

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”



January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy and successful start to the new calendar year and children and staff have settled well into 2020! As has been previously discussed, Garlinge Primary School and Nursery is now part of a federation with Parkside Community Primary School and we have already completed the first couple of governing body meetings. We look forward to working together to improve both schools further and combine our expertise. You may have seen in the local press coverage relating to SATs data in recent weeks. I was extremely pleased to see Garlinge at the top of the attainment tables out of all schools in the Margate, Westgate and Birchington area.

It has also been fantastic to see the improvements that have been made to our dining experience. We now offer a salad bar at lunchtime which has proved very popular with our children. This includes a wide range of healthy options to choose from. We are also continuing to work hard at improving our school punctuality and attendance figures. As part of this we very much enjoyed our visiting pantomime of Cinderella. The children and staff had a great time and enjoyed singing and dancing along with the performance (Oh no they didn't!!). We have had another busy month of celebrations and achievements. These include becoming Thanet schools champions in handball; the team will go on to represent Thanet in the Kent School Games. Our choir performed at the O2 with 7800 other children. They had a very exciting time and represented the school with great pride - it is a memory that they certainly won't forget. We are also proud to announce that we have recently achieved the bronze award for 'Learning Outside the Classroom'. This has proved popular with the children and has allowed them to explore and enjoy their learning in our extensive outside learning environment.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Principals Catering; School Meals with a Difference

School meals provide children with sustenance, supply part of their daily nutrients and give them a varied and balanced diet. At Garlinge, we provide healthy and delicious meals for our pupils and have recently introduced an exciting salad bar which has proved to be a big hit with the children. This has given more variety and we will continue to enrich your child's dining experience. These are exciting times so please watch out for more developments planned.



Thanet Parent Support Group

The Kent Autistic Trust Parent Support Group is for parents and carers of children and young people either with autism or who are on the pathway. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with others with similar experiences and to exchange ideas, information and discuss concerns. All are welcome, just come along and there is no need to book.

1st Tuesday of every month 10:00am – 12:00pm at Newlands Children Centre in Ramsgate

For more information please contact **Wendy Boorman** (Family Support), email: wendy@kentakautistic.com



Safety around the School



There are regular messages in this newsletter to remind parents of courteous parking and careful driving. Could we please ask that all parents and carers park respectfully and consider the needs of all parties, local residents, other road users and especially pedestrians. We know it is difficult parking and driving around school 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. This is a very busy place for children and adults crossing. Please ensure that you always use the path when entering or leaving the site and do not exit via the car park. **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.

Spare Clothes Request from Foundation Stage

On occasions some children may need a change of clothes in school for various reasons, we need to keep a good supply of spare underwear and trousers in school. If you have any unwanted tights, leggings, socks or tracksuits bottoms, age 3-4 and 5-6, we would be very grateful to have them in Foundation Stage. Also, if the school lends your child clothing, please could we ask that you wash them and return the clothing as soon as possible. Many thanks for your help with this.



World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March**, we will be celebrating World Book Day at Garlinge Primary School and Nursery. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore books and encourage the love of reading.

The children will take part in a range of activities during the day and will get the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

After school collection arrangements

Please ensure that you are on time to collect your child each day. Children not collected by 3.25pm will be taken to the school office where they will wait to be collected. Late collection is monitored by the school support staff and a letter will be sent to parents who frequently collect late. Late collection can often cause distress and upset for the child. If you know you are late to collect your child, you must contact the school and let us know in good time. We understand that exceptional things happen on occasions, however it is your responsibility to ensure that you make alternative arrangement so that your child is collected from school on time. If alternative arrangements are made, please let the school office know.

Australian Bushfire Fundraising- Non Uniform Day



Thank you very much for your generosity. We have provisional total of **£1442.64** in support of Australians who have been battling the devastating wild fires across the country. We will announce the final amount next week.

Sleep Workshop



Foreland Inclusion Support Service are offering a FREE half day Sleep Workshop on:

Date: Tuesday 10th March 2020

Time: Registration and Coffee from 9:00 am

Workshop starts at 9:30 am and finishes at 12:45 pm.

Venue: TISS Base, Laleham Gap School, Ozengell Place, Ramsgate

Refreshments will be provided

This workshop is aimed at parents and carers of children in Thanet who are currently in Reception up to Year 6 who have not previously received any training or support around sleep issues. **The morning is aimed at adults only.** The Workshop will include information on a range of sleep problems in children, who may or may not have a medical diagnosis, identifying the possible causes and consider interventions and advice to improve them. To book your place please complete and return an application form (available at our school office) **by close of business on Monday 24th February** to ffiss@foreland.kent.sch.uk or by post to FISS, Forelands Fields School, Newlands Lane, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 6RH. You can also telephone on 01843 268997 (term-time only).

Job Vacancies

We currently have a few vacancies for support staff positions:

1. Midday Meal Supervisor 7.5 hours per week Monday-Friday (12:00pm to 1:30pm), term time only. The salary is approximately £2,912 per annum. Please apply online via the advert on www.kent-teach.com. The closing date is Monday 3rd February 2020.
2. Inclusion Administrative Assistant 20 hours per week Monday-Friday (12:00pm to 4:00pm), term time plus INSET days. The salary is approximately £8,007 per annum. Please apply online via the advert on www.kent-teach.com. The closing date for applications is on Sunday 2nd February 2020 at 11:00pm.



Dates for your Diary 2020



Friday 31st January	<i>Australian Bushfires Non Uniform Day</i>
Friday 7th February	<i>Foundation Dressing up Day</i>
Friday 7th February	<i>PTFA-Uniform Sale 3:15pm KS2 Hall</i>
Monday 10th February	<i>Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic</i>
Wednesday 12th February	<i>Year 3 Parent Workshop 1:45pm</i>
Thursday 13th February	<i>Last Day of Term</i>
Friday 14th February	INSET DAY
<u>Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February</u>	TERM BREAK
Monday 24th February	<i>Return to School</i>
Wednesday 1st April	<i>Last Day of Term</i>
<u>Thursday 2nd April – Wednesday 15th April</u>	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>
<u>Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May</u>	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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