



27th November 2015

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you all very much for your continued hard work with our pupils – they are all progressing very well with their learning and there is a lovely atmosphere around the school for any visitors to enjoy. As we head towards Christmas, I hope that you enjoy the various events and attractions that we have on offer, particularly the PTFA Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th December (1 – 4pm). The newly formed PTFA have been doing a fantastic job in organising lots of enjoyable fundraising events and I would urge you to support them whenever you can.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Children in Need

We would like to say a big thank you to our Road Crossing Patrol staff who, through the generosity of our pupils and parents, raised the fantastic sum of £ 92.94 for Children in Need. Well done!



Anti-Bullying Week

The whole school has taken part in an effort to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. The theme of this year's Anti Bullying Week was 'Make a Noise'.

The aim of the week was to empower children to make a noise about bullying- whether it is happening to them or to someone else, face to face or online.

Pupils took part in a number of activities to help raise awareness and highlight the appropriate support available. Classes worked together to produce poems, songs and raps to 'MAKE A NOISE' about bullying.

Garlinge is a 'talking school' where all children are given a safe space to discuss bullying and any other issues that affect their lives. All teachers are equipped to respond effectively when children tell them they're being bullied.



Remembrance Day

The staff and children of Garlinge recently commemorated Remembrance Day together, by paying their respects to those who have suffered or lost their lives due to war. In classes, through discussion and activities, the children learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we commemorate it. In the week leading up to Remembrance Day Year 6 prefects and staff worked hard as a team to organise the selling of poppies and poppy merchandise and it was fabulous to see so many of the children and staff in the school wearing their poppies with pride. Garlinge wreaths_of

poppies were laid by Mrs Springett at The Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium and some members of Year 6 also visited Westgate War Memorial to lay a poppy wreath with Mr Williams and Mrs Pegden.

The commemorations concluded with the gathering of the whole school in the new school hall on 11th November to take part in the two minute silence at 11am. The occasion was made all the more poignant by the playing of 'The Last Post' by Dan Cook, a visit from an ex-serviceman Mr Bodham, who was in the Parachute Regiment and the Year six reading of a verse from the famous World War One poem 'For the Fallen', by Laurence Binyon.

Carols for Pilgrims Hospices



The school has been invited to take part in 'Carols for Pilgrims Hospices' for local school choirs in Thanet to come together for Pilgrims Hospices.

Pilgrims Hospices is a charity providing specialist care free of charge to people in East Kent with an illness that cannot be cured. To keep delivering care to those that need it the most, Pilgrims Hospices need to raise £11 million each year.

Our school choir chose 'Away in a Manger' as their Christmas song which was recorded by Seaside Radio at our school. The carols from all schools will then be placed on to a CD for sale for a suggested minimum donation of £4. We will inform parents/carers as soon as the CDs are available for purchase.

Basketball Festival for Years 5 and 6



On Friday 6th November a team of children from the school Basketball Club took part Primary Schools Basketball Festival at the Ursuline Sports College.

This was a chance for teams to enjoy playing basketball and using skills learnt. All our children played well and showed good sportsmanship during all their games. Although they had their hardest games first they did not give up and their last game was very exciting with play going from end to end. Thank you to Sean, their coach, for all his support and encouragement and to Mr Williams for driving the school minibus. Congratulations to all the participants from years 5 and 6 for representing the school so well.

Year 2 Football Festival

On Tuesday 10th November a team of boys from year 2 took part in the Thanet Schools Football Festival at the Margate Fives football pitches. They played really well winning two games and drawing one making the school and their coach very proud of them all.

Congratulations to all who took part. Thank you to Sean and Mr Hawkins for all their help and support.

One of our year 2 players was chosen as 'outstanding player' and was awarded a special medal. All the team came away with medals which they wore proudly to our celebration assembly.



Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics Saturday 21st November

Well done to all our pupils from Athletics Club who took part in the Thanet Primary Schools Sports Hall Athletics competition at the Ursuline College. There were 18 schools taking part which made for a very busy and exciting event. The children took part in running, throwing and jumping activities with one of our girls getting the second highest score for speed bounce beating the girls in the winning teams. All the children did well in their events and were all winners and received medals and certificates!!

