



“Inclusion at our Heart”

28th November 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

As we draw towards the end of 2016, I would like to thank you all for all the help and support that you have given the school and your children throughout the year. It is much appreciated and is a huge help to their academic progress and the success of the school.

We are approaching one of the busiest (and most enjoyable!) times of the year with lots of Christmas activities being started, as well as a range of Nativity plays which are always excellent to see and hear. There are also several parent learning sessions planned and it is always lovely to welcome you into our busy school for these sessions.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and enjoyable festive period and I look forward to seeing you all in 2017!

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Commemoration of Remembrance Day

The staff and children of Garlinge Primary School and Nursery recently commemorated Remembrance Day together by paying their respects to those who have suffered or lost their lives due to war. In classes, through discussion and activities, the children learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we commemorate it. In the week leading up to Remembrance Day, Year 6 prefects and staff of the school worked hard as a team to organise the selling of poppies and poppy merchandise and it was fabulous to see so many members of the school wearing their poppies with pride. All proceeds raised during the week have been donated to The Royal British Legion.

The commemorations concluded with the gathering of the whole school on 11th November to take part in the two minute silence at 11:00am. The occasion was made all the more poignant by the playing of ‘The Last Post’ and ‘The Reveille’ by Mr Cook and a reading of a verse from Laurence Binyon’s famous World War One poem ‘For the Fallen’, by our Head Boy and Head Girl. We were joined by members of the Governing Body and other members of the wider school community, Mr Bodham, who served in the Royal Army Ordnance Core and Mr Harrison who served in the Royal Artillery.

Accompanied by Mr Williams and Mrs Goode, our Head Boy and Girl and their deputies also laid wreaths of poppies on behalf of the school at Westgate War Memorial and St James’ Church Garlinge.



Children in Need

On Friday 18th November, our children showed their support for the annual Children in Need event by making donations.

The main fundraising event of that day was the cake sale, which raised £330.30. Big thank you to Year 6 children who helped with the selling of the cakes and to all parents who made/donated cakes and biscuits. The PTFA raised £457.90 in total. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this great cause.



Revised Date of Y6 Trip to Museum of Kent Life

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the date for the Year 6 trip to the Museum of Kent Life. This will now be taking place on **Friday 2nd December**.

Sports Events

Our school teams will be in action again this term. The football team will be playing the first round of the Consolation Cup and the basketball team will be competing in the Kent School Games Area Finals. Please encourage your children to try out for our school teams and be proud to represent our school.

Young Voices at the O2

Tuesday, 17th January 2017 is the big day when our School Choir travel to London to perform at the Young Voices 2017 Concert at the O2 London. We hope that they have an enjoyable and memorable day.

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 also **not permitted**.



Head Lice

Some unwelcomed visitors are making a big comeback. Can you please be extra vigilant in checking your child's hair. If we do not keep on top of the problem, children are quickly re-infected which is very frustrating for parents. Please will parents ensure they regularly check their child's hair and treat immediately each time.

Road Safety

We have noticed an increase in the number of cars parked on the pavement around the gate by the KS1 entrance and Nursery. We would like to remind parents **not** to park here and that there should be **no parking at any time of the day** in the staff car parks.



When parking around the school premises parents/carers need to be considerate of our neighbours and the law. Please be aware that regular patrols by traffic wardens are taking place and parking tickets have recently been issued.

Please do not let your children walk across the school car parks, it is **DANGEROUS!**

If you do have to drive your child to school please park in a safe place away from the entrances and:

- Keep the bus and taxi layby clear
- Drive at a suitable speed in case children run onto the road
- Meet your children at the school gate and walk them safely to your car
- Please use the recommended crossing paths with the **Road Crossing Patrol**

PTFA Christmas Fayre

"Well done and BIG thanks" to the PTFA for organising the Christmas Fayre, on the 26th November. Despite his busy schedule, Father Christmas paid a visit, handing out Christmas treats! They raised an impressive £1,430.60.

If you would like to help with such rewarding activities, the PTFA are always glad of new helpers so please leave your name and contact number at the school office.

Coffee Morning



We hold our Coffee and Conversation **mornings every Thursday between 8:55am and 10:00am.**

Drop your children off and meet us in the KS1 playground.

All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ali Gillatt (Family Liaison Officer) and Ewa Farrall (Minority Ethnic Outreach Worker)



Christmas Dates 2016

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| Monday 5th December | Year 6 Christmas visit to St James' Church |
| Monday 5th December | Nursery Performance (AM Group) 9:30am |
| Monday 5th December | Nursery Performance (PM Group) 1:15pm |
| Wednesday 7th December | Festive Lunch (Children can wear Christmas jumpers) |
| Wednesday 7th December | Year 2 Performance 2:00pm KS1 Hall |
| Thursday 8th December | Year 2 Performance 9:15am KS1 Hall |
| Thursday 8th December | Reception Performance KS1 Hall 2:00pm |
| Friday 9th December | Reception Performance KS1 Hall 9:15am |
| Saturday 10th December | PTFA Christmas Craft Morning and Discos Craft Morning for Foundation Stage - 10:00am-12:00pm Year 1/Year 2 Disco – 1:30pm - 2:30pm Year 3/Year 4 Disco – 3:00pm - 4:00pm Year 5/Year 6 Disco – 4:30pm - 5:30pm |
| Monday 12th December | Foundation Stage Party Day |
| Tuesday 13th December | Year 1 Party Day |
| Wednesday 14th December | Year 2 Party Day |
| Thursday 15th December | Year 5 Party Day |
| Thursday 15th December | St. James' Community Carol Concert KS2 Hall 6:30pm |
| Friday 16th December | Year 6 Party Day |
| Monday 19th December | Year 4 Party Day |
| Tuesday 20th December | Year 3 Party Day |



Dates for your Diary 2016- (28/11/2016)

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| Friday 2 nd December 2016 | Y6 WW2 Trip to Museum of Kent Life |
| Christmas Party Week Monday 12 th -20 th December | |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 17 th January 2017 | Young Voices Concert at the O2 London |
| Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February 2017 | TERM BREAK |
| Monday 20 th February 2017 | INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 21 st February 2017 | Return to School |
| Friday 31 st March 2017 | Last Day of Term |
| Monday 3 rd April – Thursday 13 th April 2017 | EASTER TERM BREAK |
| Tuesday 18 th April 2017 | INSET DAY |
| Wednesday 19 th April 2017 | Return to School |
| Friday 26 th May 2017 | Last Day of Term |
| Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2017 | TERM BREAK |
| Monday 5 th June 2017 | Return to School |
| Thursday 20 th July 2017 | Last Day of Term |
| Friday 21 st July 2017 | INSET DAY |

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.

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