



# Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



## Years 3 and 4 Newsletter

### Terms 1 and 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by welcoming you all back to a new academic year after the summer break and I look forward to a happy and successful year working together with you for the benefit of the children. This newsletter aims to introduce you to the Years 3 and 4 department and the main topics of learning within each year group, as well as providing you with information which you may find useful when supporting your child.

#### Our new building

I am sure that you will agree that our new building has been well worth the wait and is a wonderful addition to our school. We are all so excited about working in such a fabulous space and the children in years 3 and 4 have all settled sensibly and happily into their new classrooms, adjusting well to their new routines. The children are free to enter the Year 3 and 4 building at either of the main doors in the morning at 8.45 am in time for morning registration at 8.55 am. At the end of the day Year 4 will leave the building through their classroom doors which lead onto the playground. Classes 3A and 3B will leave the building through the main door, opposite the medical room, which leads onto the playground and class 3C will leave through the main door at the far end of the building, near the path leading to KS1. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher if you have any queries regarding the dropping off and picking up arrangements.

#### Staff

The department staff for this academic year are:

<b><u>3A-Mrs Turp</u></b> T.As-Mrs Ashton, Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Skelton	<b><u>4A-Miss Smith</u></b> T.A-Mrs Rae
<b><u>3B-Miss Smethers</u></b> T.As-Miss Taylor, Miss Pullman and Mrs Webb	<b><u>4B-Miss Rowden</u></b> T.A-Mrs Mason
<b><u>3C-Miss Flower</u></b> T.As-Miss Whelan and Mrs Mulhall	<b><u>4C-Mrs Goode</u></b> T.As-Miss Jacobs and Mr Lambert
	<b><u>Year 4 Maths –Mrs Northrop</u></b>

#### How you can help your child

Please make sure that your child arrives in school promptly at 8:45am for registration at 8:55am. We ask that you telephone the office if your child is not well enough to come to school.

#### Uniform

We would like all of the children to take pride in their school uniform. A full uniform list is available on our school web-site [www.garlingeprimary.co.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) or if you are unsure please do speak to your child's class teacher. All items of school uniform should be clearly named. We would also request that children wear plain black shoes and not trainers to school. Earrings are permitted, but must be small plain studs please.

#### P.E

Help your children to be organised for P.E by making sure that they always have a P.E kit in school. This should consist of a white T-shirt, dark shorts and plimsolls for indoor P.E; trainers for outdoor P.E. Dark coloured joggers and sweatshirts can be worn for outdoor P.E during the winter months. Children with pierced ears will need to remove earrings when taking part in P.E lessons; this can be done either at school or at home beforehand.

P.E Days for Years 3 and 4 are as follows:

3A-Indoor P.E- Friday - Outdoor P.E- Wednesday	4A-Indoor P.E-Wednesday Outdoor P.E-Tuesday
3B-Indoor P.E- Friday Outdoor P.E- Wednesday	4B-Indoor P.E-Monday Outdoor P.E-Wednesday
3C-Indoor P.E- Friday Outdoor P.E- Wednesday	4C-Indoor P.E-Wednesday Outdoor P.E-Tuesday

### **Art**

It would be most helpful if you could provide your child with a named Art apron which can be worn to protect their clothing during Art lessons. An adult shirt or blouse is perfect for this.

### **Homework**

Homework is an important way in which you can support your child's learning and will consist of weekly tasks set by class teachers. Please ensure that your child takes pride in their homework tasks and develops their organisation skills by handing completed homework in on time.

Your children will be issued with a home reading book. Please support your child by listening to them read on a daily basis as well as spending time discussing their books with them. Times tables and weekly spellings should also be practised daily.

### **A 'Healthy School'**

We are proud to have been awarded 'Healthy School' status, therefore we encourage parents to pack a healthy lunchbox for their child, and we discourage chocolate, sweets or crisps. We encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times. Also, as a 'Healthy School', we are unable to hand out birthday cakes/sweets to children in our classes provided by parents.

The children are encouraged to bring in a water-bottle with a sports-cap lid, which can be filled from our water dispensers during the day.

## **Topics and Learning**

**The main topic areas in Years 3 and 4 for Term 1 are as follows:**

<b><u>Year 3</u></b>	<b><u>Year 4</u></b>
HISTORY-Ancient Egypt	HISTORY-The Stone Age
SCIENCE- Light	SCIENCE-States of Matter
R.E- Christianity	R.E-Judaism and Christianity
PSHCE- Me and my healthy lifestyle	PSHCE-Me and keeping safe
P.E- Balancing and catching a small ball	P.E-Gymnastics and Football

Details of Term 2 topics will follow

### **Targets**

All children will be given targets for Maths, Reading, Writing and Science to ensure that they continue to move forward and make the progress expected of them. Children should know their targets and be constantly working towards achieving them. These will be displayed in classrooms, on the children's books and will also be shared with you during our Parent Evenings.

## **Important Dates**

Please take the time to check with your child each day to see if they have been given any letters as you will be informed regularly of any events/school news.

### **Key dates for your diary:**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Parent Information afternoon in KS2 Hall for years 3 and 4 parents/carers at 2pm.

**14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October**-Individual pupil photos

**23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Last day of term 1.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Evening 2.45pm – 7.30pm

**16<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti bullying Week in school.

**14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Week ( Details to follow nearer the time)

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day term of 2.

Finally, if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher. We all look forward to a successful term and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A.Goode

Lower Key Stage 2 Department Leader