



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”



18th December 2015

Dear Parents & Carers

It is hard to believe that it is 14 school weeks since the end of the summer holidays, but as you can see from this newsletter, it has been a very busy 14 weeks! Not only have we had our 2015 results confirmed as record breaking for all year groups, we have also been placed in the top 20% of schools nationally in terms of progress made for the THIRD consecutive year- a BRILLIANT achievement!

It has also been lovely to see so many parents in our school for our events: Parents Information Afternoons, Harvest Assembly, Parents evening, Christmas Nativities, Carol concerts and many more! It is always pleasing to see you, and we appreciate and act upon the feedback you give us when possible.

We have also enjoyed moving into our new buildings (particularly years 3 and 4) and have welcomed many new children, families and staff to Garlinge, one of the largest and best performing primary schools in the local area. I am very proud to be associated with the school, and wish the extended Garlinge family happy, enjoyable and restful Christmas and New Year!

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Nursery, Reception and Y2 Christmas Productions

I am sure that you will agree that this year's Christmas Productions were as magical as ever!

Well done to all the children who performed and thank you to the staff that put in the time & effort to make each show festive and special.



Christmas Dinner

A BIG thank you goes out to the Principals Catering kitchen staff, Maggie and her team, who produced an excellent Christmas dinner last week, catering for 600+ pupils and staff!

PTFA Christmas Fayre

“Well done and huge thank you” to the PTFA for organising the Christmas Fair held on the 12th December. They raised £922.

Despite his busy schedule, the PTFA even managed to get Father Christmas to pay the children a visit, handing out Christmas treats to all! Good job!

If you would like to help with such rewarding activities, the PTFA are always glad of new helpers, please leave your name & number at the school office.

Also, thanks for organising the Christmas Disco's, which were a great success, with all of the children letting off steam with their "Disco Moves"!



Christmas Concert



Thanks to all the Y3 children who took part in our Community Carol Concert, held in conjunction with St. James' Church on Thursday evening. It was a lovely occasion, and once again fantastic to see our hall filled with Christmas cheer.

Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics competition

A big thank you to all who attended the Years 5 and 6 sports hall athletics competition at the Ursuline Sports College on Saturday 28th November. The 11 boys and 8 girls who took part all performed well and showed great enthusiasm throughout the morning. Well done to everybody who were awarded their medals and certificates.

Year 2 Multi Skills Festival

On Tuesday 3rd December 6 of our Year 2 pupils took part in a multi skills festival at Polo Farm in Canterbury. This event was run by CCCU and all the activities had a winter/ Christmas theme. The 3 girls and 3 boys that took part really enjoyed the event and were awarded certificates and candy canes.

Thank you to Mrs Cook for taking them in the school minibus and Mrs Papageorghiou who went with them.

Kent Cricket and Southern Water working with Year 5

The Year 5 classes had a special visitor on 10th December 2015

The Kent County Cricket Club community team, along with Victa the Mascot, work in schools delivering striking and fielding games as well as a classroom based lesson educating the pupils about the responsible use of water.

The children enjoyed their afternoon and are looking forward to their coaching session with the team in January.



Goodbye

This Christmas we are waving Goodbye to a member of our Inclusion Team, Miss Kupczyk, who is moving on to pastures new! I am sure that you will all join me in thanking her for all her hard work and wishing her all the best and Good Luck for the future.



Thanet Resilience Day

On Wednesday 16th December Y5 attended the **Thanet Resilience Day** at the **Global Generation Church**. Garlinge Primary School and Nursery is a part of the HeadStart Kent initiative which aims to build young people's resilience through equipping them to deal better with difficult circumstances in their lives and improve their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

Children took part in workshop based activities which focused on friendships, positive values, education, talents and interests and sociable behaviour. This event aimed to explore resilience (the ability to bounce back from the problems in life) through a restorative approach using scenario based activities.

Years 4-6 Pantomime Trip to Winter Gardens

On Thursday 3rd December, Years 4/5/6 went for a Pantomime trip to the Winter Gardens to see Peter Pan – a fun time was had by all! Thanks go to Mrs Pegden and Mrs Goode for all their organisation, and to the PTFA, who very kindly provided a snack and drink for all children.



Snowy Weather

OUR SCHOOL WILL ALWAYS TRY AND REMAIN OPEN IN SNOWY WEATHER.

If weather conditions deteriorate we will text parents using the school texting service (please ensure you keep your mobile number up-to-date).

IF THE SCHOOL HAS TO CLOSE PLEASE CHECK BY GOING TO THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL WEBSITE. By clicking on www.kentschoolsclosures.co.uk, you will be directed to the website. Please enter our school name and click on 'search'. The site will then tell you if we are open or closed.

The screenshot shows the Kent County Council website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Kent County Council' and a search bar. Below this, the 'Kent Closures' section is visible, featuring a search bar with 'Garlinge Primary School' entered. There are buttons for 'Register for alerts', 'Alerts login', 'RCC website login', and 'Education service login'. The search results section shows 'Garlinge Primary School and Nursery' with a status of 'Friday 10th February 2023, 09:15 AM'.

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.

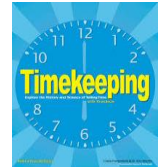


School Start and Finish Times

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 your 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 concerns 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 this may increase the chances of difficulties when children are being picked up.

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.

Headlice and Long Hair

Cases of head lice have been reported – please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. REMEMBER....wash, rinse, condition and comb, continue this routine after each hair wash (check all members of the family).

Also, please may we remind you that if your child has long hair, boys too, it needs to be tied back for PE and sports clubs.





Dates for your Diary 2015 (18/12/2015)

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2016	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2016	INSET – School closed
Tuesday 5 th January 2016	Return to school
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

STICK ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!



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