

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



Years 5 and 6 Summer Term Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Children in Years 5 and 6,

We would like to wish you a warm welcome back to a new term. This newsletter gives a brief outline of the topics for the summer terms 5 and 6, along with additional information which you may find useful. As well as fun in the summer sun, the coming months have some important assessment dates, which are explained in this newsletter.

These two busy terms will be fast-paced, creative and challenging; hence we are always grateful for all of the support that you can give your child at home to support our teaching.

How Can You Help Your Child?



Please make sure your child arrives in school by 8:45am ready to start their first task of the day set by the class teacher. We ask that you telephone the office if your child is not well enough to come to school at the earliest opportunity. Our morning lessons do begin promptly at 8.45am, so prompt arrival does help your child to have a smooth and organised start to their day ready to learn.

We ask your child to continue wearing our school uniform with pride. A full uniform list is available on our school web-site www.garlingeprimary.co.uk or if you are unsure please do speak to your child's class teacher. Please may we ask that children are wearing the green school jumper/cardigan, or a plain grey school jumper/cardigan (as opposed to any hoodies please). Girls may choose this term to wear green summer dresses, or the boys grey school shorts on the warmer days. All items of school uniform should be clearly named. We would also request that children wear black shoes and not trainers or sandals to school please. Earrings are permitted, but must be small plain studs please.

Please continue to help your child be organised for Physical Education; make sure they always have a PE kit in school (this should consist of a plain white t-shirt, plain dark shorts, plain dark joggers and plimsolls or trainers). We are also more than happy for the children to wear their shorts for P.E. lessons outside as the weather warms up. Children with pierced ears will need to remove earrings when taking part in P.E. 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 please.

Also as a reminder, we are proud to have been awarded 'Healthy School' status—we encourage parents to pack a healthy lunchbox for their child, and we discourage chocolate, sweets or crisps. We also encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times. The children are encouraged to bring in a water-bottle (particularly as the weather gets warmer) with a sports-cap lid, which can be filled from our water dispensers during the day. Sipping water throughout lessons aids your child's concentration.



Homework

Please continue to help your child to: learn and practise their times tables daily, read daily using a broad variety of texts, learn any spellings sent home and complete maths and topic homework which is sent home. We do encourage the children to set high standards in homework books (similar to those in our classes) so please may we ask you to support us with this. New targets have been set for reading, writing, science and maths. Please spend a few minutes asking your child what their new target is. If there are any questions about how you can support your child at home, please do see his or her teacher.

Topics and Learning

All children will work hard on their Maths, English and Reading skills each morning. The afternoons will consist of topic based activities. Year 6 will also be working hard as a team preparing for their end of year production!

Year 5:

Topic: Canterbury and Chaucer then America
Science: Living things/habitats then animals and humans
PSHCE: Changes/Me and my feelings
Music: Learning to play the Ukulele
RE: Judaism/Occasions and celebrations
PE: Gymnastics and ball skills then sports day athletics

Year 6:

Topic: S.P.O.O.C.S, South America and then the Mayans
Science: Evolution and Inheritance then Changes and Feelings
PSHCE: Making a positive contribution then Changes/Me and my feelings
Music: End of year production music
RE: Sikhism
PE: Swimming and cricket then sports day athletics

Year 6 SATS

The summer term is very important, as it is the time that we formally assess the children in order to track their progress against their prior attainment and national expectations. Year 6 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) take place from 9th—12th of May. It is vital that your child attends school during this week, unless they are very unwell. Appointments within school time will not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. This week, your child came home with a letter inviting them to attend our 'Free SATs Breakfast club' – this proves to be very popular every year!

Year 5

Year 5 assessment week takes place in the week commencing 13th June; the children will be assessed in all areas of Maths and English. Again, it is important that children are in school during this week. We do find that if children sit the tests separately from their class, they tend not to perform to their full potential. Year 5 children will also be completing their VR (Verbal Reasoning) and NVR (Non-Verbal Reasoning) tests during the coming term, in preparation for their up and coming Kent Test decisions – further details will follow.

Important Dates

These are some of the key dates for the term:

Wednesday 13th April – Year 6 SATS parent information evening 5.30 KS2 hall.

Thursday 21st April – Year 6 Stagecoach secondary school bus company meeting for parents - KS2 hall 3.30.

WB 9th – 12th May – Year 6 SATS tests.

Wednesday 18th May - Gaveston Hall meeting year 6 parents 5.30 KS2 hall.

Monday 23rd May – Year 6 Leavers Kittle Photos.

Tuesday 24th May - Year 5 meeting on PSHE curriculum – changes and puberty, 3.30 class 5A.

Wednesday 25th May, 5.30 - Year 5 parent meeting in the KS2 hall to discuss secondary PESE process.

WB 6th June – Year 6 Gaveston hall/year 6 activity week.

WB 13th June – Year 5 assessment week.

WB 20th June - Year 6 Bike Ability course begins.

Friday 24th June – Year 6 open class afternoons 2 – 3.

Friday 1st July – Year 6 trip to Dreamland.

Thursday 7th July – Transition day.

Friday 8th July – KS2 sports day (details will follow).

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July – Year 6 production evenings 6.00pm KS2 hall.

Monday 18th July - Year 6 leavers and parents assembly 2.00 KS2 hall.

Monday 18th July - Year 6 leavers disco 5.30 – 7.00 KS2 hall.

Thursday 21st July - Last day of term. Saying our goodbyes and good luck to year 6!



Finally, if you do have any questions about your child's education please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher or myself.

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