



“Inclusion at our Heart”

12th February 2015

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break...it seems a long time ago now as we approach this chilly February term break! Please remember to wrap your children up warmly, in **named** coats, hats and gloves.

Mrs D M Springett
Headteacher

Young Voices at the O2



On Tuesday 27th January our school choir travelled to London to perform at the Young Voices 2015 Concert at the O2. They were all thrilled to be singing at such a prestigious venue and had an enjoyable and memorable day.

Year 2 Sports Hall Athletics

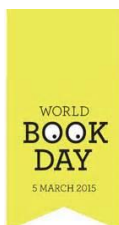
On Thursday 29th January, 8 children from a Year 2 class went to Dane Court Grammar School to take part in a Sports Hall Athletics Session. They really enjoyed taking part in a wide range of activities involving throwing, jumping and running. The children were given coaching tips from the Dane Court sports leaders and everyone managed to improve their scores and techniques. Well done to the children who took part. They were particularly excited about being able to travel in the School minibus – thank you Mr Williams!

Reading Initiative

We have started a new and exciting reading initiative at Garlinge called Buster's Book Club. At the moment it is just for the Year 2 and 3 children but if the children are fully engaged with the scheme, we can involve the whole school. The aim of the initiative is to encourage your child to read more and that this extra reading should be of literature they really enjoy. When children take part in the book club, they could receive reader of the week, class of the week or even school of the week which could involve some exciting prizes. Your child's ability to read is critical to their educational success so let's all encourage a school full of readers!



World Book Week



Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. To celebrate, Garlinge would like to invite parents and carers, to join with your children to share a Story Telling Session in their classroom from 2.30 - 3pm, where there will be time for you to read and complete a book based activity with your child.

Also, as part of Book Week, on Friday 6th March we invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Your child may wish to bring the book and share an extract about the character with their class. Throughout the week the children will be celebrating reading and books by taking part in story swaps and book activities to raise their enjoyment of reading.

Canterbury Tales

As part of their Canterbury topic Year 5 children recently visited The Canterbury Tales exhibition, linking with their writing work about Geoffrey Chaucer's Tales. The visit involved a tour of the Tales and an art workshop and a walking tour of Canterbury.



Hornby Hobbies

On Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th of February the children in Year 1 visited Hornby Hobbies as part of their Old and New Toys topic. The children set off by coach and were excited to arrive at this important manufacturer of toys in Thanet. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and learned a great deal about the different kinds of toys that are made by Hornby. While they were there they liked looking around the museum where they saw how Airfix kits, Scalextric, Dinky cars and Hornby trains have changed over the years. Then they all had a great time making and painting a model kit. Then the children took part in a Scalextric race and the winners all got prizes. The teachers would like to say a big thank you to the parents who helped out on this trip. A fine time was had by all.



Healthy Schools

As a "Healthy School" please may I remind parents that we do not give out cakes and sweets to celebrate birthdays.

CyberCoach



CyberCoach allows children and their parents to access hundreds of fun, active programs which can be used for warm ups wet weather or when the children need waking up! CyberCoach is being widely used in class and we would like to encourage you to have a look with your child at home:

<http://www.cyber-smart.co.uk>

e-mail: daveyw@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

Password: ct95pa

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2015

We will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids 2015 vouchers again this year. Sainsbury's will be giving them out until May and a collection box will be available for the children to put them in. Active Kids is passionate about helping children understand the importance of leading healthier lives from as early on as possible.



Be a PART of Garlinge

Perseverance

Aspiration

Respect

Teamwork

As a school we have been looking at what values and goals we would like to encourage here at Garlinge. To be **PART** of Garlinge, children need to persevere, aspire, respect themselves and each other and be a valued member of the team. These values will be celebrated across the curriculum.

Safer Internet Week



As part of our Safer Internet Week we would like to alert our parents and carers to the fact that many of our pupils are being exposed to social networking sites which are inappropriate (and illegal) for primary aged pupils, this includes Facebook and Instagram. For many parents and carers, taking control of the ever increasing range of computer technology can be something of a daunting prospect. In view of this I would like to draw your attention to an online magazine entitled Digital Parenting (e-mail link below).

