



“Inclusion at our Heart”

**27th May 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful term I would like to say thank you for your ongoing support of both the school and your children. We have had a number of events where we have welcomed parents into the school, such as the recent Book Swap hosted by our PTFA and it really is a pleasure to have you in school and part of our learning. It has also been fantastic to see the Reception children starting their Forest School sessions and hear of the wonderful things that they have been up to whilst there. I hope that you are as pleased with their experience as we are.

As we come towards the end of the year, please could I point out the importance of children attending school every day (unless they are unwell). The overall attendance percentage at Garlinge is currently not as high as we would like it to be and we are looking at a number of initiatives, both within classes and as a whole school, to improve this figure. It is proven that children with high attendance (96%+) will, over the course of their school career, achieve better than others and we are very keen to support children and families in this area.

Thank you again for your support, and I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable term break.

Many thanks,

*J. Williams*

Headteacher

### Change to Sports Day Dates

Unfortunately, due to some secondary schools recently extending their July transition days we have had to make some changes to the dates previously set for Sports Days to ensure Year 6 are included in this event. The changes are:

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Reception 9:15-11:30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	KS1 9:15-11:30am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	KS2 9:30- 11:30am

### Infant Agility Festival

On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 5 girls and 5 boys from Year 1 went to Ursuline Sports College to take part in the Thanet Schools Infant Agility Festival. They had to throw, jump and run. All our pupils did well and enjoyed the experience of throwing the foam javelins and using a range of equipment. Everyone did very well and all children were a credit to the school. Each pupil was awarded a certificate and medal that were presented during our celebration assembly.

### Family Workshops

We have had a positive response with up to 27 families attending the after-school family craft workshops; making stained glass windows, dream catchers and hand print suns. There will be further workshops on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July. Keep an eye out in your child's book bag or visit our website [www.garlingeprimary.co.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) for further information.



### Space Extravaganza

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 4 of our Year 6 children had the privilege to attend a Space Extravaganza, held at Wellesley School in Broadstairs. The children enjoyed taking part in an information presentation from an astronomer from the Royal Observatory, investigating thermal imaging, trying on replicas of the gloves and helmet that Tim Peake would be wearing in space and watching a space show in a planetarium. At 1.10pm radio contact was made with Tim Peake on the International Space Station, where various questions were read out to Tim whilst orbiting the Earth. The event was an amazing experience for our children to be involved in and we hope that the memories of that day will last for many years, inspiring their science interest throughout their schooling. For further details please visit our website.



On Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June the school will be commemorating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a whole school picnic on the school field. Please could children come to school dressed in red, white or blue clothing and bring a small selection of snacks for themselves e.g. fruit, biscuits, cakes that they can enjoy at the picnic. (Please refer to a separate letter for further details).

### The Kent Test

For those parents who are considering entering their child for the Kent Test (11+), we have provided you with an over view of the process so that you are aware of the various requirements placed upon all involved.

#### **Registration**

- Parents will be able to register for the Kent Test online via [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)
- Online registration for the Kent Test (for children due to start secondary school in September 2017 **opens at 9:00am on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June and will close Midnight on the evening of Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.**
- If you register on line and provide an email address you will receive your child's assessment decision by email on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Please be aware that postal results can be delayed.

#### **Actual Test**

Your child will take the test in year 6 at primary school on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

#### **Results**

When results are sent out to parents they will simply confirm whether the child has passed or not. Further details will be supplied to the primary school, who will confirm the exact scores to parents.

#### **Appeals**

Those who consider appealing, please be aware that you **cannot appeal until you are allocated a school**. Before considering an appeal it is advisable to discuss your child's scores with the school first.

The pass mark may vary from year to year.

### Zoolab visiting the Nursery

On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June Zoolab will be visiting the Nursery bringing with them some rainforest animals for the children to learn about and hold. Please let the Nursery know if your child has any allergies.

### 25 Years' Service

Our long serving road crossing staff member, Mrs Lee, has decided to retire from her post after over 25 years of service to Garlinge Primary School and Nursery. Although she will continue supporting our children at lunchtime, we will miss her presence along Westfield Road.

### Bikeability

In Term 6 some of our Year 6 children will be taking part in the Bikeability training offered by Kent County Council. Parents and carers that have requested a place will be notified of precise dates by Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### Gaveston Hall

On Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June some of our Year 6 will head off for an action packed week at Gaveston Hall in Sussex. We wish everyone a safe journey and an enjoyable visit. The remaining Year 6 children will take part in a fun filled activity week including visits to Strokes Mini Golf, Howletts Wildlife Park and the Pfizer Science Jamboree. We hope that this will be a fantastic memorable week for all of Year 6.



### Cbeebies Show 'Rhyme Rocket' Visit

We are counting down to take off as we prepare to welcome the Cbeebies Rhyme Rocket on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July to perform to our children in Early Years and KS1. More information will be available on our website.

### Cleaner Vacancy

We have a temporary vacancy for a cleaner for 8.75 hours per week, term time only. The hours will be 07:00 to 08:45am, Mon-Fri. The hourly rate will be paid at £7.23. An application form is available upon request from the School Office or please email [business@garlinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:business@garlinge.kent.sch.uk). The closing date for applications is Friday, 10 June 2016. Interviews will take place before the end of June.

### Scooters/Bikes

We have received complaints regarding children riding scooters whilst in the new KS1 playground. Due to health and safety risks to pupils and others, this is **not permitted**. Therefore, can we please ask you to ensure that your child does not use these until they have left the school premises.

### Considerate parking/car use

We would like to politely remind all parents to be extra vigilant when bringing children to school. Although it is very busy, cars have been seen mounting the pavement near the Caxton Road entrance (KS1) putting children in danger. We appreciate that parking is sometimes difficult, however, parking and/or dropping off, is not allowed over entrances, driveways, any zigzag markings, **staff car parks** or on the Recreation Ground by the Nursery entrance.

Important Notice

Please take the time to either check with your child's book bag each day or visit our website to be informed any events and/or school news. For all diary dates please visit the **EVENTS PAGE** on our website [www.garlingeprimary.co.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk).

**NURSERY OPEN DAY**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016**  
**9:30am to 11:00am**



We are holding our Nursery Open Day on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016. It's a "Drop In" session from 9:30am to 11:00am. Parents will have the opportunity to chat to the teacher and staff; whilst the children can play.

We look forward to showing you and your child around our wonderful nursery.

**COME AND VISIT US**

***(Please go to the Nursery entrance in Caxton Road)***

## Dates for your Diary 2016- (27/05/2016)

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016	Term Break
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2016	Kent Test Registration Opens
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Y6 Gaveston Hall Residential Visit /Activity Week
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Whole school celebration of Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Nursery Open Day 9:30 - 11:00am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Family Workshops
WB 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Year 6 Bikeability course
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Reception Sports Day 9:15 - 11:30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	KS1 Sports Day 9:15 - 11:30am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	KS2 Sports Day 9:30 - 11:30am
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	PTFA Summer Fair 1:00 - 4:00pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 6 Leavers and Parents Assembly 2:00 - 3:00pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 6 Leavers Disco & Buffet
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016	Last day of term Normal finish time
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2016	INSET - School Closed

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All NEWSLETTERS and information are available on our school website [www.garlingeprimary.co.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) and paper copies can be found on the carousel by the school office