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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2017 Parents, Teachers and Friends Association newsletter. We hope that you all have a lovely half term holiday – We have another busy year ahead and lots of lovely events planned for the children!

THANK YOU to so many of you that have liked and shared the **Garlinge PTFA Facebook page** - it is the best way to stay in touch!



The Christmas Fair, Craft morning and Discos may seem a long time ago and were just a few of the events where the children had great fun! With your support, we raised vital funds.

We are proud to have been able to donate £1500 to the school for the improvement of the nature garden!

Last year the PTFA introduced the **quiz nights**, which have been great fun, the **book shares** and recycled **uniform sales**, which have been well supported. We hope that you have enjoyed and benefitted from these events – they are continuing in to 2017!

With your support, the PTFA have funded the extra cones and parking signs along with many other projects, gifts and competitions for the children.



EASTER CRAFT MORNING AND DISCOS COMING SOON!

WATCH OUT FOR LETTERS COMING HOME

Dates for your diary

9th March
General Meeting
15:30 KS2 hall and
uniform sale prior to
the meeting.

25th March
Craft morning and
Discos

31st March
Non-uniform day and
Bags2School
collection

20th April
Uniform sale

4th May
General meeting
15:30 KS2 hall

11th May
Book Share

18th May
Uniform sale

17th June
Race for Life

22nd June
General meeting and
uniform sale

24th June
Summer Fair -
school field!

15th July
Summer discos

All dates subject to
change!

So What else are we looking forward to in 2017?



You can come and say hello to the PTFA at parent meetings and events including **Sports days**.

We will be holding the **Race for Life** again this summer, as well as the popular **summer fair** which we hope to be bigger and better than ever and to hold on the school field this time!

Are you having a clear out? On the 31st March the children are having a non-uniform day in exchange for donating a bag of old clothes to school. Letters and a bag to fill will be coming home in book bags soon!



Ted has been involved with Garlinge Primary School since his son started in 2011, four years later he became our Lollypop man. Ted was keen to take on the role as he embraces working in the community. 'It is important to give the children the right welcome in the morning. I feel that is when their school day starts and it is important to send them in with a smile'. Ted was invited to join the PTFA in 2014 and was elected as chairperson in 2015.

'I am extremely proud of our school, from the senior team, right down to the nursery children'. Through the PTFA Ted wishes to show the children the value of teamwork and to grow the school's positive presence in the village and wider community. He has brought lots of new ideas to the committee and is passionate that all parents consider themselves members.

The PTFA committee has grown in the last year, with more parents popping along to meetings, or volunteering at events. We have also welcomed our first Junior members, Youin, Oscar and Skye, who are the voice of the children at our meetings. Four of the committee, completed an Emergency First Aid course with Defibrillator training.

Don't forget we are always looking to welcome new members and volunteers. There is no expected commitment, any time that you can give is appreciated.

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