



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter



“Inclusion at our Heart”

October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

As quick as a flash half term approaches after what has been a very busy start to this academic year! After a disruptive and difficult 18 months it is good to see the school returning to a more ‘normal’ routine and our children thriving in their learning.

It has been a pleasure to lead department assemblies in which we have been able to celebrate our children’s successes and achievements in person. Music has filled the corridors with the start of our music lessons and choir. Children have also been able to attend a range of out of hours clubs and sporting events. We have welcomed other schools onto the school field to take part in football festivals and added to our trophy cabinet with the football plate trophy for winning the league on Super Saturday and also the Fair Play trophy received by our girls’ football team. We would like to thank all those children and parents and carers who have supported Team Garlinge showing all of our school values with pride this term.

It was great to be able to invite parents and carers back on site to watch our Year 1 Harvest Assemblies this term. The children did an amazing job and did us proud. Thank you to all parents, carers and children for their generous donations for our Harvest display. This has been gratefully received by the Thanet Food Link team who support many of our families and the local community.

As you are aware we have had some positive cases of Covid-19 this term. Whilst you may find this concerning, please rest assured that we continue to follow government guidelines to minimise the risk of spread of infection. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that if your child shows symptoms, please follow government guidelines. If you would like any advice on what you should do, please contact the school office for support.

We hope that you have an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 1st November**.

Mrs Northrop and Mr Cope
Heads of School



Open Day Thursday 4th November 2021



Was your child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018?
If so we would like to invite all parents and carers whose children will be starting school in September 2022 to come and visit us!
9:30am or 2:00pm or 5:30pm

September 2022 Intake

Application are online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola for children who will be starting school in September 2022. The closing date for applications is **Monday, 17th January 2022**.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office on [01843 221877](tel:01843221877).

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 2022 opened on 1st September and closes on 1st November 2021. If you have any queries please contact Admissions by phoning **03000 41 21 21** or email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Supervision at pick up time

We would like to remind you that once you have picked up your child from their class teacher at the end of the day, you must keep your children with you and leave the site promptly to ensure that they are safe and fully supervised. We are finding more and more children playing after school unsupervised on the timber trails and playground equipment which is a safety concern. We are also finding children becoming separated from their adults and not being able to find them once they have been collected from school. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Personal Property

At the end of every school term we have a large amount of unnamed and unclaimed items of personal property. Please can you ensure that you label all articles of clothing and personal belongings clearly with your child's name e.g. uniform, lunchbox, water bottle. Please can we remind you that your child should NOT bring any personal belongings into school.

Flu Vaccination Programme

A reminder that the administration of flu vaccinations to pupils will take place on Monday 1st November for children who have parental consent. If you have a child between Reception and Year 6 then please use the link below in order to give online consent. The cut-off date is midnight 27th October. The school nursing team will not accept late consent forms.

<https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft>

If you have a child in Nursery, then unfortunately the school nursing team are unable to administer these in school and you should receive an invite from your Doctor's Surgery.

More information about the programme can be found at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms

Autumn has arrived!

Whilst temperatures can be variable at this time of year, we have had some very chilly days recently. Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly for school and has enough layers to keep warm on colder days.



Safety around the School



Please could we remind all parents and carers to ensure that they park considerately when bringing children to and from school. We regularly receive reports from local residents, other road users of cars parked in a dangerous manner and on some occasions blocking drives. We appreciate it can be difficult to park and that there are limited parking spaces available, but would ask you to try to park a little further away and avoid turning or reversing in front of the school. Also, when walking children to school ensure that you use the footpaths provided and do not cut through car parks. We have had several incidents recently which could have resulted in an accident.

Please also do not leave your parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave your vehicle engine running unnecessarily while your vehicle is stationary. **We all need to work together to ensure the safety of our children.**

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and action in this important safety matter.

ATTENDANCE

ABSENCE

Please report the reason for your child's absence via the Weduc app/website, by 9am, on the first day of absence; or contact the school office on 01843 221877. You can also email the Attendance Officer on attendance@garlinge.kent.sch.uk

SCHOOL TIMES

School doors will open for all children at 8.45am and **close promptly at 8.55am.**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 finish at 3.10pm

Years 3 – 6 finish at 3.15pm

When children attend school they can:

- ✓ Can achieve their full potential
- ✓ Have better career prospects
- ✓ Keep up with work and homework
- ✓ Grow in confidence
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Learn to look after themselves and be healthy

There are
365 days in
a calendar
year

175 days
are not spent
at school**

**So there is plenty of time for holidays, appointments and shopping!

Reminders:

- If you have moved house over the summer or changed any of your contact details, please notify the office immediately.
- School Meals – could we please remind parents and carers that payments should be made in advance, on the first day of the week.
- Please note we do not allow dogs on the school site. We would very much appreciate it if you would adhere to this request at all times.



Dates for your Diary 2021



Friday 22nd October

INSET DAY

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October

Half Term

Monday 1st November

Return to school

Wednesday 17th November

Parent Consultations 2:35pm-7:30pm
School closes at 2:25pm-more information to follow

Friday 3rd December

PTFA Non-Uniform Day (Tombola donation)

Saturday 4th December

PTFA Christmas Fair (times to be confirmed)