



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

"Inclusion at our Heart"

March 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again we are nearly at the end of another successful term which has hopefully seen the worst of the winter weather and inevitably we are now looking towards Easter and the summer beyond. My job is always filled by huge pride at the achievements of our pupils and this term has been no different. A large group of pupils made the journey to The O2 Arena in London to perform as part of the 7000 strong choir and once again it was an amazing night. Thank you to parents and family members who went up to support them. We also sent a choir to perform at the recent Thanet Festival of Song – the look of joy on their faces as they sang was one to remember and they did themselves and the school proud once again.

We have also continued to compete in many sporting tournaments, including Rapid Fire cricket, cross country, hockey and the highlight for me, which was a Change 4 Life festival that our own leaders hosted. This was a huge success and all of the visiting schools commented on how welcome they were made to feel and what a good job the pupils did. Well done once again! It is fantastic to see so many of our children taking part in the sporting, musical or artistic clubs and opportunities that we offer and these provide vital experiences that can continue into their adult lives.

Finally, I want to tell you about further enhancements that we are planning to make to our curriculum. We have worked with Manor House Forest School for a number of years now, allowing pupils access to high quality outdoor learning. We realise that this is vital to a balanced and enjoyable curriculum and the teaching staff will be looking to expand the range of opportunities that we offer by undertaking training over the coming months. This will further utilise our extensive site and we hope that your children will become even more engaged in their learning.

I hope that you all have a fantastic Easter holiday when it comes and I look forward to seeing you all back ready for the new term on Wednesday 24th April.

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Red Nose Day

A **HUGE THANK YOU** and big well done for Red Nose Day, on Friday 15th March, we raised a fabulous **£321.41**.



Job Vacancy – Road Crossing Patrol



There is currently a vacancy for an additional 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 2:55pm to 3:30pm for the afternoon duty, 5 days a week, term time only (38 weeks per year). The pay is approximately £7.29 per hour. If you are interested in applying for this position and for more details please visit <https://kenthrbc.referrals.selectminds.com/jobs/road-crossing-patrol-2159>. The closing date is **Thursday 4th April**.

As you will know, since September 2018 **Garlinge** has joined with St Mildred's Primary Infant School and Bromstone Primary School in a co-operative educational trust called the **Thanet Endeavour Learning Trust (TELT)**. We have worked together for many years with these schools and our other partners in the trust, Canterbury Christ Church University, Laleham Gap School, Turner Contemporary and Manor House Forest School. As governors we see this formal collaboration as a great opportunity to enhance the educational opportunities of our pupils without changing the character of our individual schools.

Key Assessments Dates

May 2019	End of Key Stage 1 SATs
Week commencing Monday 10 th June 2019	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Week commencing Monday 13 th May 2019	End of Key Stage 2 SATs
Week commencing Monday 10 th June 2019	Year 3- 5 Optional Test Week

Listed below are forthcoming Sports Days dates. We would love to see all parents and guardians to support and enjoy the events with the children. We look forward to seeing you all.

DATE	YEAR GROUP	TIME
MONDAY 17 th JUNE	5	09:30-11:15am
	6	1:30-3:00pm
WEDNESDAY 19 th JUNE	4	09:30-11:30am
	2	1:30-3:00pm
TUESDAY 25 th JUNE	3	09:30-11:30am
	1	1:30-3:00pm
WEDNESDAY 3 rd JULY	R	09:30-10:30am
	N (AM/PM)	11:00-11:30am

- Sun cream (to be applied at home)
- Sun hat
- Refillable water bottle (no fizzy drinks)
- PE kit including a T-shirt in the house colour

We are aware that there have been problems regarding bus travel recently with buses being full and arriving late. It has also been brought to our attention that there have been conflicts between some Hartsdown students and Garlinge parents. Sixth form students from Hartsdown visited Garlinge recently to discuss this matter further. They are currently undertaking a project to address behavioural issues. This involves liaising with Stagecoach to provide larger and more frequent buses which should help the situation. The students will visit Garlinge again to present the results in due course.

In the meantime, could we please ask parents to consider their own behaviour when travelling to and from school with children. Please let us know if you experience any behavioural issues regarding Hartsdown students and we shall feed this back to the school.



Year 4 - Roman Britain Experience Day



On Tuesday 12th March, Year 4 visited the Museum of Kent Life in Maidstone, to experience life during Roman Britain, which was linked to their ongoing topic learning. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to engage in various exciting activities throughout the day and really experience what life would have been like during Roman Britain. Many of the children came wonderfully dressed as a Roman or a Celt, which certainly added to the experience and fun. During the day, the children had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and workshops such as: 'Meet a Centurion', 'Celts and Druids', 'Building a better Britain', 'Amulet making', all while finding out what the Romans did for Britain. They even had the opportunity to meet Queen Boudicca! Despite the bad weather, all of the children and adults had a fantastic day and it was lovely for them to be able to be involved

in activities and extend their learning from the classroom. The children were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour and manners and they certainly came away with some great memories.



After School Clubs

School Clubs

Some of our after school clubs have very limited spaces therefore we cannot always guarantee your child a space on all the clubs that they request. When you have applied for your child to take part in any of our after school clubs please ensure that you have received a text to confirm that your child has a place. If you have any club queries please phone the office and speak to Mrs Verrall.

Great Eggcase and Scavenger Hunt

The Thanet Coast Project are running some exciting holiday activities this year, such as a "Scavenger and Great Eggcase Hunt" this April. Pop down to the beach for some fun, with talks, explorations and beach-art! For more information and how to book places, visit www.thanetcoast.org.uk



Sad News

As some parents and carers may be aware, Chris Lee, one of our Midday Meals Supervisors, passed away recently following a short illness. Chris was a committed member of Garlinge staff for over thirty years in different capacities and also gave her time voluntarily working for the PTFA. It goes without saying that she will be greatly missed by both staff and children. A collection has taken place and a donation will soon be handed over to the Pilgrims Hospice in her memory.



CHALLENGE

**Did you know, Mondays and Fridays generally have the worst attendance?
With this in mind we are setting an extra attendance challenge for Term 5.
All children who are in school for every Monday and Friday during Term 5 will be rewarded by having a non-uniform day on the last day of term.
Full details will be announced before the end of Term 4.**

Dates for your Diary 2019



Monday 1st – Friday 5th April

My Unique Story Meetings Foundation Stage

Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th April

Year 6 Swattenden Residential Trip

Wednesday 3rd April

Parents Evening (school closes at 2:25pm)

Friday 5th April

Last Day of Term

Monday 8th – Monday 22nd April

EASTER TERM BREAK

Tuesday 23rd April

INSET DAY

Wednesday 24th April

Return to School

Friday 24th May

Last Day of Term

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

TERM BREAK

Monday 3rd June

Return to School

Friday 19th July

Last Day of Term

Monday 22nd July

INSET DAY

Tuesday 23rd July

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School Term Dates

Please consider term time dates carefully when booking any holidays for the year. For a full list of **term/holiday dates** please see the school website calendar on www.garlingeprimary.co.uk or collect a paper copy from the school office.

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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SCHOOLWEBSITE www.garlingeprimary.co.uk & ON THE CAROUSEL BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