Thank you to all the parents who brought their children on what was a very cold and wet Saturday morning.

WEEE Bank

Our school is taking part in the recycling initiative 'WEEE Bank' offered by Kent County Council Waste Management and Valpak (who recycle electrical items on behalf of Kent County Council).

We have a pink recycling skip located in KS1 school carpark for the collection and recycling of old, broken and unwanted **Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE)**. We will be collecting unwanted **Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE)** every **Wednesday** until January 2016.



Please bring in your unwanted items and place them next to the bins in the KS1 carpark where our caretaker will safely collect and place any items into the skip. Please help us by bringing in any old electrical items you may have for recycling. Anything from kettles, irons, toasters, clocks, drills & other electrical DIY equipment, hairdryers, games consoles, mobile phones, televisions, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, fridge freezers, lawn mowers and electronic toys & games.

Thank you for helping us to help the environment by recycling, and to raise valuable funds for our school.

Considerate parking/car use

We would like to politely remind all parents to be extra vigilant when bringing your children to school. Although it is very busy, cars have been seen mounting the pavement near the Caxton Road entrance (KS1) putting children in danger. We appreciate that parking is sometimes difficult, however, parking and/or dropping off, is not allowed over entrances, driveways, any zigzag markings, staff car parks or on the Recreation Ground by the Nursery entrance.

Polite Reminder

We have recently received complaints regarding unacceptable language being used by parents/carers whilst on the school premises. Can we please remind all visitors to the school that **unacceptable language and behaviour is not permitted**. Please also note that the school has a **no smoking** and **no dogs** policy.

Cleaner Vacancy

We have a temporary vacancy for a cleaner for 8.75 hours per week, term time only. The hours will be 07:00 to 08:45am, Mon-Fri. The hourly rate will be paid at £7.23. An application form is available upon request from the School Office or please email business@garlinge.kent.sch.uk. The closing date for applications is Monday, 14 December and interviews will take place on Thursday, 7 January 2016

Principals Catering Vacancy

In January there will be a vacancy for a Kitchen and Serving Assistant, 10 hours per week, term time only, 11:45am to 13:45pm.

Please telephone Mrs Barnes on 01843 296248, between 08:00am and 2:00pm, for further information.

Christmas Dates

Wednesday 2nd December	PTFA Coffee Morning 9:00-10:30am
Friday 4th December	NON School Uniform Day for a Tombola Gift
Friday 4th December	Christmas Discos: Years 1 and 2 - 4:00pm till 5:00pm Years 5 and 6 - 5:30pm till 6:30pm
Tuesday 8th December	Year 2 performance 1:30pm
Wednesday 9th December	Year 2 Performance 9:30am
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 9 th December	Festive Lunch 2015
Thursday 10th December	Reception Performance 2:00pm
Friday 11th December	Reception Performance 9:30am
Friday 11th December	Christmas Disco Years 3 and 4 - 4:00pm till 5:00pm
Saturday 12 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair 1:00-4:00pm
Monday 14th December	Nursery Performance (AM Group) 9:30am
Monday 14th December	Nursery Performance (PM Group) 1:30pm
Monday 14 th December	Year 3 Party Day
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 5 Party Day
Tuesday 15th December	Foundation Stage Party Day
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 1 Party Day
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 6 Party Day
Thursday 17 th December	Year 2 Party Day
Thursday 17th December	Year 4 Party Day



Dates for your Diary 2015 - (27/11/2015)

Monday 14th December 2015	Christmas Party Week begins!
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2016	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2016	INSET – School closed
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2016	Term Break
Friday 25th March 2016	Good Friday – School closed
Monday 28th March 2016	Easter Monday – School closed
Tuesday 29th March – Friday 8th April 2016	Term break
Monday 11th April 2016	INSET – School closed
Monday 2nd May 2016	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2016	Term Break
Monday 6th - Friday 10th June 2015	Year 6 trip to Gaveston Hall
Thursday 21st July 2016	Last day of term – Normal finish time
Friday 22nd July 2016	INSET – School Closed

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