



“Inclusion at our Heart”

27th January 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and that the New Year has started well. We are already more than three weeks into the new school term and as ever, things are very busy and productive at Garlinge! The children have settled down well with their learning and it is a pleasure to go around the school and show it off to our many visitors.

Thank you very much for the feedback you gave in our parental survey. There was a very positive response and it is clear that many of our parents wish to be even more involved in their children’s learning. As a result of your feedback, we have organised a series of maths curriculum events which have taken place over the last couple of weeks. We have had more than 80 parents come to these events and it was very good to see such a pleasing turn out. I would also like to extend my thanks to Mrs Pegden, Mrs Warr and Mrs McLevy for leading these sessions. We take your suggestions very seriously and will also be organising family learning events over the coming terms. For parents that would like to become involved in the PTFA and their range of exciting events, please do not hesitate in contacting me or anyone at the school office and they will pass on your details – your support is always greatly appreciated.

We are also looking at other exciting plans in the coming weeks and hope to give details of the development of the fenced off space within the Key Stage1 playground which will shortly be beginning – It should provide fantastic outdoor learning and play opportunities for your children.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher



Sponsored Fitness Circuit

We are very excited to be welcoming Luke Lennon-Ford to the school. Luke is one of Britain’s most exciting talents on the track and is trained by Olympic Champion Linford Christie. At the age of 23 Luke has already claimed Silver at the World Indoors, Silver at the European Indoors and Silver at the European Championships. Luke Lennon-Ford will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event is to inspire the pupils to take up sport generally, but, just as importantly, to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life. Much of the money that is raised will be used to buy sports equipment for the school, while also supporting GB athletes.

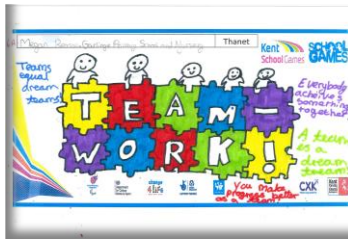
There are two easy ways to sponsor the children: using paper sponsorship form that your child will have brought home, or just as easy, it takes a few minutes to create an online fundraising page for your child at www.sportsforschools.org/event/CT224 link.

The children are already excited: we hope you’ll be feeling the buzz as well!

Kent School Games Banner Competition 2015/16

The children were asked to design a new banner to illustrate the Spirit of the School Games values. The three best designs from Garlinge Primary School and Nursery have been chosen and are now in competition with all the other entries from Thanet Schools. The winner for Thanet schools will be announced in February.

Our chosen Y6 winners



Thanet baton relay

At Garlinge Primary School and Nursery we chose teamwork as our value. We treat everyone equally, support each other, work together to have fun, achieve, celebrate each other's success and be a positive team player.

We achieve this in so many ways and through so many experiences as shown by our teamwork journey throughout the School.



Teddy Bear's Picnic in Nursery



Friday 15th January was the day when the Bears visited our Nursery! All of the children brought in their favourite bear and told their friends why they like them. They enjoyed a biscuit and a drink together around the picnic blanket.

Healthy Schools

As a "Healthy School" please may I remind parents that we do not give out cakes and sweets to celebrate birthdays.

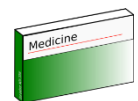
Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids is back for 2016, launching 27th January. There will be a collection box by the Key Stage 2 hall for children to put any vouchers they collect. This has been a very successful campaign in the past and we have used the vouchers to buy playground, gardening and cooking equipment and we hope you will support us with this again. Please encourage your family and friends to ask for the vouchers too!

Medicines in School

If your child requires medication that has to be administered **4 times** a day or more please contact the office to complete a "Request to Administer Medicine" form.

Also, please do not allow your child to bring lip balm, or anything similar, into school, as there is a risk of cross infection. If a child's lips are very sore parents can request from their GP a prescription for cream which can be kept in the medical room to be applied at break and lunch times.



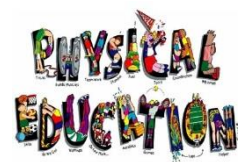
Attendance

Please may we remind all parents that children leaving before the end of the school day **MUST** be kept to a minimum and only under exceptional circumstances. Frequently, the end of the lesson is when the teacher re-caps and important information is given to the children. As your children's education is a priority, any appointments should, wherever possible, be made out of school time and in the event of this not being possible, we would like to request that both the class teacher and school office are notified as soon as possible prior to the appointment and a copy of an appointment card or hospital letter brought in. Thank you for your co-operation.

PE Kit

Please continue to help your children to be organised for Physical Education 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 children outdoors whenever 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. If you are considering having ears pierced, please may we suggest that this is left until the longer summer break.



Tri-Golf

Congratulations to the 10 children, five girls and five boys, from years 3 and 4 who represented our school at the tri-golf festival.

On Friday 15th January a team of ten children took part in the Thanet Primary Schools Tri-Golf Tournament at the Ursuline Sports College.

They all had to play a range of small games and all did really well at each event. Everyone supported each other and demonstrated some good skills.

They each received a medal and certificate which was presented during celebration assembly. They were a credit to their school and coaches!

Thank you to everyone for supporting this event and to Mrs Pegden for driving the minibus.

Garlinge Consolation Cup - Semi Final Win

Garlinge won a well-fought victory over Salmestone in the semi-final of the Consolation Cup on Friday 15th January. Some fantastic passing, confident finishing and a well-saved penalty gave Garlinge a 2-0 victory on a very cold afternoon. Our school will be playing in the final against Palm Bay later on in February. Well done Garlinge!

Ambulance Service Super Hero's Competition



Foundation Stage entered the 'Ambulance Service Super Hero's' competition. The children thought about the super powers that they would like their Ambulance crew to have and sent the pictures to be judged. Three of the children won the competition and their art work is now on display at the Ambulance Station in Westwood Cross.

Mrs Lancley came into school and presented the children with their winner's certificates, and certificates for the classes for their fantastic efforts.

Well done Foundation Stage!!



Midday Meals Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Meals Supervisor working 10 hours a week. The hours are from 11.20am to 13.20pm, 5 days a week, term time only (38 weeks per year). The pay is approximately £7.00 per hour.

If you are interested in supporting our children during the lunch period please request an application form from our school office or telephone 01843 221877 and ask for the Personnel Assistant.

Dates for your Diary 2015- (27/01/2016)

Friday 5 th February 2016	Non-Uniform Day (Suitable sports clothing instead)
Friday 12 th February 2016	Last day of term – Normal finish time
Friday 12 th February 2016	Nursery and Reception Dressing Up Day
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February 2016	Term Break
Monday 22 nd February 2016	Return to school
Thursday 3 rd March 2016	World Book Day
Friday 25 th March 2016	Good Friday – School closed
Monday 28 th March 2016	Easter Monday – School closed
Tuesday 29 th March – Friday 8 th April 2016	Term break
Monday 11 th April 2016	INSET – School closed
Tuesday 12 th April 2016	Return to school
Monday 2 nd May 2016	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2016	Term Break
Wednesday 1 st June 2016	Kent Tests 11+ Registration Opens
Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th June 2015	Year 6 trip to Gaveston Hall
Thursday 21 st July 2016	Last day of term – Normal finish time
Friday 22 nd July 2016	INSET – School Closed

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