

## Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

“Inclusion at our Heart”



# July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another very busy and successful year, the first thing that I want to do is say a huge thank you for all your help throughout the year. Partnerships between parents and teachers are vital to a child's education and we are very proud to have such strong relationships in our school. I would like to say how well the children have done in every year group, although attention is often drawn to the end of Key Stage tests, in years 2 and 6. These have been particularly pleasing, with our year 6 pupils once again achieving well above the national averages, in the amount of pupils achieving age related expectations and the amount of pupils working at the Greater Depth standard. This solidifies our position as one of the highest performing primary schools in Thanet.

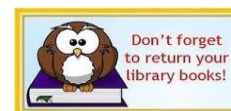
We have also continued to excel in other areas too. It has very recently been confirmed that as a school we have once again won the Neal Foundation art completion for Thanet primaries. This has been the culmination of a whole school effort brilliantly led by Miss Jenkins and a team of teachers and teaching assistants to promote the Arts. We have also continued to go from strength to strength with our sporting success. Our sports team have taken teams to over 60 sporting events and reached the Kent School Games finals in four sports, whilst also encouraging participation in intra and inter school sport for a very large number of pupils. Our music teaching in Key Stage 2 has also grown, with over 75 pupils receiving free music teaching and instrument hire, and some pupils taking their Grade 1 and 2 music exams. The Term 6 music concert was one of the absolute highlights of the year and it was lovely to watch the musicians and choir members perform to so many people.

I would like to finish by wishing our year 6 pupils the very best wishes as the head off and leave us for their new secondary schools in September. Whether they have been here a short time or up to 8 years for some, they have represented the school very well and we are confident that they will continue to show themselves in a good light in their new schools. We greatly look forward to seeing them and hearing from them in the future and I know they will achieve great things in the future.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer break. I hope that the weather remains sunny and that the children have a lovely time, ready to start back for the new term on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

*J. Williams*

Mr J Williams  
Headteacher



### 30 Hours Nursery Provision



In June we sent out a questionnaire to all parents and carers of the school to assess local demand for 30 hours nursery provision. We would like to thank all those who have completed and returned the questionnaires. However, if you have not yet had a chance to do so we would still welcome your input.

If you require a further copy this is available from the school main entrance or it can be downloaded from the school website. Please return the questionnaire to the school office or to your child's class teacher.

**Your response will help us to determine the need for 30 hour Nursery Provision**

### Breakfast Club

We currently offer an extended hours service for our children before school from 8:00am until 8:45am, to attend Breakfast Club and have a healthy, nutritious start to their school day. For a couple of years Breakfast Club costs have remained at £1.50 per day, however due to increased running costs we need to raise the fee. From the beginning of the September 2019, the charges will increase to **£2.00 per day**.

We would also like to inform you that as a result of parental feedback and input Breakfast Club will now be starting at the optional earlier time of **7:45am**. We will also be increasing our capacity of pupils attending. Breakfast Club places remain subject to availability.



### School Attendance

At Garlinge Primary School and Nursery we strive to achieve 100% attendance at school.

If you cannot arrange medical/dental appointments outside of school hours, please ensure evidence is provided – by way of an appointment slip, letter, prescription etc.

Absence and lateness have a direct impact on learning and so it is very important that your child attends school every day.

We use many initiatives to improve pupils' attendance such as:

#### Punctuality Puppy

This is given weekly to those classes that have not had any pupils arriving to school late.



#### Termly Certificates

At the end of each term, all pupils that are successful in achieving 100% Attendance are presented with certificates.

#### Attendance Ted

This is another weekly award given to the class with the highest attendance achieved in:  
Nursery AM or PM, Reception,  
Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4  
and Years 5 & 6



#### Annual Gold Medal

This is a personalised gold medal awarded to those children who have achieved 100% attendance across the whole school year!

**We hope that you will help us to encourage your child in aspiring to achieve their 100% attendance!**

### Entry into the school building

Please would parents and carers be aware that they are **NOT** permitted to enter the school buildings unless accompanied by a member of staff. If you have a message that you need passed on, please speak to a member of staff on duty, or contact the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Earrings

Earrings should not be worn during PE lessons and they can only be removed by parents or pupils. If you are planning for your child to have their ears pierced please assist them in practising to take them in and out as this can be quite tricky at first. Please ensure that ear piercing takes place at the very start of the summer holidays to allow time for them to heal.

