

# Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



## Years 3 and 4 Newsletter -Terms 3 and 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by wishing you all a very 'Happy New Year' and wish you all the best for a successful and happy 2016. This newsletter aims to update you on some key information about the coming terms within the department, as well as providing you with information which you may find useful when supporting your child.

### Staff

There have been a few changes to staffing within the department. Please find below an updated list of adults working in each class:

<b><u>3A-Mrs Turp</u></b> TAs-Mrs Ashton, Miss Kerton and Mrs Skelton	<b><u>4A-Miss Smith</u></b> TA-Mrs Rae
<b><u>3B-Miss Smethers</u></b> TAs-Miss Taylor, Miss Pullman, Mrs Melloy and Mrs Webb	<b><u>4B-Miss Rowden</u></b> TA-Mrs Mason and Mr Peachey
<b><u>3C-Miss Flower</u></b> TAs-Miss Whelan and Mrs Mulhall	<b><u>4C-Mrs Goode</u></b> TAs-Mrs Billinghurst and Mr Lambert

We are also pleased to welcome two final year students from Canterbury Christ Church College to our department this term. Miss Howells will be working in 3A and Miss Chapman in 4A for the next eight weeks.

### How you can help your child

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

### Uniform

The children have all returned to school looking lovely and smart and we would like all of the children to continue 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.

There have recently been incidents of lost items of uniform, so please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly named to enable us to return any lost clothing to the right child. All items of lost property can be found outside the medical room.

### PE

In the winter months, please continue to help your children to be organised for PE by making sure that they always have a PE kit in school. This should consist of a white T-shirt, dark shorts and plimsolls for indoor PE; trainers for outdoor PE. Dark coloured joggers and sweatshirts can be worn for outdoor PE during the winter months as we will continue to take the children outdoors wherever possible.

Children with pierced ears will need to remove earrings when taking part in PE lessons; this can be done either at school or at home beforehand.

### PE Days for Years 3 and 4 are as follows:

3A-Indoor PE- Friday Outdoor PE-Wednesday	4A-Indoor PE-Wednesday Outdoor PE-Tuesday
3B-Indoor PE-Friday Outdoor PE-Wednesday	4B-Indoor PE-Tuesday Outdoor PE-Thursday
3C-Indoor PE-Friday Outdoor PE-Wednesday	4C-Indoor PE-Wednesday Outdoor PE-Friday

### Art

If you haven't already done so, 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**

The majority of the children in Years 3 and 4 have settled well into their homework routines, using their homework activities to reinforce their learning in class as well as developing the important skills of independence and organisation. Homework is an important way in which you can support your child's learning and consists of weekly tasks set by class teachers. Please ensure that your child takes pride in their homework task, presenting their tasks neatly and completing tasks to the best of their ability within the time set.

Your children will bring home a reading book with them each day. Please support your child by listening to them read on a daily basis as well as spending time discussing their books with them. We have also recently resumed the popular 'Buster's Book Club' competition, where children can record a target number of minutes spent reading at home to help towards the possibility of winning a class trophy. The children do really enjoy finding out which class has won the trophy, so please support your child with this and do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Times tables and weekly spellings should also be practised daily.

### **Packed Lunch/Water bottles**

We are proud to have been awarded 'Healthy School' status—we therefore encourage parents to pack a healthy lunchbox for their child and we discourage chocolate and crisps. The children are also able to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times and 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 the coming terms are as follows:**

### **Year 3**

	<b><u>Term 3</u></b>	<b><u>Term 4</u></b>
<b>History/Geography</b>	Ancient Greece	Modern Greece
<b>Science</b>	Animals including humans	Animals including humans
<b>RE</b>	Islam	Islam and Christianity

### **Year 4**

	<b><u>Term 3</u></b>	<b><u>Term 4</u></b>
<b>History/Geography</b>	Roman Britain	Roman Britain
<b>Science</b>	Sound	Animals including humans
<b>RE</b>	Christianity	Judaism and Christianity

### **Targets**

All of the children have been given new 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 in terms 3 and 4 so please do take the time to discuss these with your child.

### **Clubs**

We have been pleased to see a number of children taking advantage of the wide variety of after school clubs that are offered at the school. During the coming terms, please encourage your children to attend clubs that may be of interest to them and please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Askew in the school office if you have any queries regarding them. We are also pleased to inform you that the children also get the opportunity to take part in a variety of clubs and activities at lunchtime which continue to be very popular.

### **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:**

These are some of the key dates for the term:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January - 2.25pm: Parent information afternoon on our school maths calculation policy for years 3 – 6

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February: End of term 3

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Term 4 begins

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 trip to Museum of Kent Life for Roman Day (Details to follow)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March: School reports sent home. End of term 4

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 couple of terms and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A.Goode, Lower Key Stage 2 Department Leader