



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

Years 3 and 4 Newsletter

Terms 1 and 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by welcoming you all back to a new academic year after the summer break and I look forward to a happy and successful year working together with you for the benefit of the children. The children have all come back looking lovely and smart and are settling in well to their new classrooms and routines.

This newsletter aims to introduce you to the Year 3 and 4 department and the main topics of learning within each year group, as well as providing you with information which you may find useful when supporting your child.

Dropping off and collection arrangements

The children are free to enter the Year 3 and 4 building at either of the main doors in the morning at 8.45 am in time for morning registration. At the end of the day, Year 4 will leave the building through their classroom doors which lead onto the playground. Classes 3A and 3B will leave the building through the main door, opposite the medical room, which leads onto the playground and classes 3C and 3D will leave through the main door at the far end of the building, near the path leading to KS1. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher if you have any queries regarding the dropping off and picking up arrangements.

Staff

The department staff for this academic year are:

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| <u>3A-Mrs Turp</u> TA-Miss Whelan | <u>4A-Mrs Pointer</u> TAs Mrs Ashton and Mr Lambert |
| <u>3B-Miss Bobbett</u> TAs-Mrs Melloy and Mrs Hudson | <u>4B-Miss Rowden</u> TA-Mrs Mason |
| <u>3C-Miss Nowikow</u> TA-Miss Kerton | <u>4C-Mrs Goode</u> TAs-Mrs Brookman and Mrs Taylor |
| <u>3D-Mr Bentley</u> TAs-Miss Taylor and Mrs Barker | <u>Year 4 Maths –Mr Cowan</u> TA-Mrs Cook |

How you can help your child

Please make sure that your child arrives in school promptly at 8:45am in time for registration. We ask that you telephone the office if your child is not well enough to come to school.

Uniform

We would like all of the children to take pride in their school uniform. 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. All items of school uniform should be **clearly named**. We would also request that children wear **plain black shoes** and not trainers to school. Earrings are permitted, but must be small plain studs please.

PE

Help your children to be organised for PE by making sure that they **always** have a PE kit in school. This should consist of a white T-shirt, dark shorts and plimsolls for indoor PE; trainers for outdoor PE. Dark coloured joggers and sweatshirts can be worn for outdoor PE during the winter months. Children with pierced ears will need to remove earrings when taking part in PE lessons; this can be done either at school or at home beforehand.

P.E Days for Years 3 and 4 are as follows:

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| 3A | Indoor PE -Thursday Outdoor PE-Wednesday | 4A | Indoor PE-Friday Outdoor PE-Tuesday |
| 3B | Indoor PE-Monday Outdoor PE- Friday | 4B | Indoor PE-Tuesday Outdoor PE-Thursday |
| 3C | Indoor PE- Friday Outdoor PE- Thursday | 4C | Indoor PE-Wednesday Outdoor PE-Tuesday |
| 3D | Indoor PE- Thursday Outdoor PE- Wednesday | | |

Art

It would be most helpful if you could provide your child with a named art apron which can be worn to protect their clothing during art lessons. An adult shirt or blouse is perfect for this.

Homework

Homework is an important way in which you can support your child's learning and will consist of weekly tasks set by class teachers. Please ensure that your child takes pride in their homework tasks and develops their organisation skills by handing completed homework in on time.

Your children will be issued with a home reading book. Please support your child by listening to them read on a daily basis as well as spending time discussing their books with them. Times tables and weekly spellings should also be practised daily.

A 'Healthy School'

We are proud to have been awarded 'Healthy School' status, therefore we encourage parents to pack a healthy lunchbox for their child, and we discourage chocolate, sweets or crisps. We encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times. Also, as a 'Healthy School', we are unable to hand out birthday cakes/sweets to children in our classes provided by parents.

The children are encouraged to bring in a **water-bottle** with a sports-cap lid, which can be filled from our water dispensers during the day and taken home daily to be cleaned and refilled. This is particularly important in the warmer weather! May I also remind you that we are a '**nut free**' school; therefore food containing nuts cannot be eaten in school.

Topics and Learning

The main topic areas in Years 3 and 4 for Term 1 are as follows:

| <u>Year 3</u> | <u>Year 4</u> |
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| HISTORY-Ancient Egypt | HISTORY-The Stone Age |
| SCIENCE- Light | SCIENCE-States of Matter |
| R.E- Christianity | R.E-Islam |
| PSHCE- Me and my keeping safe | PSHCE-Me and keeping safe |
| P.E- Balancing and catching a small ball | P.E-Gymnastics and Football |

Details of Term 2 topics will follow.

Targets

All children will be given targets for Maths, Reading, Writing and Science to ensure that they continue to move forward and make the progress expected of them. Children should know their targets and be constantly working towards achieving them. These will be displayed in classrooms, on the children's books and will also be shared with you during our Parent Evenings.

Important Dates

Please take the time to check with your child each day to see if they have been given any letters as you will be informed regularly of any events/school news.

Key dates for your diary:

20th September – Parent Information Meeting for Year 3 and 4 parents/carers at 9.00am in Year 3/4 IT room

21st October – Last day of term 1.

31st October – Term 2 begins.

16th November – Parent afternoon/evenings.

17th/18th Nov – School photos.

12th December – Christmas party week. (Christmas details will be finalised nearer the time)

15th December – Community Carol Service (Details to follow nearer the time)

21st December – Last day term 2.

Finally, if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher. We all look forward to a successful term and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A.Goode

Lower Key Stage 2 Department Leader