

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”



31st January 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school and I hope that you all have a happy, healthy and successful 2018.

The children have all come back in a very positive frame of mind and have started very well with all aspects of their learning. We have also had a very positive start to the year with our attendance, with our attendance percentage currently at well over 96%! Thank you all so much for your continued efforts with this, it is an area we have really focused on in recent times and one that makes such a difference to the pupils' schooling. It has been very pleasing to see so many parents attending our parent sessions that we have organised this term too. It is lovely to see the children taking so much pride in sharing their learning with you and we really value your participation in these events.

Over the coming weeks we are looking to develop the site further, with fencing going up to increase the pond and nature area next to the Key Stage 1 playground. This is being used successfully already, but we want to increase the size of the nature area and hopefully the provision that we can offer, increasing the outdoor learning that children enjoy so much.

Finally, I would just like to mention that the Year 5 and 6 football team, who reached the final of the prestigious Les Riggs Cup, have been given a date for the game – it will be held after school on Thursday 22nd February, at Upton Junior School. By all means come along and support the team, I'm sure they will represent the school with pride.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

United Mothers



This group is for all Mothers of children who have English as an Additional Language (EAL) as well as other mothers who would welcome the opportunity to support our EAL parents. This is a friendly, social, helpful and relaxed group of mothers who come together once a week to improve their English, meet school staff and discuss any aspect of school life that they may not find easy to understand. This is a unique learning environment to bring together women of many different backgrounds to breakdown language and cultural barriers.

The group is run by two members of the non-profit organisation called Beyond the Page helped along with our Minority Ethnic Outreach Worker, Ewa Farrall.

Group will be meeting every Thursday 9:00 until 11:15 at Garlinge Children Centre.

See also their Facebook page: [Thanet United Mothers](#)

Cross Country



The next Thanet Schools' Cross Country event will be taking place on Saturday 24th February. The school entered 84 pupils into the last one, so it would be amazing if we could enter 100 pupils this time! Look out for the entry forms which will come home in your child's book bag soon.

Makaton workshops



Please come and attend our MAKATON workshops! It is a great way to support communication in the home.

The MAKATON charity report that;

‘Being able to communicate is one of the most important skills we need in life. Almost everything we do involves communication; everyday tasks such as learning at school, asking for food and drink, sorting out problems, making friends and having fun. These all rely on our ability to communicate with each other.’

‘Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people to communicate. It is designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech, in spoken word order.’

‘Makaton is regularly used in mainstream schools, to support all children to develop communication, language and literacy skills. It also supports integration, as children with and without language difficulties can communicate with each other, learn and play together more easily.’

We use MAKATON across the school with all our children in different ways, so come along and have some fun learning the basic signs and some songs that you can use at home too.

DATES:

Friday 2nd February – 9.00 am to 10.00 am in the ICT suite

Thursday 29th March – 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm in the ICT suite

Tuesday 15th May – 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm – parents are welcome to bring their children along to this session to learn Makaton together

After School Collection Arrangements

Please make sure you are on time to collect your child. Children not collected by 3.25pm will be taken to the late collection point outside the front office. Late collection is monitored by the school support staff and a letter will be sent to parents who frequently collect late.

If you know you are late to pick up your child, you must contact the school and let us know. We understand that exceptional things happen on occasions, however it is your responsibility to ensure that you make alternative arrangements so that your child is collected from school on time. If alternative arrangements are made, please let the school office know. We will not let a child go home with any adults, unless you have informed the office to say that this is ok.

Bag2School

We are pleased to announce that our school is again taking part in this fundraising event organised by the PTFA. This is your opportunity to clear out those cupboards and get rid of any good quality second-hand clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. Bags will be sent home with flyers.

As this is a good way to raise money for our school fund, we really appreciate you sending back your bag even if you only have a few items.

Please see Bag2school website for more info.

Please return bags to school on Thursday 8th February

THE MORE WE COLLECT, THE MORE WE RAISE!

Thank you.

Young Voices at the O2

Friday 2nd February 2018 is the big day when our School Choir travel to London to perform at the Young Voices 2018 Concert at the O2 London. We hope that they have an enjoyable and memorable day.





The school football team will be playing in the Les Riggs Football Cup Final against Minster on Thursday 22nd February. We wish them the best of luck in the final – it is a long time since a team from Garlinge has reached this stage.

Kind Donation

Garlinge Primary and Nursery would like to say a big **Thank You** to 'Bunnings Warehouse' at Westwood Cross for their wonderful Christmas present! They have very kindly donated a large mixture of flower bulbs for our developing forest school site. Keep a look out for more updates on the forest school developments that are happening here at Garlinge!



Eco News



Our Eco Reps from each class are looking forward to participating in the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch this term. We are eager to see which types of birds we have visiting our school and we need to think of how we can encourage more birds to come. We hope that you will take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch on 27th-29th January – this can take place in a garden, park or any open space. We would love to see some of your results!

Request from KS1

As all children may need a change of clothes for different reasons, we need to keep a good supply of spare pants and trousers in school. If you have any unwanted tights, socks or tracksuits bottoms, we would be very grateful to have them in **KS1**. Also, if the school lends your child clothes, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you!

Polite reminders

- Please inform us if your child has any medical condition or allergies. If so, it is essential that you fill out or renew the Medical Needs Form which is available from the office.
- If you have changed address or telephone number recently, please notify the office of new details.
- Please note that parents should not use the staff car parks when delivering or collecting children from school.
- All items of your child's belongings must be **clearly marked** with your child's name. Please be aware that pen or biro fades quickly and needs regularly replacing, so nametags are a good idea. Please include shoes, coats, bags, PE kits and lunch boxes in your labelling. If a named item is found, it is a lot easier for us to return it to your child.
- Dinner money is £10.75 a week (£2.15 a day) and is due on Mondays (or first day of school)
- Could we please remind parents that dogs are **not allowed** on the school premises at any time and that smoking/vaping is **not permitted**.
- Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not throw any waste or cigarette butts on the ground around the school.

Dates for your Diary 2018



Friday 2 nd February	Young Voices O2 Arena London
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 6 Swattenden Residential Trip Parent Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 8 th February	Last day of term
Thursday 8 th February	Bag2School- Non-Uniform Day
Friday 9 th February	INSET DAY
Monday 12 th -Friday 16 th February	TERM BREAK
Monday 19 th February	Return to School
Thursday 22 nd February	Les Riggs Cup Final at Upton Junior School
Saturday 24 th February	Cross Country at Quex Park
Thursday 1st March	Secondary Schools "National Offers Day"
Friday 16 th March	Secondary Schools Acceptance/Refusal by Parents' last date
Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd March	Foundation Stage 'My Unique Story'
Friday 23 rd March	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
Monday 26 th - Thursday 29 th March	Swattenden Y6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 28 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 29 March	Last day of term
Friday 30 th March-Friday 13 th April	EASTER TERM BREAK
Monday 16 April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 17 April	Return to school

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](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) on our website www.garlingeprimary.co.uk.



STICK ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!



ALL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR NEW
SCHOOLWEBSITE www.garlingeprimary.co.uk & ON THE CAROUSEL BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE

