



“Inclusion at our Heart”

3rd July 2015

Dear Parents & Carers

As we get closer to the summer break and the weather becomes sunnier and warmer, please ensure that your child has a hat and that sun cream is applied before school, if they require it. Also, please check that your child has a water bottle in school, preferably a wide necked, sports cap type.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Gaveston Hall



On the 8th June some of our Year 6 children went on a residential trip to Gaveston Hall, West Sussex. They had a fun packed week, taking part in all sorts of interesting and exciting activities, including river walking, tent pitching, swimming, a night walk, orienteering, a talent show and a trip to the Sea Life Centre in Brighton. They also spent a day at Southwater Park learning how to sail, kayak and canoe – which was amazing fun! The children were well behaved and had a happy, but tiring week!

Year 6 Activity Week

Whilst some of the children were away at Gaveston Hall, the remaining year 6's took part in an Activity Week. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to engage in various exciting events throughout the week, exploring new ideas and working in teams. During the week, the children enjoyed a wonderful day at Wingham Wildlife Park, where they were able to interact with a snake, bearded dragon and tarantula. They were very lucky to be able to listen to experts giving talks on the penguins and red pandas, where the children were given the opportunity to ask questions and learn some amazing facts about the different animals. Other activities during the week included attending the East Kent Science Jamboree at Pfizers, pizza making, and trying their hand at crazy golf, where many children experienced a hole-in-one! All the children set a wonderful example of Garlinge Primary and certainly came away with some great memories!



RNLI Visit

We were lucky to be visited by the RNLI beach lifeguards this term. Our visitors spoke to the children about keeping safe around our coast-line and also whilst playing at the beach. The children were also given the opportunity to experience some of the safety equipment used by the lifeguards, demonstrating the important job that they do in keeping us safe through the summer months.



After School Clubs

Reminder: When applying for an After School Club for your child, please do not assume that they will automatically be allocated a place. A slip or text message offering a place will be sent prior to the club start date. Also, please note the dates that your child will be attending and their pick up location, to avoid confusion.



Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers

Thank you to everyone who helped to collect **4809 Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers** this year.



We have used them to 'buy' a range of equipment for use on the playground- foam balls, target games and bats to enhance the children's playtime We also added a few items to the resources used by pupils taking part in our Inclusivity Club.

Many thanks for your continued support with the voucher collection.

Positive Feedback

Many thanks for your positive feedback from the Parent Questionnaires. As a result we are currently reviewing our Behaviour Policy and monitoring and evaluating our current procedures. As part of our review we felt that it was important to share with parents/carers any incidents of inappropriate language in school. This will be done initially by a formal letter sent home. If any inappropriate language persists we will invite the parents/carers to discuss this further with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

We are pleased to share that the number of detentions has decreased dramatically in comparison with last year. We feel it would further support our children and families if parents /carers were notified by letter if their child has received 2 or more detentions in a week. This will enable a parent to discuss this with their child. If a child continues to receive detentions parents/carers will be invited in to meet with the Inclusion Leader, the Class Teacher and the child to write a Personal Support Plan which will focus on positive strategies to support the child to prevent further detentions.

This will be reviewed as appropriate. If in the unlikely instance where this is not successful, parents and children will be asked to meet the Mr Williams, Mrs Northrop or Mr Cope to review the process.



School Start and Finish Times

Pupils are encouraged to arrive at school by 8.45am where they go straight into class, and have quiet time where they can read or finish school work. Pupils that arrive late **must** report, with their parent, to the school office and give the reason for their lateness, which is recorded.

Why it is not good for children to be late:

- They walk into a class being very noticeable by their peers and this can socially isolate them.
- They are missing important education
- It disrupts the other children in the class with their learning.
- Lateness teaches poor time keeping which may impact on them in later life



In the afternoons, the gates are opened at 3.00pm – please collect you child at 3.10pm for KS1 pupils and at 3.15pm for KS2 pupils.

There seems to be an increasing amount of children being collected from the main school office at the end of a school day and this is causing us concern for the children's safety. The staff in the school office are not able to watch every child as it is a very busy office and in affect the children become invisible which increases the safeguarding risk.

We would like to remind parents that there is **no access** through the Westfield Road office entrance to the playgrounds for dropping off and collection of children.

Bikeability



At the end of June, beginning of July, some Year 6's completed their Bikeability training. The course, over 2 days, gave the children the opportunity to learn valuable cycling and road skills, the aim being to complete both their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability Certificate.

Mayan Mayhem

During Arts Week Year 6 children took part in an exciting workshop called 'Mayan Mayhem' linked to their history topic. The creative drama workshop was delivered by an organisation called 'One Day Creative' and was designed to enhance their learning of the topic, bringing the historical period to life. The workshop used drama to help the children learn about the people, religion and culture of the ancient Maya, by combining jokes, historical facts and funny information to captivate their minds and interest. The day ended with a fantastic performance of a play to other members of the school, which the children learnt and rehearsed during the day. The year 6 children were a credit to the school with their confidence, teamwork and commitment to ensuring that the performance was a success. Well done Year 6!



Busters Book Club Winners Ceremony

We are pleased to announce that Class 2B won a competition run by KM Messenger group, as a part of the Buster's Book Club Challenge, in which Years 2 and 3 took part each Wednesday, reading at home. On Tuesday 30th June, Miss Beaumont and Mrs Mason took two children to the Silver Blades Ice Rink in Gillingham to receive the prize for the class. The children were photographed for the KM Messenger website along with other schools from Kent.



Healthy Lunches

At Garlinge Primary School and Nursery we aim to promote a healthy lifestyle, with this in mind we would like you to consider what your child brings for their lunch, making it a varied and balanced meal.

Please may we remind you that Garlinge is a **NUT free school**. We do **NOT** allow peanut butter in sandwiches, as a number of our children have a nut allergy and this could be life threatening for them. Some chocolate spreads and health bars also contain nuts and even the smallest trace amount could cause a severe reaction.



VACANCY - Cleaners

As you are aware the school is currently undergoing building work and prior to establishing what cleaning requirements are needed we wish to temporarily appoint cleaning staff from September 2015 up until the Christmas term break.

The hours will be from 7.00am to 8.45am (1.75 hours per day) 5 days a week, term time only. The pay is £7.22 per hour.

If you are interested in this role please request an application form from our school office or telephone 01843 221877 (option 3). The deadline for all applications is Thursday, 23 July 2015.

Dates for your Diary 2015

Monday 6 th July	Year 6 Visit to Dreamland
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 2 Visit to Dreamland
Thursday 9 th July	KS1 Sports Day 9.30 – 11.15am
Friday 10 th July	Non-uniform for PTFA Tombola donations KS2 Sports Day 9.30 – 11.30am PTFA Disco Years R, 1 and 2 – 4pm – 5pm PTFA Disco Years 3, 4 and 5 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm PLEASE NOTE: Disco entry is by pre-paid ticket ONLY
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Production 6pm (Children to arrive at 5.30pm)
Thursday 16 th July	Year 3 Ancient Greek Day Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.30 – 11.15am Year 6 Production 6pm (Children to arrive at 5.30pm)
Saturday 18 th July	PTFA Summer Fair 1pm – 4pm
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm KS2 Hall Year 6 Disco 6 – 7.30pm KS2 Hall
Wednesday 22 nd July	Music Event pm – details to follow
Thursday 23 rd July	Last day of term – Normal finish time
Friday 24 th July	INSET – School closed
Thursday 3 rd September	INSET – School closed
Friday 4 th September	INSET – School closed
Monday 7 th September	Back to School – 8.45am
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Term Break

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