



"Inclusion at our Heart"

14th October 2016

Dear Parents & Carers,

This is the first newsletter of the school year, but I would like to wish everyone a big 'Welcome back' to school and I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing summer holiday. The children have been in school now for a number of weeks and are really progressing well with their learning. I am also pleased to report that, in the vast majority of classes, attendance is very good and I hope that this continues. This is a big focus for the school and as many studies have found, if children miss a significant amount of time in school (attendance BELOW 95%) it can and will affect not only their learning but also their socialisation and friendship groups.

It has been lovely walking the site and seeing the children enjoying their indoor and outdoor environments. We have invested significantly in our outdoor environment, and will continue to do so that that our children have access to the resources that they deserve. Over the summer, as well as updating much of the paintwork around the school, we also replaced the fairly old lighting system with modern LED lights which produce light more conducive to learning as well as being much more eco-friendly. Please could I ask that you ensure that your children continue to respect all areas and resources within school so that they keep looking as good as they do currently.

It is also noticeable how many of our parents and carers are supporting their child's learning at home, through homework activities, reading, times tables etc. This really is very beneficial for the children when they come in to school and I would like to thank everybody who currently does this. If you are stuck for ideas with home support, do have a look at our website (www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) where there are ideas and games for all ages.

Many thanks,

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

School Start and Finish Times



Pupils are encouraged to arrive at school by 8:45am for registration at 8:55am. The school gates are shut promptly. All pupils that arrive late must report, with their parent, to the school office where the time of arrival and the reason for lateness is recorded.

In the afternoons the gates are opened at 3:00pm - please collect your child from 3:10pm for KS1 pupils and from 3.15pm for KS2 pupils - Children should **ONLY** be collected from the main school office in exceptional circumstances.

We would like to remind parents that there is **no access** through the Westfield Road office entrance to the playgrounds for dropping off and collection of children.



Sports Events

There are plenty of sports events happening this term. The school football team will be competing in the John Curran Cup and Super Saturday. The netball team will be taking part in the Thanet Schools Festival and we had 54 pupils running in the Thanet Cross Country event at Quex Park on 8th October. We will update you with all the results and good luck to all pupils that will be proudly representing our school.



Open Day 10th November

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013? We would like to invite all parents whose children will be starting school September 2017, to come and visit us!

Open Sessions for Prospective Parents of Year 2017 Reception

Thursday 10th November 2016

9:30am or 2:00pm or 5:30pm

It is for parents and children who will be age 4 by 31/08/2017 to come and see our warm and friendly school!

Year 6 Application Process for Secondary School Admission

Can we please remind parents of Year 6 children that the application process for children starting secondary school in 2017 opened on 1st September and closes on 31st October 2016. If you have any queries please contact Admissions by phoning 03000 41 21 21 or email

kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

School Dinners

Principals Catering would like to remind parents of children in **Years 3 to 6** that school meals **MUST** be paid for **IN ADVANCE**. This has to be on the child's first school day of the week, for all of the days that the child needs to have 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**.

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

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



Healthy Lunches

At Garlinge Primary School and Nursery we aim to promote a healthy lifestyle. With this in mind we would like you to consider what your child brings for their lunch, making it a varied and a balanced meal. Please remember that we do **NOT** allow peanut butter in sandwiches, as a number of our children have a nut allergy and this could be life threatening for them. Some chocolate spreads and health bars also contain nuts and even the smallest trace amount could cause a severe reaction.

Active Cyber Smart

We are using this amazing resource in class. It has hundreds of fun, active programs which can be used for warm-ups, wet weather or when the children need waking up!! Please log in and have a look, as it is a fantastic new way to engage with your children at home: <http://www.cyber-smart.co.uk>

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Entry into the School Building

Please would parents & carers be aware that they are **NOT** permitted to enter the school buildings unless accompanied by a member of staff, thank you for your co-operation. If you would like to get a message to a member of staff, please speak to an adult on duty.

Behaviour on School Premises

We would appreciate it if all parents and carers would be aware that whilst on school premises unacceptable language and behaviour is **not permitted**.



Could we please remind parents that dogs are **not allowed** on the school premises at any time and that smoking/vaping is **not permitted**.



Job Vacancies - Midday Meals Supervisor and Road Crossing Patrol

We currently have a vacancy for a **Midday Meals Supervisor** working 10 hours a week to support our children at lunchtime. 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.

We also have a vacancy for a **Road Crossing Patrol (RCP)** team member. We rely on the skills of our RCP to keep our children safe on their journey to and from school.

The start and finish times are 8.25am to 9.00am for the morning duty and 14.55pm to 15.30pm for the afternoon duty, 5 days a week, term time only (38 weeks per year). The pay is approximately £7.22 per hour.

If you are interested in applying for either of these positions, please request an Application Form from the school office or telephone 01843 221877 and ask for the HR Officer. The closing date for all applications is Monday 31 October.



Hi, my name is Ewa Farrall. I'm the Family Support and Community Outreach Officer for International students at Garlinge Primary School. I'll be here every Thursday from 08:30 to 14:00. You can contact me on 07792 976705. My role is to help you and your children have a good experience working with the school community.

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery



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Every Thursday Morning

at 09:00-10:30 in the ICT suite

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For info, ask Ewa
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Dates for your Diary 2016- (14/10/2016)

Tuesday 18 th October 2016	KS1 Phonics Parent Session 2:00pm - 2:55pm
Thursday 20 th October 2016	Book Share and Uniform Recycling Scheme Sale
Friday 21 st October 2016	Harvest Festival Assembly for Y1 Parents 9:15am
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October 2016	TERM BREAK
Monday 31 st October 2016	Return to School
Thursday 3 rd November 2016	Foundation Phonics Parent Session 2:00pm-2:55pm
Thursday 10 th November 2016	Open Day for Prospective Year R Parents September 2017
Saturday 12 th November 2016	PTFA Quiz Night
Wednesday 16 th November 2016	Whole School Parents Evening in KS2 Hall <u>School finishes at 2:25pm</u>
Thursday 17 th November 2016	Individual School Photographs
Friday 18 th November 2016	Individual School Photographs
Friday 18 th November 2016	Children in Need (Normal Uniform Day)
Saturday 26 th November 2016	PTFA Christmas Fair
Christmas Party Week	Monday 12 th -16 th December (details to follow)
Wednesday 21 st December 2016	Last Day of Term
22 nd December 2016-2 nd January 2017	TERM BREAK
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	Return to School

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.

STICK ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!



ALL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE www.garlingeprimary.co.uk & ON THE CAROUSEL BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE