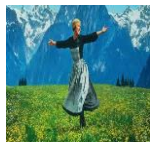




“Inclusion at our Heart”

31st March 2015

Dear Parents & Carers



In the words of Rodgers and Hammerstein “So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye”.

As Garlinge starts a new chapter in its life I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind words and gifts. It has been a privilege and an honour to be Headteacher of this fantastic school. I wish Mr Williams, pupils, staff and yourselves, all good wishes for the future and I look forward to hearing of Garlinge’s continuing successes. Go Garlinge!

D.M. Springett

Gymnastics Festival



On Wednesday 25th February Mrs Davey took 6 pupils from Years 1 and 2 to represent Garlinge in the Infant Schools Gymnastics Festival at Callis Grange School, Broadstairs. The pupils took part in a range of skills and performed a gymnastics routine to music. They were a credit to the school and learnt a lot of new skills whilst having fun. A super morning was had by all!

Wingham Wildlife Park

On Thursday 26th February our reception classes were lucky enough to visit Wingham Wildlife Park to look at the different animals and their habitats. The children were allowed to handle some of the reptiles and listen to the keepers talking about the animals. They saw many different animals such as penguins, lions, tigers, jaguars, cougars, birds, meerkats, red pandas and so many more. It was a lovely day, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the weather did not dampen the day.



Cross Country Race



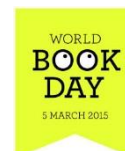
On Saturday 28th February nearly 40 children braved the cold wind and drizzle to take part in the Thanet Primary Schools Cross Country at Quex Park. This is one of the largest teams we have entered! Everyone ran very well and showed great perseverance, several managed to finish in the first twenty which is quite an achievement. The full results can be found on the Thanet AC website – www.thanetac.co.uk Well done everyone!!

World Book Week

On Thursday 4th March we celebrated World Book Day 2015 by inviting Parents and Carers to take part in Book Based Activities in class with their children led by the class teachers. There was a great reading buzz around the school and having spoken to many children and visitors everyone enjoyed themselves greatly.

Many thanks to the Y6 Prefects for helping with the organisation of this; they did a great job and did us proud!

Thanks must also go to you, the Parents and Carers, for your continued support of the Garlinge Community, for without this we would not be able to run such enjoyable events.



Red Nose Day



A **HUGE THANK YOU** and big well done for Red Nose Day, on Friday 13th March, we raised a magnificent **£1,028.27**FABULOUS!

PTFA Mother's Day



To celebrate Mothering Sunday on the 15th March, the children took home a wooden heart, donated by the PTFA, that they had decorated at school. We would like to thank the PTFA for their continued support of our children here at Garlinge.

'Easter Cracked' at St James' Church

On Wednesday 18th March, Year 6 took part in a morning workshop at St James' Church, where they enjoyed a variety of activities which helped them to explore the true meaning of Easter. All the activities were delivered by Fegans, in a fun and interactive way and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning some important facts about Easter, discussing the Easter story, playing games and even making chocolate Easter nests.



Touch Rugby Tournament



On Friday 20th March, Miss Flower and Miss Kemp took a team of eight Garlinge pupils to play in touch rugby tournament at Cliftonville Primary School. We played a total of four games with two wins and two narrow losses. We saw some great sportsmanship including one of our players stepping up to play for another school.

The team played well together and it was good to see them using things they have learnt during our school sessions. We are now looking forward to another tournament on Saturday 9th May.

Festival of Song

On Tuesday 24th March, eighteen Year 5 and 6 pupils from our choir, sang at the Margate Winter Gardens Festival of Song. The theme was Disney Songs, with wonderful performances from all of the children, it was a thoroughly delightful evening.



Year 4 Easter Production

On Wednesday 25th March, Year 4 pupils took part in their Easter Production "Amazing Love". I am sure that all parents and carers that attended were impressed and delighted by the performance and would agree that we have some wonderful actors and singers at Garlinge.

Parent Consultations

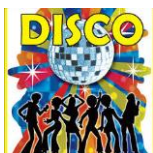
After receiving your children's reports, it was lovely to see so many of you meeting with the teachers at parents evening on the 26th March.

Easter Competition

The PTFA provided each child with a giant egg shaped card for them to decorate for an Easter Competition. The judging was very tough, Mrs Springett and Mr Herbert, the Chairman of the Governors, thought long and hard before awarding Easter Eggs for the winners, who will be announced on the 1st April!



Discos



The popular PTFA Discos are back! On the 27th March the children (and some PTFA members and teachers!!) danced away all the stresses of the term! Once again thanks to the volunteers who give up their time for the children.

Scavenger and Great Eggcase Hunts

The Thanet Coast Project are running some exciting holiday activities this year, such as a "Scavenger and Great Eggcase Hunt" this April. Pop down to the beach for some fun, with talks, explorations and beach-art! For more information and how to book places, visit www.thanetcoast.org.uk



Bags2school

The PTFA would like to say "Thank You" for all the donations for their Bags2school campaign in November last year. The sum of £296.60 was raised!

No Smoking



We would appreciate it if all parents and carers would be aware that the school operates a **NO SMOKING** policy. This is for the health and safety of our children and we would like to request that this includes the areas by our school gates, many thanks.

Road Crossing Patrol

We are still looking to urgently fill a position for a Road Crossing Patrol (RCP) team member. We rely on our RCPs' skills to keep our children safe on their journey to and from school. We value all our staff at Garlinge Primary and the road crossing patrol team is no exception.

Your start and finish times are as below:

	Start	Finish
Morning Session	8.25 am	9.00 am
Afternoon Session	2.55 pm	3.30 pm

If you are interested in applying for the post please request an application form from the school office or telephone 01843 221877 (option 3).

Dates for your Diary 2015

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
Saturday 9 th May 2015	Thanet Schools Swimming Gala - Hartsdown
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May 2015	Year 6 SAT's Week
Monday 18 th – Thursday 21 st May 2015	Book Fair KS1 Hall - 3.10pm
Thursday 21 st May 2015	Year 6 Class Photo's
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2015	Term Break
Monday 1 st June 2015	Back to School – 8.45am
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June 2015	Year 6 Gaveston Hall Residential Trip/Activity week
Thursday 2 nd July 2015	Transition Day
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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