



“Inclusion at our Heart”

**22nd May 2015**

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to thank all of you for your kind wishes as I have settled into the new job, they are much appreciated. Whilst it has been a quick term as far as time is concerned, as you can see below, it has been a very busy one! I would particularly like to thank pupils and staff of the Year 2 and 6 children who have now completed their SATs in remarkably good spirits, considering it is such a stressful time. Well done to you all!

*J. Williams*

Mr J Williams  
Headteacher

### Anti-bullying Award



We are really proud to let you know that Garlinge has received a top award for its efforts to stamp out bullying. The school was praised for its zero tolerance to bullying and demonstrating that children have a clear understanding of what bullying is and how to prevent it. The award is a Safe School Anti-bullying Accreditation, a national award that recognises best practice in anti-bullying work and pupil wellbeing.

The award was presented to the school by Project Salus and the organisation's Jill Allen, said: “We were really happy when we looked at the evidence of the work carried out by the school's staff, pupils and parents to prevent and deal with bullying. Garlinge Primary School met every one of the award's criteria to an excellent level, which is in line with what Ofsted would expect from an Outstanding school”. Jill praised the work of the school's pastoral team, its pupil play leaders and the outstanding work the school does to keep its pupils safe in and outside of school.

### Wildwood

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Year 2 visited Wildwood as part of our learning on Night Time. They have been finding out about nocturnal animals in class and this was enhanced by the trip. They enjoyed a walk around the site looking and learning about all the animals but particularly looking at the nocturnal animals on site (Foxes, Owls, Badgers, Hedgehogs and Bats). The children took part in a nocturnal workshop where they were able to find out interesting facts about why these animals come out at night and how they hunt. They also had the pleasure of meeting an owl and listening to some more fascinating facts about these beautiful birds of prey.



### Key Steps Gymnastics Competition



On the 21st April four pupils from Years 1 and 2 represented Garlinge Primary in the Infant Key Steps Gymnastics Competition at Hartsdown Academy. They all attend the Friday school Gymnastics Club, encouraging movement and agility through gymnastic skills and were very successful, proudly representing Garlinge. They will be representing Thanet in June in the Kent competition. Well done!

### Infant Agility Competition

Ten pupils from KS1 travelled in the minibus to Ursuline College on 7<sup>th</sup> May for an Infant Agility Competition. They performed a variety of activities based on Sportshall Athletics, such as speed bounce, chest throw, long jump and balancing. They were very well behaved and showed great team spirit by encouraging each other during the events. They competed well, often against pupils from Year 2 and were rightly proud of winning their medals.



### Tennis Tournament



On Friday, 4 pupils from Year 4 represented Garlinge in a tennis competition at Margate Tennis Club. It was the children's first tournament of the year and they improved with every game as their confidence grew, they all received a medal and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### Princess Visit



On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May the pupils in the KS1 Assembly were visited by an Ice Princess and a Snow Princess. They talked to the children about a Princess Workshop that they offer and they conducted a sing-a-long with the children's favourite songs!



### Rugby Festival



The children had a fantastic day at the Rugby Festival at Upton School on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May! They represented the school exceptionally well and scored several tries!

Although a lot of the children were older, the team never gave up and persevered right until the final whistle. It was also lovely to see several parents turn up to support the team.

### Thanet Primary Schools Swimming Gala

Also on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, six Garlinge Primary School pupils represented the school in this exciting sports event at Hartsdown Leisure Centre. All the swimmers tried extremely hard in a mix of both individual and relay events, they swam very well and represented the school with impeccable manners and good sporting spirit.



The most exciting final of the evening, was the boys 25m freestyle; Ali from Year 6, swam extremely well, not only winning the gold medal, but breaking the championship record, which had been in place since 2001! Ali's time of 14.45 seconds was nearly half a second faster than the previous record! Well done Ali and to all of our swimming team!

### New Road Crossing Patrol



Brooke Avenue is now covered by our new Road Crossing Patrol, Mr Watt-Ruffell, but as always, we advise you to take extra care when crossing the roads to school with your children and request that those of you who drive are cautious and careful, particularly around the school. **REMEMBER** please do not use the school car parks or park across drives!

### Earrings and Jewellery

We follow KCC Health and Safety Guidance – Children **SHOULD NOT** wear earrings during PE lessons – this is to avoid injuries of impact and tearing. On PE days we ask parents to remove earrings **BEFORE** children come to school. *Other jewellery – necklaces, rings, watches, bracelets ARE **NOT ALLOWED** at any time.*

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**



Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers were available in store or online until **Tuesday 5 May 2015**. So we would like to remind you to be sure to round up all of the vouchers you have got at home, in the car or in your bags and send them in to school so that we can get counting! Last year we were able to get some great activity resources for FREE!

### **Sun Protection**

As we get closer to the summer and the weather improves, please ensure that your child has a hat and water bottle (with a sports top, not a screw cap) in school and that sun cream is applied **before** school if they require it.



### **Principals Catering Vacancy**

Principals Catering require a "Zero Hours Contract" employee to cover sickness and absence as and when required. If you are interested, please telephone Mrs Barnes between 8am and 2pm on 01843 296248.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We are currently looking for a Parent Governor for the school. If you would like to be considered or to would like to nominate another parent/carer to do so, please contact the school office. Together with the Headteacher, the Governing Body has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Parent governors find that by taking an active role, they are given a unique insight into Garlinge. The position is a rewarding one, with a positive impact on the pupils and school. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school.

### **Dates for your Diary 2015**

Please see overleaf ->

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Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Term Break**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Back to School – 8.45am**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Year 6 Photographs – **Please note NEW date**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Residential Visit/Activity week

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Transition Day –Pupils meet their new Teachers

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Year 4 Roman Day

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 11.15am

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 11.30am

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Production pm – details to follow

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.30 – 11.15am

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Production pm – details to follow

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July

PTFA Summer Fair – details to follow

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – details to follow

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Disco pm – details to follow

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Music Event pm – details to follow

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Last day of term** – Normal finish time

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

**INSET** – School closed

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