



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter



“Inclusion at our Heart” October 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching half term as it doesn't seem that it has been long since the long summer days, but it has certainly been a very busy and successful term. Thank you all once again for your support of the school during Term 1 – it has been a privilege to see so many of you coming in to school for the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons, the reading and phonic workshops and the harvest assemblies.

Once again the children have taken part in so much this term, with huge success in various sporting events, fantastic participation in the Thanet Endeavour Learning Trust (TELT) event and also our year 1 pupils enjoying their free Forest School sessions. I have taken a lot of satisfaction from the feedback we receive telling us that our school is a welcoming, nurturing place where pupils feel valued and make excellent progress and I know that this is a result of the teamwork shown by the pupils, staff and parents.

I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing half term break. I hope that the children take time to recharge their batteries and I would also like to draw your attention to something we are doing to hopefully be more ecologically responsible. This will be the last newsletter that will go out to all pupils in paper form. From now on we will continue to write newsletters on a regular basis but these will be posted onto the school website for parents to read. There will also be a small stock of paper copies in the carousel within the foyer area of our reception. I hope that you approve of the changes that we are making.

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Eco News

Last year we had a great response to International Walk to School Month and the competition we held in school throughout the month of October. Our efforts were recognised by the KM Green School Awards and we were the winners of two awards and a trophy for being the overall **Green Travel Champions** for the whole of Kent! Therefore we are very pleased to announce that we will be holding the competition again this year.



Aldi's Kit for Schools



From 6 September–3 November 2019, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker. If our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw! We have already started to receive stickers but need the full 300 to be in with a chance of winning – your help would be very much appreciated. Perhaps you could ask your friends, family and business colleagues too. Thank you.

Anti-Social Behaviour

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a number of reported incidents of unpleasant and anti-social behaviour of adults, both in the community and on the school playground.

As a school we educate the way in which we should behave and teach our children to treat others with respect. We would appreciate our families modelling this to ensure our children have good examples to follow. In the event of unacceptable behaviour, a parent or carer may not be permitted access to the school grounds in future.

The School Day

		Reception	KS1	KS2
Gates Open		8:45am	8:45am	8:45am
Registration		8:55am	8:55am	8:55am
Morning Break		10:10-10:25am	10:30-10:45am	11:00-11:15am
Lunch Time		11:30-12:30pm	12:00-1:00pm	12:25-1:20pm
End of School Day		3:10pm	3:15pm	3:15pm

Gates open at 8.45 am and close promptly at 9:00 am- anyone arriving after this time will be asked to report to the school office.

Nursery Sessions:

Morning Nursery: 8:45 am to 11:45 am **Afternoon Nursery:** 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Remember - the school gates are locked at 3:30 pm.

Please collect your children promptly at the end of the school day. We will ensure that children are safely supervised if parents or carers are unavoidably delayed, but late collection should not be a routine occurrence.

Information, Advice and Support Kent Event (IASK)

IASK are holding launch event on **7 November**, from **9:00am-1:00pm** at Botany Bay Hotel, Kingsgate. They are encouraging parents and carers of SEND children to attend to learn about how they can support families of children and young people (0 – 25 years) with special educational needs or disabilities. Their advice and support is confidential and impartial. They have an experienced team who will listen and discuss any issues around your child's education and development in complete confidence including:

- helping you make informed decisions
- helping you plan how to communicate your views or concerns in meetings or on paper
- support at meetings as a neutral person
- provide face to face support
- provide information about other agencies and processes
- help you prepare paperwork
- provide independent support for the statutory assessment process and at annual reviews
- offer training and workshops

For more information go to their website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs/who-to-contact/Information-Advice-and-Support-Kent/about-Information-Advice-and-Support-Kent>

Safety around the school



There are regular messages in this newsletter to remind parents of courteous parking and careful driving. Some of our neighbours, living in houses around the school, continue to raise concerns regarding unsafe parking. Please note that it is very inconsiderate for cars to be parked across driveways and blocking residents in their houses. Please try to park further down the road and avoid turning or reversing in front of the school. This is a very busy place for children and adults crossing.

Bus Feedback Portal

KCC has developed a **Bus Feedback Portal** following information that they received from users who were frustrated about getting issues resolved and wanting to have their concerns heard. The portal includes information about how to make a formal complaint or indeed a compliment about bus services and who to contact if you experience problems with bus services. It also includes a short feedback form for residents to let KCC know about their experiences of using buses and the quality of service provided.



Whilst KCC does not run bus services in Kent, they can use the feedback to gain a better understanding of the types of problems and to spot trends about the areas or on which services they arise.

If you are a bus user please take the time to provide feedback as the information received can inform conversations with bus operators through KCC's Quality Bus Partnerships or more generally to help improve services. Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/busfeedback

Back to school NHS Toolkit

Help make sure your children are healthy (and don't miss any school days) by reading the NHS back to school guide available online or from the school office. Please visit www.healthhelpnow.nhs.uk for more information.

Request from KS1

If you have any spare or old dressing up kit/costumes to be used during active play at break times, we would be very grateful to have them in KS1, thank you.



Lost Property

All items of your child's belongings **must** be clearly marked with your child's name. Please be aware that pen or biro fades quickly and needs regularly replacing, so nametags are a good idea. Please include shoes, coats, bags and lunch boxes in your labelling. If a named item is found, it is a lot easier for us to return it to your child.

RECEPTION AND NURSERY OPEN DAYS

These will be our open days for prospective parents to visit the school.

OPEN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2020

Thursday 7th November 2019

9:30am or 2:00pm or 5:30pm

This is for parents of children who will be 4 by 31/08/2020

NURSERY OPEN DAY

Thursday 21st November 2019

10:15am - 11:15am

or

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Do you have a child aged 3?

We now have 15 and 30 hour spaces available in our nursery.

We also offer the option to pay for lunchtime supervision and extra sessions.

COME AND VISIT US

(Please go to the Nursery entrance in Caxton Road)

Let us show you our warm and friendly school





Dates for your Diary 2019

Wed 16 th , Thurs 17 th , Friday 18 th October	Year 1 Harvest Festival Assembly to Parents 9:15am KS1 Hall
Thursday 17 th October	Kent Test Results by email and posted to parents
Friday 18 th October	Year 3/Year 4 Halloween Disco 5:30pm-6:30pm KS2 Hall
Friday 18 th October	Year 5/Year 6 Halloween Disco 7:00pm-8:00pm KS2 Hall
Friday 18 th October	Last day of term
Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th October	Half Term
Monday 28 th October	Return to school 
Thursday 31 st October	Closing date for secondary school applications
Monday 4 th November	Year 5/Year 6 Parent Reading Workshop 2:00pm KS2 Hall
Thursday 7 th November	Reception Open Day (9:30am; 2:00pm; 5:30pm)
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th November	Reception and Nursery Parent Consultations
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 5 Trip to Kent Life Museum
Thursday 14 th November	Parent Consultations 2:40pm-7:30pm (<u>school closes at 2:25pm</u>)
Monday 18 th November	Year 2 Parent Reading Workshop 2:00pm KS2 Hall
Monday 25 th November	Year 1 Phonics and Reading Workshop 2:00pm KS2 Hall
Thursday 28 th November	Year 6 Trip to Kent Life Museum



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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ALL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR NEW
SCHOOLWEBSITE www.garlingeprimary.co.uk & IN THE CAROUSEL BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE

