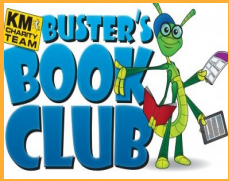


# Key Stage One



## Reminders

Every Wednesday:  
Buster's Book Club

Please remember to sign your child's book every time they have read at home.



PE day for Years 1 and 2 will be on a Wednesday.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their kit into school.

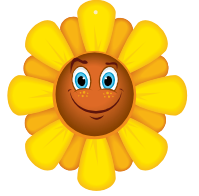
## Attendance

Children should attend school every day unless they are ill. When children are absent they miss vital parts of their education. If your child is going to be absent please inform the school office. Every class is awarded for **100%** attendance and the children feel proud when they receive this. We celebrate with Attendance Ted visiting classes with the highest percentage and the children are also awarded 5 additional minutes of golden time.

Can you support your child's class to achieve 100% attendance?



# WELCOME BACK!



We would like to begin by welcoming you all back to a new academic year after the summer break and the school closures during the COVID 19 period. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so happily after such a long time away and they have made us all so proud with how quickly and sensibly they have settled into their new classes and routines. As always, thank you for your support with this and we look forward to an exciting and successful year working together with you for the benefit of the children.

This newsletter aims to introduce you to the Year 1 and 2 department and the main topics of learning within each year group, as well as providing you with information which you may find useful when supporting your child.



## How you can help your child

### Arrival at school

Thank you for your support in ensuring a smooth start at the beginning of the day. The gates are open between 8.45am and 9.05 am to allow for a more 'fluid' start and to avoid congestion. There are always adults on the doors to support the children as they arrive. A 'starter of the day' activity is planned in each class for when the children arrive and the register is taken at 9.05am. We ask that you telephone the office if your child is not well enough to attend school or is displaying any COVID related symptoms. Please follow the government advice where necessary and the advice given in Mr Williams' recent whole school newsletter.

### End of the day routines

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support as we adapted the end of the day school routines.

Please may we politely remind you to remember to wait behind the yellow markers. Please may we also request that you leave the school site as quickly as possible once you have collected your child. Thankyou.

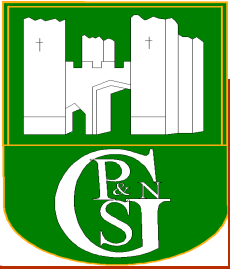
### Uniform

We would like all of the children to take pride in their school uniform. A full uniform list is available on our school web-site [www.garlingeprimary.co.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk) or if you are unsure please do speak to your child's class teacher. All items of school uniform should be **clearly named**. We would also request that children wear **plain black shoes** and not trainers to school. Earrings are permitted, but must be small, plain studs please. As the weather begins to get cooler, please ensure that your child brings a named coat to school.

### PE

Help your children to be organised for PE by making sure that they wear their PE kit into school on their year group PE day. This should consist of their house coloured T-shirt, dark shorts and trainers. Dark coloured joggers can be worn for outdoor PE during the colder months and children may wear their usual school jumper or cardigan on these days too. Children with pierced ears will need to remove earrings when taking part in PE lessons; this can be done either at school or at home beforehand. If your child needs a new house coloured T-shirt, there is a guide to ordering these and a link on the school website <https://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk/uniform>





May we take this opportunity to remind you that toys, jewellery and watches are not allowed to be brought to school as they cause a distraction to your child's learning.



### Key Stage One Team

**Mrs. Wasway- Key Stage One Leader**

#### Year 1

**1A –Mr. Piper**

TA - Miss. Mahoney

**1B - Mr. Johnson**

TA - Mrs. Thackery and Mr. Casey

**1C - Miss. Barlow**

TA– Mrs. O'Connor and Miss Beeston

**1D - Mrs. Moore**

TA– Miss. Taylor, Mrs. Meynell and Mrs. Scott.

#### Year 2

**2A - Mrs. Wasway**

TA - Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Weatherley and Miss Verrall

**2B -Miss. Beaumont**

TA - Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Moore, Miss Fendt, Miss Goodman and Miss Weatherley

**2C - Mrs. Cope and Mrs. Warr**

TA — Mrs. Barton and Miss Uburgs

**2D-Miss. Hebditch**

TA- Mrs. Papageorghiou, Miss Dobson and Mrs. Watson

### **Homework**

Homework is an important way in which you can support your child's learning. As we settle back into new routines at school, after such a long period away, there will be no set written homework until further notice. We would however like the children to focus on establishing their own routines at home for reading to an adult and practising their number bonds and spellings. Once these routines are successfully up and running and the children are showing a commitment to this, we will look to introduce weekly tasks again. Of course, if your child shows a particular interest in any aspect of their topic learning, we would welcome them sharing facts they have learnt about or research at home in their topic lessons.



Your children have all been issued with a home reading book which they should take home each day. Please support your child by listening to them read on a **daily** basis as well as spending time discussing their books with them. Also, please look out for our Buster's Book Club reading incentive scheme. This is a popular scheme in school, encouraging children to read for a target number of minutes each Wednesday for a possible class reward.

**Top Tip: When you read with your child ask them questions about the book. This will help their understanding and improve their reading. Please remember to sign your child's book.**



Every child is also encouraged to participate in the **Buster's Book Club Challenge on Wednesdays.**

Further information about this competition can be found in your child's reading record. As the term progresses, your child will be taught spellings every week and will bring home weekly spellings to learn and practise. Please encourage them to use the 'Look, say, cover, write and check', method and help them to learn the words as well as discuss their meaning and how the words could be used in sentences.

## The Curriculum

### Year 1

Term one's theme is 'The Seasons'. The children are going to be exploring the school to find signs of Autumn. In Science the children will be learning to observe and measure rainfall, the wind and temperature. They will also be learning the days of the week and months of the year.

The theme in Term 2 is 'Hot and Cold Countries'. The children will be learning about the climate of different countries linking this to different animals and their habitats. We will also be learning about different kinds of materials in Science. At the beginning of November we will be finding out about the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot.

### Year 2

During Term one our topic will be 'Flight'. We will focus upon the history of aircraft using the book 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' as our stimulus for the topic.

In Science we will be researching Sir Isaac Newton and exploring gravity. We will be using the tablets to research space travel and will be creating a timeline of events.

During Term 2 our topic will be Christmas Around The World where we will be researching and comparing how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. Children will also be learning to improve their geographical skills by learning to locate the different oceans and continents of the world.

In Science we will be looking at everyday uses of materials. We will look at the different types of materials and if they are man-made or natural. We will be grouping materials, separating materials and looking carefully at freezing, melting and heating.

### Contact with Class Teacher

If you would like to get in touch with your child's class teacher regarding their education, you can email using the class email address below:

Mr Piper - [IA@garlinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:IA@garlinge.kent.sch.uk)

Mr Johnson - [IB@garlinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:IB@garlinge.kent.sch.uk)

Miss Barlow - [IC@garlinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:IC@garlinge.kent.sch.uk)

Mrs Moore - [ID@garlinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ID@garlinge.kent.sch.uk)

Mrs Wasway - [2A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:2A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk)

Miss Beaumont - [2B@garlinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:2B@garlinge.kent.sch.uk)

Mrs Cope and Mrs Warr - [2C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:2C@garlinge.kent.sch.uk)

Miss Hebditch - [2D@garlinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:2D@garlinge.kent.sch.uk)

