



"Inclusion at our Heart"

# 6th May 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you have all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and are looking forward to more summery weather coming our way. As you know, we have another busy term in progress and over the next few weeks we will be continuing with lots of learning throughout all year groups, as well as carrying out the SAT tests within years 2 and 6. There has been a lot of debate around these tests recently in the press and whilst they are of importance, we try to ensure that children are fully prepared, but not overly stressed by what they are about to undertake. We realise and appreciate the work that all parents put in at home to assist with their children's education.

Despite a few delays, you will have seen the Key Stage 1 outdoor play and learning area taking shape over the past weeks. This will offer a range of opportunities for your children and we expect this area to be in use by the beginning of next week. I appreciate your patience whilst the company have been constructing the area and I'm sure you agree that it will be fantastic once it is fully up and running.

Finally, could I also ask you to be mindful of our neighbours during the busier times of the school day? I have had a number of complaints from householders in the surrounding roads, regarding children running in and out of gardens and rubbish being discarded onto their property. Please could all parents ensure that consideration is given to our neighbours and that all property is treated with respect throughout journeys to and from school, as the vast majority already do.

Many thanks,

Mr J Williams  
Headteacher



### Green Travel Mark 2016

Due to the wonderful efforts of our pupils, parents and staff in supporting the Walk on Wednesday Scheme, we have been awarded the **Green Travel Mark 2016**.

The KM Walk to School Scheme promotes health and fitness, as well as helping to reduce the school-run journeys, pollution and road congestion.

The scheme will continue for the rest of the academic year and prizes will be awarded to the class who walks most on a Wednesday!

### Healthy Lifestyle Workshop

In the final week of Term 4, Years 3 and 4 took part in a **Healthy Lifestyle Workshop** facilitated by the company A-Life.

The children had a great day of fun and learnt valuable lessons about sensible eating, the importance of all children having the right amounts of sleep every night and the benefits of exercise.

Children were taught safe ways of exercising in and around their homes.

The A-Life Coach emphasised the importance of all children being active in ways they find enjoyable and are capable of maintaining as they grow. Following the session all children were set an interactive online quiz to complete at home to share their learning with their family.



### New Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome 3 new teaching assistants, Mrs Petzendorfer 5A, Mr Olbrechts 5A, Mrs O'Connor 1B and a new Learning Mentor team; Miss Rowe, Mrs Scott and Miss Kania, our EAL mentor.

### New Year R Parents Meetings for children starting in September 2016

We would like to invite parents of children starting in September 2016 for an information session, to meet the Class Teachers, Department Leaders and learn more about Garlinge.

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| 1. Wednesday 22nd June 2016           | 18:00-19:00 | Visit 1 |
| 2. Thursday 30th June 2016            | 13:45-14:45 | Visit 2 |
| 3. Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 | 13:45-14:45 | Visit 3 |

More details will be posted to parents nearer the time.

### SATs Monday 9th - Thursday 12th May 2016

Just a quick reminder of SATs dates for parents of children in Year 6. The children will be completing their SATs during the week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Should any parent require further information about these tests, please do not hesitate to pop in to school to see your child's teacher.

In order to give the children a good start to the day we are running a **SAT's Breakfast Club** for **Year 6 children** from Monday until Thursday during that week. This will be **free of charge**. We would like as many children to attend as possible.

Letters have already been sent out home with children, so please can we remind you to return the slip if you would like your child to attend.

### After School Clubs

Once again the term has had a busy start with 14 different After School clubs running across the school. When applying for a club place please can parents and carers bear in mind that they need to receive an acceptance slip or text message to confirm their child has been successful in gaining a place. Also to avoid confusion when picking up children please make a note of the club start and finishing dates and which entrance the children will leave from. This information will be shown in both the initial letter and the text message.

*"In the event that children change their minds regarding school club place we would be grateful if parents could notify the school office in order that the place can be offered to another child"*

### 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 £7.22 per hour.

If you are interested in supporting our children during the lunch period please request an Application Form from the school office or telephone 01843 221877 and ask for the Personnel Assistant. The closing date for applications is Friday 13 May.

### School Packed Lunches

Please may we remind you that we are a nut free school and promote healthy eating.

Therefore we request that chocolate spread in any form, e.g. cakes, croissants and in sandwiches is **not** permitted in any packed lunch.



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

Please remember there is more information and news of recent events via the link shown below

<http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk/>



### Entry into the school building

Please can parents and carers be aware that they are NOT permitted to enter school buildings unless accompanied by a member of staff. If you have a message for a pupil or a staff member please speak to a staff member on duty at the door.

### Parent and Carer contact details

Please remember how important it is that we are able to get in contact with you when necessary. This is not only necessary in times of emergency, but sometimes for forgotten items or just to change picking up arrangements etc—it is vital that the school office has up to date mobile telephone numbers on the system! Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary 2016- (06/05/2016)

Monday 9th - Thursday 12th May 2016	Key Stage 2 SATs	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Book Fair Week	
Wednesday 18th May 2016	Gaveston Hall Year 6 Residential Visit Parents Meeting 5:30pm	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016	Year 6 Class Photographs	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	5:30pm Kent Test Parent Meeting (KS2 Hall)	
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2016	Term Break	
Wednesday 1st June 2016	Kent Tests 11+ Registration Opens	
Monday 6th - Friday 10th June 2016	Y6 Gaveston Hall Residential Visit /Activity Week	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Family Workshops	
Thursday 7th July 2016	KS1 Sports Day 9:15-11:30	
Friday 8th July 2016	KS2 Sports Day 9:15-11:30	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Sports Day - Foundation Stage 9:15-11:30	
Saturday 16th July 2016	PTFA Summer Fair 13:00-16:00	
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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