



“Inclusion at our Heart”

25th January 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year and it is hard to think that we have already been back at school for three weeks! The children have made a very pleasing start to the year and are working very hard and progressing well. We have recently had several visitors looking around the school and they have always commented on the calm and positive environment, which is a real credit to both the staff and your children.

It has also been a real pleasure to see so many of you taking part in the afternoon learning sessions that we have been holding. These have been in a response to parental feedback and we have looked to both increase their frequency and the amount of notice we give to allow as many people to take part as possible. The children are really enjoying working with you and some of the work produced has been of an exceptional standard!

Finally, could I please ask once again to do all you can to ensure that our attendance remains as high as possible over the coming terms. It is essential that children are here whenever they can be, as absence will see them miss both input from the class teachers and also important socialising time with their peers. Your support with this is, as ever, much appreciated.

Young Voices trip to O2

On Tuesday 17th January, 35 members of the school choir took part in the ‘Young Voices’ choir performance, held at the O2 in London. Here, the children took part in a mass rehearsal in the afternoon and then formed part of a 7300 strong choir to sing to thousands more parents and guests in the evening. It was an absolute pleasure to have been part of this memorable experience and to see both the enjoyment that the children got from it as well as all the hard work they had put in, alongside their teachers. I would like to congratulate them on their fantastic behaviour and thank the very dedicated staff team of Mrs Scott, Mrs Cook, Mrs Northrop and Miss Scott.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher



Sports Events

This term some of our Year 2 pupils will be representing Garlinge at an athletics event and we will begin preparations for the Year 4 & Year 6 Kent School Games hockey qualifiers.

We will also be sending out application forms for the next Thanet Schools Cross Country event in the next few weeks. We had 63 runners at the last one and it would be a triumph if we could beat that target!

After School Clubs

All of our After School Clubs have got off to a good start this term.

Club letters for **KS1** will be given to every child.

Club letters for **KS2** will be given to those children who have shown an interest.

All of the clubs that we offer are extremely popular, so please remember that you will receive a text message if your child has been successful in gaining a place.

Can we remind parents/carers to make a note of the start and finishing date of each club and where to collect your child at the end of the session.

Parent and Carer contact details

Please remember how important it is that we are able to get in contact with you when necessary. This is not only necessary in times of emergency, but sometimes for forgotten items or just to change picking up arrangements etc. It is vital that the school office has up to date mobile telephone numbers on the system. Thank you.

Entry into the school building

Please can parents and carers be aware that they are NOT permitted to enter school buildings unless accompanied by a member of staff. If you have a message for a pupil or a staff member, please speak to a staff member on duty at the door.

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.

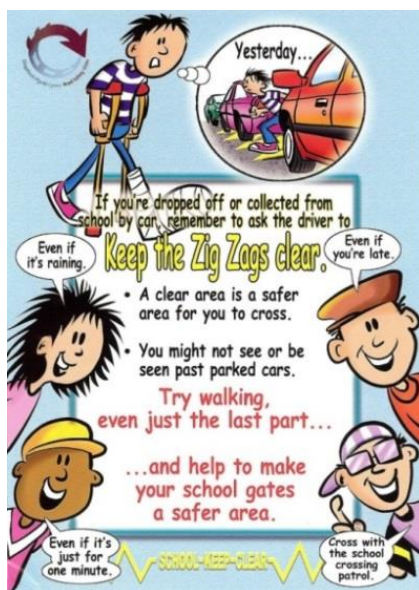
**NO
PARKING
PLEASE**

Parking all around the premises needs to be considerate of our neighbours and the law. Regular patrols by a Traffic Warden have resulted in several parking tickets being issued – **beware.**

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 entrance 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**



Attendance

Please may we remind all parents that children leaving before the end of the school day **MUST** be kept to a minimum and only under exceptional circumstances. Frequently, the end of the lesson is when the teacher re-caps and important information is given to the children. As your children's education is a priority, any appointments should, wherever possible, be made out of school time and in the event of this not being possible, we would like to request that both the class teacher and school office are notified as soon as possible prior to the appointment and a copy of an appointment card or hospital letter brought in as evidence. Thank you for your co-operation.

EducationCity. Educational Games, Activities and Teaching Resources for Key Stage 1 and 2

EducationCity is a leading online, teaching, learning and assessment resource. EducationCity is passionate about providing fun and educational content that engages students at home and aims to bridge the gap between school and home learning.

They offer a fantastic range of educational games, activities and resources which makes learning fun.



The school has taken out a subscription to EducationCity and all children will have access for this from home and log in details will be sent home with the children in their school bags, so keep an eye out.

<https://ec1.educationcity.com/>

Governor Vacancy

The Board of Governors are responsible for: the strategic direction of the school, achieving the very best education for our pupils, for over-seeing the finances and buildings of the school and for the monitoring of the curriculum. The board consists of two parent governors, one staff governor, a representative of the local authority, the headteacher and five co-opted governors. We are looking for someone who would be interested in joining us, perhaps with an interest in science and technology or sports or both! Anyone interested should contact the chairman, Bill Herbert, at the school.

Cleaner Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner for 11.25 hours per week. The hours are 06.30am to 08.45am, Monday to Friday. The hourly rate will be paid at £7.23. An application form is available upon request from the school office or please email ashbyc@garlinge.kent.sch.uk. The closing date for applications is Friday 3rd February.

NURSERY OPEN DAY

Wednesday 1st February 2017

10:00am - 11:00am

or

2:00pm - 3:00pm



We are holding our Nursery Open Day on Wednesday, 1st February 2017. It's a "Drop In" session with two time slots 10:00am-11:00am and 2:00pm-3:00pm. 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 2017- (25/01/2017)

Thursday 26 th January 2017	PTFA Book Swap/Share
Thursday 9 th February 2017	Foundation Stage Dressing Up Day
Thursday 9 th February 2017	PTFA Uniform Sale
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February 2017	TERM BREAK
Monday 20 th February 2017	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 st February 2017	Return to School
Wednesday 1 st March 2017	Secondary Schools "National Offers Day"
Thursday 16 th March 2017	Secondary Schools Acceptance/Refusal by Parents' last date
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st March 2017	Foundation Stage 'My Unique Story'
Wednesday 29 th March 2017	Parents Evening (Whole School)
Friday 31 st March 2017	Last Day of Term
Monday 3 rd – Monday 17 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
Monday 12 th –Friday 16 th June 2017	Year 6 Gaveston Hall Residential Visit /Activity Week
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](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) on our website www.garlingeprimary.co.uk.

STICK ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!



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

