

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

"Inclusion at our Heart"



December 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the end of our Autumn term, I would like to thank you all once again for your considerable support of the school and your children. This is a lovely time of the year to be at school, with Christmas parties, nativities, the Christmas lunch and the Christmas Fayre. It has been very good to see so many of you in school over the past few weeks and it always makes it even more special for the children to have you alongside them at these events.

I would like to start by thanking the PTFA for their fantastic efforts at the recent Christmas Fayre. There was a huge attendance for the event and over £1400 was raised for your children, partly thanks to a very over-worked Father Christmas and also our legendary tombola and raffle! If there are any parents out there that would be able to offer any time at all to help out or be part of the PTFA, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

We have also been very busy with our Learning Outside the Classroom this term, with fantastic opportunities offered to all children throughout the school. Some of our younger children have enjoyed their Forest School days, whilst several other year groups have been on trips to the Kent Life Museum, as well as more local events, for example at St James' church. It is always lovely to see the pupils learning in different surroundings and we are always praised as to how well they behave and represent themselves and the school. We have also continued to take part in many sporting and musical events, with the choir performing at QEQM hospital and a particular sporting highlight occurring recently when our Year 5/6 pupils came 2nd overall in the Thanet Athletics competition – something we have never done previously in our history. We will continue to offer these opportunities as we head towards 2020.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. I hope that you are all able to relax and enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all back at school in the New Year.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher



Christmas Dinner

A BIG thank you goes out to the Principals Catering kitchen staff, Maggie Barnes and her team, who produced an excellent Christmas dinner this week, catering for nearly 700 pupils and staff! The food was absolutely delicious and there was a very festive atmosphere in the dining hall.

PTFA Christmas Fayre Success

£1,400.00 raised in three hours! Another record breaking total! Huge congratulations and many thanks to our school's PTFA and everyone who supported our Christmas Fair and made it such a success.

Young Voices at the O2

Friday 24th January 2020 is the big day when our School Choir travel to London to perform at the Young Voices 2018 Concert at the O2 London. We hope that they have an enjoyable and memorable day.



After school club

This term's after school clubs have now all finished, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children that participated in a club. Applications for next term's after school clubs have now closed, once again we have had an overwhelming response and we will not be accepting any further requests. All successful club applications will receive a text week beginning Monday 6th January 2020 for clubs to start week commencing Monday 13th January 2020. All clubs that incur a charge must be paid in full before the clubs starts or you risk losing your child's place.

Cycle Training Course – Bikeability Levels 1 and 2

In May and June next year Year 6 children will have the opportunity to take part in a practical cycle training course designed to teach the skills necessary to ride safely and confidently on today's roads. The 'Bikeability' course is the Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century. Training will take place on roads close to school as well as in the playground and is delivered by qualified Bikeability instructors. Please note that this course is not suitable for complete beginners to cycling. More details to follow.

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please ensure you do not send any food in to school with any type of nut in the ingredients. Please carefully check the content of biscuits and cereal bars.



Christmas Dates 2019

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day (no donations)

Year 1 Christmas Party Day

Monday 16th December

Year 2 Party Day

Year 3 Party Day

Year 6 Party Day



Tuesday 17th December

Foundation Parents Winter Craft 2:00pm

Year 4 Party Day

Year 5 Party Day

Wednesday 18th December

Last Day of Term (normal finish time)

Thursday 19th December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020 inclusive- Term Break

Monday 6th January 200

Return to School



Dates for your Diary 2019-2020

Friday 24th January	<i>Young Voices Concert at the O2 London</i>
Thursday 13th February	<i>Last Day of Term</i>
Friday 14th February	INSET DAY
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	TERM BREAK
Monday 24th February	<i>Return to School</i>
Wednesday 1st April	<i>Last Day of Term</i>
Thursday 2nd April – Wednesday 15th April	EASTER TERM BREAK
Thursday 16th April	INSET DAY
Friday 17th April	INSET DAY
Monday 20th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st April	<i>Return to School</i>
Friday 22nd May	<i>Last Day of Term</i>
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	TERM BREAK
Monday 1st June	<i>Return to School</i>
Wednesday 22nd July	<i>Last Day of Term</i>



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