



# Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



## Years 3 and 4 Newsletter

### Terms 1 and 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by welcoming you all back to a new academic year after the summer break and I look forward to a successful year working together with you for the benefit of the children. The children have all come back looking lovely and smart and have settled well into their new classrooms and routines.

This newsletter aims to introduce you to the Year 3 and 4 department and the main topics of learning within each year group, as well as providing you with information which you may find useful when supporting your child.

#### Lower Key Stage 2 Building

There have been some changes over the summer with the conversion of the old Year 3 cloakrooms into intervention rooms and the children in Year 3 are enjoying using their smart new lockers! The dropping off and collection arrangements are working well meaning that the children are all able to enjoy a smooth and settled start and end to the day. Thank you for your support with this. If you have any queries about the arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

#### Staff

The department staff for this academic year are:

<b><u>3A-Mr Atterbury</u></b> TA-Miss Whelan	<b><u>4A-Mrs Pointer</u></b> TA-Mrs Petzendorfer
<b><u>3B-Miss Bobbett</u></b> TA-Miss Mahoney	<b><u>4B-Mr Saddler</u></b> TAs-Mrs Mason and Mr Casey
<b><u>3C-Ms Bridgeman</u></b> TAs-Miss Kerton and Mrs White	<b><u>4C-Mrs Goode</u></b> TAs-Mrs Brookman and Mrs Hudson
<b><u>3D-Mr Bentley</u></b> TAs-Miss Newing, Mrs Moore, Miss Stevens and Miss Weatherley	<b><u>4D-Mrs McGrath</u></b> TA-Mrs Broad
<b><u>Mr Cowan-Year 4 Maths</u></b>	
TA-Mrs Cook	
Year 3/4 intervention TA-Mrs Ashton	

#### How you can help your child

Please make sure that your child arrives in school promptly at 8:45am in time for registration at 8:55am. We ask that you telephone the office if your child is not well enough to come to school.

#### Uniform

We would like all of the children to take pride in their school uniform. A full uniform list is available on our school web-site [www.garlingeprimary.co.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) or if you are unsure please do speak to your child's class teacher. All items of school uniform should be **clearly named**. We would also request that children wear **plain black shoes** and not trainers to school. Earrings are permitted, but must be small plain studs please.

#### PE

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. Dark coloured joggers and sweatshirts can be worn for outdoor PE during the winter months. Children with pierced ears will need to remove earrings when taking part in PE lessons; this can be done either at school or at home beforehand.

#### PE Days for Years 3 and 4 are as follows:

<b>3A</b>	Monday and Friday	<b>4A</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>3B</b>	Monday and Friday	<b>4B</b>	Tuesday and Wednesday
<b>3C</b>	Monday and Friday	<b>4C</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>3D</b>	Monday and Friday	<b>4D</b>	Tuesday and Wednesday

### **Homework**

Homework is an important way in which you can support your child's learning and will consist of weekly tasks set by class teachers. Please ensure that your child takes pride in their homework tasks and develops their organisation skills by handing completed homework in on time.

### **Reading, spellings and times tables**

Your children have all been issued with a home reading book which they should take home each day. Please support your child by listening to them read on a **daily** basis as well as spending time discussing their books with them. Also, please look out for our Buster's Book Club reading incentive scheme. This is a popular scheme in school, encouraging children to read for a target number of minutes each Wednesday for a possible class reward. Times tables and weekly spellings are also an important part of daily learning in school and should be practised at home daily.

### **A 'Healthy School'**

We are proud to have been awarded 'Healthy School' status, therefore we encourage parents to pack a healthy lunchbox for their child, and we discourage chocolate, sweets or crisps. We encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times. Also, as a 'Healthy School', we are unable to hand out birthday cakes/sweets to children in our classes provided by parents.

The children are encouraged to bring in a **water-bottle** with a sports-cap lid, which can be filled from our water dispensers during the day and taken home daily to be cleaned and refilled. May I also remind you that we are a **'nut free'** school; therefore food containing nuts cannot be eaten in school.

## **Topics and Learning**

**The main topic areas in Years 3 and 4 for Term 1 are as follows:**

<b><u>Year 3</u></b>	<b><u>Year 4</u></b>
HISTORY-Ancient Egypt	HISTORY-The Stone Age
SCIENCE- Light	SCIENCE-States of Matter
R.E- Christianity	R.E-Islam
PSHCE- Me and my keeping safe	PSHCE-Me and keeping safe

Details of Term 2 topics will follow.

### **Targets**

All children will be given 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. These will be displayed in classrooms, on the children's books and will also be shared with you during our Parent Evenings.

### **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:**

22<sup>nd</sup> September – 'Meet the teacher and team meeting' for LKS2 parents/carers at 2pm

13<sup>th</sup> October- LKS2 Reading workshop at 2pm (invite and details to follow)

20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term 1.

30<sup>th</sup> October – Term 2 begins.

13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week

15<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultation Evening -2.30pm-7.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party week. (Christmas details will be finalised nearer the time).

19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day term 2.

20<sup>th</sup> December-INSET Day

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. We all look forward to a successful term and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A.Goode

Assistant Headteacher and Department Leader