



26th February 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you all had a good half term break and are ready for the challenges ahead as we move towards Easter. Thank you all very much for helping the children prepare for the recent Olympic athlete visit. Luke was very impressed with the efforts, perseverance and behaviour of all the children and they were equally impressed to see him in action and hear about his accomplishments. A very big thank you goes to Mrs Davey who spent a lot of time organising the day.

Could I please ask that all parents who drive to Garlinge take a little more care over how they are using the roads in and around the school. Whilst we understand the need for children to be at school and on time every day, I have had more and more complaints about inconsiderate driving, which could lead to one of our children being hurt or seriously injured. We are working with the local police and Thanet District Council to make the roads as safe as we can, but we do still rely on the good sense of our parents on their journeys to school. We greatly appreciate those who park a little further away from school and take a healthy walk for the last few hundred metres – please consider this healthy option if you don't already!

We are also heading towards the part of the year where some of our children (years 2 and 6) are taking part in statutory tests (or SATs). Please ensure that your child is at school every day as we head towards these important tests, and look out for the extra information that we will be giving you, particularly as there have been a number of changes to these tests this year after the introduction of the 2014 National Curriculum. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher or Department Leader.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J. Williams'.

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Maths Able Day

A chosen group of ten pupils from across Years 5 and 6 were invited to attend 'Maths Able Day' held at Chislet Primary School. Along with three other schools, the children participated in a variety of maths activities, games and challenges, using logical strategies, speed and knowledge.

The day was highly successful and enjoyed by all the children, who were a credit to our school.

A day with GB Athlete Luke Lennon Ford

Students and staff had a fabulous day when Luke visited the School on Friday 5th February. The morning was fun and challenging with staff and pupils participating in the four physical challenges.

In the afternoon the children were inspired and enthused by Luke, who talked about his life, his training and ambitions for the future. During the assembly the whole school sang to Luke and were invited to ask questions.

An energetic and motivating day had by all.



On Wednesday 3rd February, 15 children were lucky enough to go to Chatham and Clarendon House School to watch their performance of 'The Lion King'. This was a reward for outstanding behaviour and effort in school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were a credit to the school.

Young Voices at the O2



On Monday 8th February our school choir travelled to London to perform at the Young Voices 2016 Concert at the O2, London. It is the largest school choir in the world with 7000 children singing together with a full live band, backing singers and the internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence.

Nothing can prepare you for the sound of thousands of children singing in harmony. Young Voices combines the power of singing together as one, with accompaniment from a wide range of musicians and artists, to create an amazing performance.

This year celebrated 20 years and we joined the special gala performance that supported Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy charity with the opportunity of singing along with Katie Melua, Lemar and Ben Haenow.



Road Safety

We have noticed an increase in the number of cars parked on the pavement around the gate by the KS1 entrance and Nursery. We would like to remind parents **not** to park here and that there should be **no parking at any time of the day** in the staff carparks.

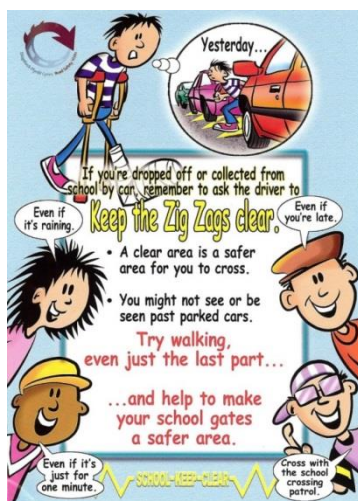
**NO
PARKING
PLEASE**

Parking all around the premises needs to be considerate of our neighbours and the law – regular patrols by a Traffic Warden have resulted in several parking tickets being issued – **beware**.

Please do not let your children walk across the school car parks, it is **DANGEROUS!**

If you do have to drive your child to school please park in a safe place away from the entrance and:

- Keep the bus and taxi layby clear
- Drive at a suitable speed in case children run onto the road
- Meet your children at the School gate and walk them safely to your car
- Please use the recommended crossing paths with the **Road Crossing Patrol**



Active Cyber Smart

We are using this amazing product in class. It has hundreds of fun, active programs which can be used for warm ups, wet weather or when the children need waking up!! Please log in and have a look, as it is a fantastic new way to engage with your children at home: <http://www.cyber-smart.co.uk>

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Garlinge Consolation Cup-The Final

The year 5 & 6 football team have been playing in the knock-out cup since October and successfully reached the final. The final vs Palm Bay was on Tuesday and played at Upton school. The final score was 4-4 after extra-time, and with the daylight dying and primary school football not going to penalties, it was declared a **joint victory**, with both teams being declared champions. Despite being behind a number of times in the match, they remained positive and kept going. The boys should be proud of themselves. They have come on such a long way as a team.

Packed lunches



Please ensure that your child's lunch box is clearly named. We would ask that you provide a drink (not fizzy) with their lunch. Please do not send cans, containers which might leak or **flasks containing hot drink or food**. Sweets are not allowed. No peanut butter or chocolate spread. Crisps, biscuits and other such treats should be kept to a minimum. Please also include a spoon if your child has a yoghurt etc.

Please can parents of year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children insure their children have a refillable water bottle with a sports lid, in school to use throughout the day.

To help us protect our children please can we ask you to cut grapes and cherry tomatoes lengthways or into quarters, to avoid choking.

Timber Trail

One of our school rules is that, for health and safety reasons, children are NOT ALLOWED to use the timber trail at the end of the school day. We appreciate your support in enforcing this. Thank you!

Polite request

Can we please ask parents not to tap on class windows whilst waiting to collect your child.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016

Active Kids is back for 2016. There is 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!



Dates for your Diary 2015- (26/02/2016)

Thursday 3 rd March 2016	World Book Day (Dressing up Day)
Friday 4 th March 2016	16:00-17:00 Years 1 & 2 Disco 17:30-18:30 Years 5 & 6 Disco
Friday 18 th March 2016	16:00-17:00 Years 3 & 4 Disco
Friday 18 th March 2016	Sports Relief Day – Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 23 rd March 2016	Parents Evening
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 9 th – Thursday 12 th May 2016	Key Stage 2 SATs
Wednesday 18 th May 2016	Gaveston Parents Meeting
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 2016	Year 6 trip to Gaveston Hall/Activity Week
Saturday 16 th July 2016	Summer Fair
Thursday 21 st July 2016	Last day of term – Normal finish time
Friday 22 nd July 2016	INSET – School Closed

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