



“Inclusion at our Heart”

**21st July 2016**

Dear Parents & Carers,

So we come towards the end of another year and what a successful one it has been for Garlinge! We have been reminded in the last few weeks just how many wonderful events we enjoy at the end of the academic year and it has been lovely that so many of you have joined us recently for our fantastic sports days, transition events, Year 6 productions and Forest School visits. It really is good to see you in school and it definitely spurs the children on to even greater efforts when you are there to see them in action.

We have also recently received initial data about the outcomes of various government tests such as the Year 1 phonics screening, Key Stage 1 SATs and Key Stage 2 SATs, as well as the Early Years Foundation Stage final assessments. I am very proud to say that we are either around or above national expectations in all of these key measuring points, and this is another achievement that we can be very proud of. Whilst our children can do so much more than what they show in these tests, they are nevertheless an important judgement of the schools capabilities and show us in a very good light when compared to our local schools.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable, sunny and relaxing summer holiday. It has been a very positive year and I look forward to coming back to school and working with you all to make Garlinge even better as we move towards the next school year.

Many thanks,

*J. Williams*

Mr J Williams  
Headteacher

**Goodbyes and Congratulations**

This year we say goodbye to a number of staff who are retiring, relocating and moving a step closer to their career goals.

**Teachers**

Mrs Stewart will be retiring after 29 years of teaching; 13 of which were spent at Garlinge. Mrs Davey, Mrs Martin and Miss Smethers are heading for pastures new and Miss Flower, Miss Lamb and Mr Ovenden will be continuing their teaching in new surroundings.



**Support Staff**

Mrs Holmans, our Family Liaison Officer, will be retiring after 30 years in schools; 18 of those years have been spent at Garlinge.

Miss Pullman will also be leaving us to pursue a career in teaching.

We would like to wish each and everyone much happiness for the future and thank you all for being a part of the Garlinge team.

We have two staff members; Mrs Read and Mrs Clapson starting their maternity leave during the summer break and we wish them both all the best.

### Secondary School Information Evening

The Secondary School Application Information Evening for the current Year 5 pupils (Year 6's from September 2016) will be held on Wednesday 14th September at 5.30pm in the KS2 hall.

In this meeting we will be informing you of open day dates and we will go through other useful information on applying for secondary places. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Queen Elizabeth II - 90th Birthday Celebrations

With celebrations taking place around the country to commemorate the 90th birthday of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the pupils of Garlinge had the opportunity to mark this important event in style. On Friday June 10th, the children took part in a range of activities and lessons devoted to the celebration of the Queen's milestone birthday. All pupils and staff came to school dressed in red, white and blue clothing and the day began with school assemblies all about Queen Elizabeth II. The day concluded with a 'street party' style picnic on the school field, where children enjoyed party food and traditional games with their friends.

On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, ten children from Years 3 and Years 4 were invited to a street party hosted by the Mayor and Mayoress of Margate. The party took place at The Piazza in Margate, where our pupils had the opportunity to enjoy the celebration with children from other local schools. The children had their photo taken with the mayor and received a commemorative gift, behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.

### School Games Day

On Friday 17th June we celebrated our School Games Day. These activities ranged from American football, lacrosse, tug of war, cricket, football, dodgeball to name but a few. Despite the weather it was a fun, action packed day.



### Cbeebies Show 'Rhyme Rocket' Visit

The CBeebies Rhyme Rocket visited our school on 12<sup>th</sup> July, all the way from Planet Rhyme. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed the show and were very excited to join in with the rhymes and songs.

### School Dinners

If your child is in **Year 2** now, please note that when they move to Year 3 in September they will no longer be entitled to a free nutritious meal. However you may be entitled to a free school meal (FSM).

If you think that your child is eligible for free school meals, please apply on-line:

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals)

(or pick up an application form from the school office if you do not have on-line access).

Principals Catering would like to remind parents of children in **Years 3 to 6**, that school meals

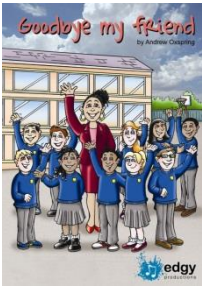
**MUST** be paid for in advance, on the child's first school day of the week, for all of the days that the child is wanting a meal provided - **you will be unable to pay daily**. If your child does not pay at the beginning of the week, you will be contacted and asked to provide a packed lunch.

School dinners are **£2.15 per day, £10.75 per week**.

### PTFA Summer Fayre

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July the Garlinge PTFA outdid themselves at our Summer Fayre! The sun shone and our playgrounds were filled with stalls and activities. It was a great success, and they managed to raise a staggering £1116.46! Well done to the volunteers and helpers who made it so special!





## Year 6 Production

Year 6 performed their end of year production, 'Goodbye My Friend' to the rest of the school and to proud parents and carers. The children worked extremely hard to practise their lines, rehearse songs and dances, make scenery and props and prepare costumes. All performances went without a hitch, showing how hard the children had worked and the dedication that they had all put into the production, which all agreed was a resounding success. A huge 'thank you' to all the children, staff and parents involved for the effort and dedication they gave to make the production so memorable.





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**School Term and Holiday Dates**  
**2016 - 2017**

**TERM 1**

Monday 5 September:	<b>INSET DAY (1)</b>
Tuesday 6 September:	Return to school
Friday 21 October:	Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 24 October 2016 to Friday 28 October 2016 inclusive***

**TERM 2**

Monday 31 October:	Return to school
Wednesday 21 December:	Last day of term

***Holiday: Thursday 22 December 2016 - Monday 2 January 2017 inclusive***

**TERM 3**

Tuesday 3 January	<b>INSET DAY (2)</b>
Wednesday 4 January	Return to school
Friday 10 February	Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 13 February 2017 - Friday 17 February 2017 inclusive***

**TERM 4**

Monday 20 February	<b>INSET DAY (3)</b>
Tuesday 21 February	Return to school
Friday 31 March	Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 3 April 2017 to Thursday 13 April 2017 inclusive***  
***(Easter Bank holiday is Friday 14 April & Monday 17 April 2017)***

**TERM 5**

Tuesday 18 April	<b>INSET DAY (4)</b>
Wednesday 19 April	Return to school
<b><i>Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017 - May Day Bank Holiday</i></b>	
Friday 26 May	Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 29 to Friday 2 June 2017 inclusive***

**TERM 6**

Monday 5 June	Return to school
Thursday 20 July	Last day of term
Friday 21 July	<b>INSET DAY (5)</b>

*Inset days are subject to change*