

Holiday: Monday 30 to Friday 3 June 2016 inclusive

TERM 6

Monday 6 June	Return to school
Thursday 21 July	Last day of term
Friday 22 July	INSET DAY (5)

INSET days may be subject to change