### Minibus

We were pleased to take delivery of our shiny Peugeot Boxer Minibus last week to replace the ageing Ford Transit that had served us well for the past 5 years. The cost of which was subsidised by the school's Voluntary Fund.

The new minibus while being lighter and more fuel efficient, has many safety features including, 3 point adjustable all age seatbelts, an automatic side step, twin entrance high visibility handrails, disabled ramps and 4 removable seats to provide secure fixings for a wheelchair, taking 17 passengers including the driver.

The minibus is perfect for our morning run, school trips and sports events.



## Kent Test (11+) and Secondary Common Application Form Meeting Dates

| Key Action                                   | Scheme Date                |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Test date for pupils in Kent primary schools | Thursday 12 September 2019 |
| SCAF meeting for Year 6 parents              | Monday 16 September 2019   |
| Assessment decision sent to parents          | Thursday 17 October 2019   |

### PTFA Summer Fair

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June the Garlinge PTFA outdid themselves at our Summer Fair! The sun shone and our playgrounds were filled with stalls and activities. It was a great success, and they managed to raise a staggering **£1,200!** Well done to the PTFA the volunteers and helpers who made it so special!

Without the help of the PTFA and volunteers these events would not be possible. If you are able to help at any PTFA event during the year (even if only for an hour) please contact the PTFA Chair, Ted Watt-Ruffell via the email address [ptfa.garlinge@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.garlinge@gmail.com)



### Year 6 Bikeability Training



This term some of our Year 6 children took part in the Bikeability Cycle Training organised by Kent County Council.

Pupils were taught skills ranging from bike maintenance through to safety on the road. The children had a fantastic and valuable learning experience. All pupils successfully completed the course and were awarded with a certificate and badge showing their level of skill. Let's hope this will now encourage more children to cycle and to do so safely.

### Year 6 Production - Madagascar

During the last week of term, our Year 6 parents and carers had the pleasure of their children perform Madagascar the Musical which was just as wonderful as the 'West End' production. Both the children and staff worked well as a team to create a fun-filled show. At the end of each showing a collection was held. A staggering **£167.50** was raised for the **Evelina Children's Hospital in London** (linked to Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital). This charity was chosen, as they supported some of our own children, as well as children of staff members doing a fantastic job in a very caring way. A big 'Thank You' to all of the adults and children that made a donation for a great cause.



### Staff Leavers

This summer we will be saying goodbye to several staff, many of whom are studying to fulfil their career aspirations to become teachers. Our teachers who are leaving are either relocating, travelling or retiring. We are sad to see them leave us particularly Mrs McLevy who has been with Garlinge for 11 years to be Head of her own school and Mrs Spain who is retiring after 21 years' service. We would like to wish them all the very best in their new endeavours and for the future.

### Dates for your Diary 2019

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** *Last Day of Term (normal finish time)*  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** **INSET DAY**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** **INSET DAY**



***Thank you all for a fantastic school year. We hope you have an amazing summer & we look forward to hearing all about your adventures on Tuesday, 3rd September 2019!***

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** *Kent Test*  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September** *Secondary Meeting Year 6 Parents KS2 Hall (5:30pm)*

### 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](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) or collect a paper copy from the school office.





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**School Term and Holiday Dates**  
**2019 – 2020**

**TERM 1**

Monday 2 September: **INSET DAY (1)**  
Tuesday 3 September: Return to school  
Friday 18 October: Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 21 October 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019 inclusive***

**TERM 2**

Monday 28 October: Return to school  
Wednesday 18 December: Last day of term

***Holiday: Thursday 19 December 2019 – Friday 3 January 2020 inclusive***

**TERM 3**

Monday 6 January: Return to school  
Thursday 13 February: Last day of term  
Friday 14 February: **INSET DAY (2)**

***Holiday: Monday 17 February 2020 – Friday 21 February 2020 inclusive***

**TERM 4**

Monday 24 February: Return to school  
Wednesday 1 April: Last day of term

***Holiday: Thursday 2 April 2020 to Wednesday 15 April 2020 inclusive  
(Easter Bank holiday is Friday 10 April & Monday 13 April 2020)***

**TERM 5**

Thursday 16 April: **INSET DAY (3)**  
Friday 17 April: **INSET DAY (4)**  
Monday 20 April: **INSET DAY (5)**  
Tuesday 21 April: Return to school

***Holiday: Friday 8 May 2020 - May Day Bank Holiday***

Friday 22 May: Last day of term

***Holiday: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020 inclusive***

**TERM 6**

Monday 1 June: Return to school  
Wednesday 22 July: Last day of term