I am sure that you are as keen as we are of finding ways to keep our children safe in the 21st Century, with regard to social networking and mobile phone safety. With this in mind, please take the time to have a look at the following sites, that offer valuable advice:

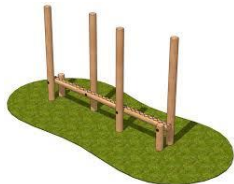
www.bbc.co.uk/webwise

www.vodafone.com/parents

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk/shareaware

Timber Trail



As I am sure that you have noticed, our Timber Trail in the KS2 playground is now repaired and a new surface of artificial grass has been laid. The children are enjoying playing on it, but may I remind you that children are **not** to go on it unless they are supervised by a member of staff.

Building Works

We are pleased that our building works are back on track and we have been given a date of 26th June 2015 for completion. Exciting times ahead!



Parent Consultations for Years 1 to 6

Parent Consultations will be held on Thursday 26th March for you to discuss your child's progress after receiving their School Report. **You will need to book your appointment with your child's class teacher in advance.** Clipboards with the time slots available will be in the KS1, KS2 playgrounds and the Year 6 entrance from Monday 16th March up until the morning of Friday 20th March. On the day of the consultation, 26th March, **children will finish their school day at 2.15 pm** and the gates will be open from 2.10 pm, this will enable the teachers to begin their consultations promptly at 2.30pm in the KS2 Hall.

Nursery Open Afternoon – Come and Visit



On Tuesday 24th February at 2pm we are inviting families to visit our nursery. If you or any of your friends have children who are three, or are approaching their third birthday, we would like to see you. Children are entitled to 15 hours free nursery education and we can provide an amazing nursery experience. Please either pop along, or if you cannot make that afternoon, make an appointment at the school office, and we will be delighted to show you around the nursery.

Attendance

Please may we remind all parents that children leaving before the end of the school day **MUST** be kept to a minimum and only under exceptional circumstances. Frequently, the end of the lesson is when the teacher re-caps and important information is given to the children. As your children's education is a priority, any appointments should, wherever possible, be made out of school time and in the event of this not being possible, we would like to request that both the class teacher and school office are notified as soon as possible prior to the appointment and a copy of an appointment card or hospital letter brought in, thank you for your co-operation.

Roadworks

For your information during the term break (Monday 16th February for approximately 4 days) KCC will be carrying out carriageway and verge repairs outside the school in Caxton Road. Please be aware and take extra care when crossing the road.



Car Parking

We have noticed an increase in the number of cars parked on the pavement around the gate by the KS1 entrance and Nursery, we would like to remind parents **not** to park there **or** on the playing field and there should be **no parking** in the staff carparks.



Parking all around the premises needs to be considerate of our neighbours and the law – regular patrols by a Traffic Warden have resulted in several parking tickets being issued – **beware.**

Please do not let your children walk across the school car parks, it is **DANGEROUS!**

Dates for your Diary 2015

Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2015	Term Break
Monday 23 rd February 2015	INSET – School closed
Tuesday 24 th February 2015	Back to School – 8.45am Nursery Open Afternoon 2pm
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March 2015	World Book Week
Thursday 5 th March 2015	World Book Day – Story Telling Session 2.30 – 3pm
Friday 6 th March 2015	Book Character Dress Up Day
Friday 13 th March 2015	Red Nose Day – Details to follow
Friday 20 th March 2015	Reports home to Parents and Carers
Wednesday 25 th March 2015	Year 4 Easter Production
Thursday 26 th March 2015	Parent Consultations – School finishes at 2.15pm
Wednesday 1 st April 2015	End of Term – Normal finish time
Thursday 2 nd – Friday 17 th April 2015	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April 2015	INSET – School closed
Tuesday 21 st April 2015	Term Starts - Back to School – 8.45am
Monday 4 th May 2015	Bank Holiday - May Day – School closed
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2015	Term Break
Monday 1 st June 2015	Back to School – 8.45am
Thursday 23 rd July 2015	Last day of term – Normal finish time
Friday 24 th July 2015	INSET – School closed

STICK ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!



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