



“Inclusion at our Heart”

May 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am very pleased to see the arrival of the summer weather this week and it has coincided with the end of another busy term at Garlinge. Once again your children have been working very hard with some very pleasing results. Children in years 2 and 6 have completed their SATs and I'm sure that they will all have done their very best. At Garlinge we do realise, however, that there are many other aspects to your child's development and I am pleased to see how many extra-curricular events are now being run for our pupils. We are committed to developing the artistic, musical and sporting sides of our pupils too and thanks to the very hard work of a number of staff members it has been my please this term to watch our school choir perform, see some of our fantastic music lessons as well as support our school teams at events both after school and at the weekends. It is wonderful to see so many children taking part in these activities and being a part of 'Team Garlinge'.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for your support with our drive to raise attendance across the school. Attendance has been a problem for a small but significant minority of our children and I can't stress enough how important it is for your child to be at school, on time, every day. We have noticed a real improvement in our attendance over the past couple of terms, and whilst it is still not exactly where we would want it to be, I am very grateful for your help with this.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a very enjoyable and peaceful half term break. I hope that the sunny weather continues and I look forward to seeing you back after half term for another action packed term.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher



Attendance

Here at Garlinge Primary School and Nursery, we take our pupil's learning very seriously. Good and punctual attendance is a necessary and contributing factor to your child's success, so please follow the guidelines stipulated in our attendance policy or speak with our attendance officer, Mrs Brazier, in the school office if you have any queries regarding absence from or lateness to school.

Safety around the School



Some of our neighbours, living in houses around the school, continue to raise concerns regarding unsafe parking. Please note that it is an offence for cars to be parked across driveways and blocking residents in their houses. Also, remember that the busy staff car parks are particularly hazardous and parents and children should **NOT** walk across them. **Footpaths MUST be used.**

Your support in this matter is extremely important, as at times, pupils' safety is being put at risk.

New Year R Parents Meetings for children starting in September 2017

We would like to invite parents of children starting in September 2017 for an information session to meet the Class Teachers, Department Leader, Headteacher and learn more about Garlinge Primary School.

1. Tuesday 20th June 2017 18:00-19:00 **Visit 1**
Parents with children's surname **A-M** (children do not need to attend)

Thursday 22nd June 2017 18:00- 19:00
Parents with children's surname **N-Z** (children do not need to attend)
2. Tuesday 27th June 2017 13:30-14:45 **Visit 2** (Parents and children to attend)
3. Thursday 6th July 2016 13:30-14:45 **Visit 3** (Parents to drop children off)

School Packed Lunches

Please may we remind you that we are a nut free school and promote healthy eating.

Therefore we request that chocolate spread in any form, e.g. cakes, croissants, chocolate bars and in sandwiches is **not** permitted in any packed lunch.



Can you please make sure you wrap the yoghurt pots up in the bag before placing it in your child's packed lunch to prevent a mess or explosion?

To help us protect our children, please can we ask you to cut grapes and cherry tomatoes lengthways or into quarters to avoid choking.

The packed lunches are stored on the Packed Lunch trolley outside the classrooms in the mornings and collected before lunch by the children. They need to be labelled, as we often have similar designs on several lunch boxes which often causes confusion!

Healthy Schools

As a "Healthy School" please may I remind parents that we do not give out cakes and sweets to celebrate birthdays.



Drop-in Sessions for Parents

If you have a question or query about either school or your child's learning or well-being, please come and see us at our drop-in sessions for parents.

Mrs Singleton, (Additional Educational Needs Officer); **Mrs Ayling**, (Additional Educational Needs Assistant); **Mrs Palmer**, (Welfare Officer) and **Mrs Gillatt** (Family Liaison Officer) will be available to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have. The dates for these meetings are:

Thursday 22nd June 2-3pm
Wednesday 12th July 9-10am

EducationCity. Educational Games. Activities for Key Stage 1 and 2

EducationCity provides fun and educational content that engages students at home and aims to bridge the gap between school and home learning. Please continue to use the EducationCity website as a learning and assessment resource. Please contact the school office if you need a reminder of your child's login details.

Election Assemblies

During this week all children in years 1 to 6 had an election assembly, in order to talk about the democratic process, how that works in our country and, for the older children, a simple outline of the way in which our major political parties work. This fits in well with our work for the Rights Respecting Schools Award, a scheme that teaches children about their rights and responsibilities, which we are currently in the process of obtaining. I hope that all of the children enjoyed their assembly and maybe you could talk to them about what they learnt?

The Kent Test

For those parents who are considering entering their child for the Kent Test (11+), we have provided you with an overview of the process so that you are aware of the various requirements placed upon all involved.

Registration

- Parents will be able to register for the Kent Test online via www.kent.gov.uk/ola
- Online registration for the Kent Test (for children due to start secondary school in September 2018) **opens at 9:00am on Thursday, 1st June and will close Midnight on the evening of Monday, 3rd July 2017.**
- If you register on line and provide an email address, you will receive your child's assessment decision by email on Thursday, 12th October 2017. Please be aware that postal results can be delayed.

Actual Test

Your child will take the test in year 6 at primary school on 7th September 2017.

Results

When results are sent out to parents they will simply confirm whether the child has passed or not. Further details will be supplied to the primary school, who will confirm the exact scores to parents.

Appeals

Those who consider appealing, please be aware that you cannot appeal until you are allocated a school. Before considering an appeal it is advisable to discuss your child's scores with the school first.

Health & Safety Issue

It has come to the school's attention that an increasing number of children are riding scooters/bikes on the School premises. Please may I remind you that as a school we must adhere to certain Health and Safety Regulations and there should be no children using scooters or bikes on the school premises.

Can we also remind all parents that dogs are not permitted anywhere in the school premises? The nature of a school at busy times is such that over-excitement is much more likely to occur than generally would be the case. No one can be absolutely certain how their dogs will behave in an environment as dynamic as a school playground and the presence of dogs in this environment is potentially dangerous. Professionally trained Guide Dogs and Hearing Dogs are permitted on the premises. With thanks for your co-operation.



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 £7.50 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 £7.50 per hour.

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. These posts are subject to an enhanced Disclosure Application to the Disclosure and Barring Service and check against the ISA Barred List for children.

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 Friday 9 June.

Dates for your Diary 2017- (23/05/2017)

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
Saturday 17 th June 2017	PTFA Race for Life event
Wednesday 21 st June 2017	Year 4 Sports Day (9:30-11:30) Year 3 Sports Day (13:30- 15:00)
Thursday 22 nd June 2017	Year 3 Trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
Friday 23 rd June 2017	Year 6 Sports Day (9:30-11:00) Year 5 Sports Day (13:45-15:00)
Tuesday 27 th June 2017	Year 2 Sports Day (9:30-10:30) Year 1 Sports Day (10:45-11:45)
Thursday 29 th June 2017	Year R Sports Day (9:30-10:30) Nursery AM Sports Day (10:45- 11:15) Nursery PM Sports Day (13:30-14:00)
Saturday 24 th June 2017	Summer Fair
Thursday 6 th July 2017	Year 6 Transition Day
Saturday 15 th July 2017	Summer Discos
Thursday 20 th July 2017	Last Day of Term
Friday 21 st July 2017	INSET DAY



Please take the time to either check in your child's book bag each day or visit our website to be informed of 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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ALL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR NEW SCHOOLWEBSITE
www.garlingeprimary.co.uk & ON THE CAROUSEL BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE

