



## UPPER KEY STAGE 2 NEWSLETTER Terms 5 and 6

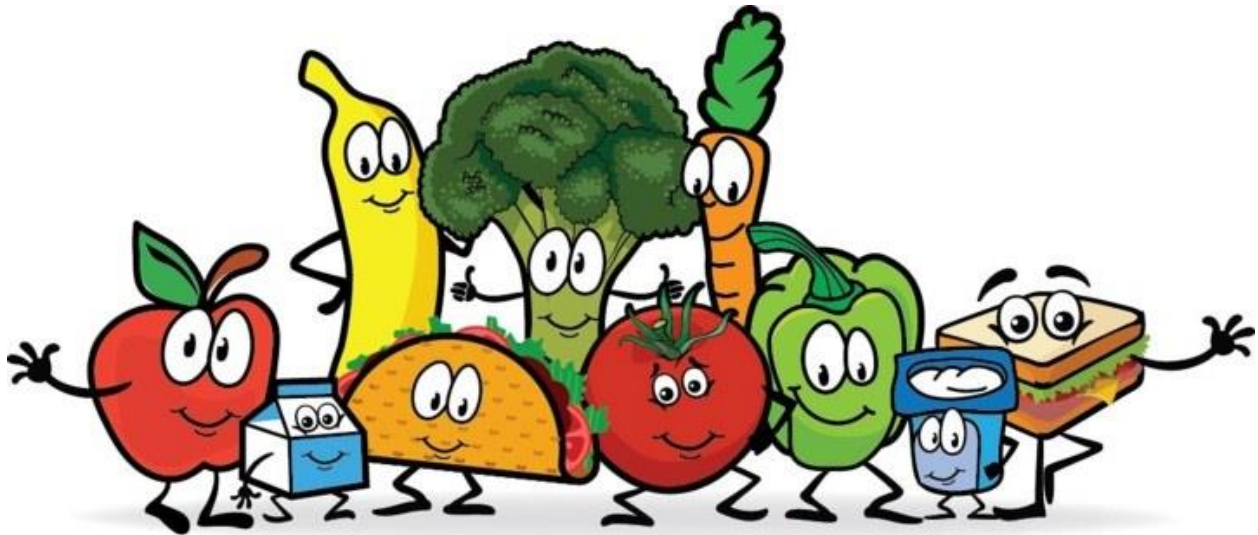
### Welcome Back to Term 5 and 6

Welcome back to school for Term 5!

I would like to begin by welcoming you all back to a new term after the Easter holidays, hoping that the summer term is a successful and healthy term ahead. The children have all come back looking lovely and smart taking pride in wearing their school uniform. This newsletter will give you a brief outline of the

topics your child will be learning about during the next two terms and will give you information that you may find useful. Please take the time to check your WEDUC app or the school website, as you will be informed regularly of any updates, events or school news on here. If you require and help with this app, do please contact our school office for support. Our school website will also have regular updates providing useful information, as well as news about some of the fabulous learning our children are doing in school. We also have our own Team Garlinge YouTube channel where we also share exciting news, events and updates.

## Keeping Healthy at Garlinge



We are proud to have been awarded 'Healthy School' status. We encourage parents to pack a healthy lunchbox for their child, and we discourage chocolate or crisps.

We encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break times. Also, as a 'Healthy School', we are unable to hand out birthday cakes/sweets to children in our classes provided by parents.

The children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day, they may use their school water bottle or bring in a water-bottle of their own from home. Please may we ask for water only in these bottles, not squash.

**REMEMBER we are a nut free school and no products containing nuts should be brought into school**



## Uniform and Physical Education

### Uniform

We would like all of the children to take pride in their school uniform. A full uniform list is available on our school website [www.garlingeprimary.co.uk](http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk)<sup>1</sup> 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.

### Physical Education

#### Help your children to be organized in PE;

1. Help your children to be organised for PE by making sure that they wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. Year 5 is Thursday and Year 6 is Friday. This should consist of their house team-coloured t-shirt, dark shorts or dark joggers and trainers. We have asked for children to still wear their usual school jumper or cardigan on their PE days. If your child needs a new coloured house t-shirt, these can be ordered on our school website - <https://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk/uniform>. Alternatively, they are available from the Ambition Sport website - <http://www.ambitionsport.com/>. 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. Please also ensure that pupils have long hair tied back for their PE day.
2. Please ensure that any earrings are taken out for PE days.

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.garlingeprimary.co.uk/>



## Punctuality and Attendance



**School gates open at 8:45am**

**Punctuality:**



The doors open from 8:45am and this is when your child comes into school and hangs up their coat and gets themselves ready for registration. Registration starts at 8:50am.

When a child is late for school they miss out socially and feel they are not part of the lessons. We would ask you to ensure your child is brought to school ready to start their day from 8:45am.

Please may I request that year 6 children do not arrive early at the year 6 gate end, or gather early in groups at the year 6 school gate.

### **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.

If your child walks or travels to school on their own and brings a mobile phone, please do ensure that they are handed into school staff at the start of the day, when they will be locked away. The phones are then handed out at the end of the school day. Please may we ask for your support and ensure that phones are only brought into school if your child travels to or from school on their own.



*1 - Can you support your child's class to achieve 100% punctuality and attendance?*

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## HOMEWORK, READING, SPELLINGS AND TIMES TABLES



Homework is an important way in which you can support your child's learning. Daily homework consists of: spellings, times tables and reading. Your child has 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, encourage your child to take part in our Buster's Book Club reading incentive scheme, which is every Wednesday. This is a popular scheme in school, encouraging children to read for a target number of minutes each Wednesday for a possible class reward. Times tables and weekly spellings are also an important part of regular learning in school and should be practised at home daily. All children have a Times Tables Rock Stars login, where they will be able to practise their times tables using this fun resource. We also welcome other ways in which to practise times tables at home that are also successful for your child. Knowing the times tables is an integral part of the upper school maths curriculum, so your support is gladly welcomed. Spelling lists to learn will be sent home weekly in your child's home spelling book, regular practice will also support your child. This term, we will also be sending home one piece of homework per week to complete linked to your child's learning in maths, English or topic. Dates for this will be shared in your child's homework books; your support with this homework will be welcomed.

## ASSESSMENTS



## Year 6

The summer term is very important, as it is the time that we formally assess the children in order to track their progress against their prior attainment and national expectations.

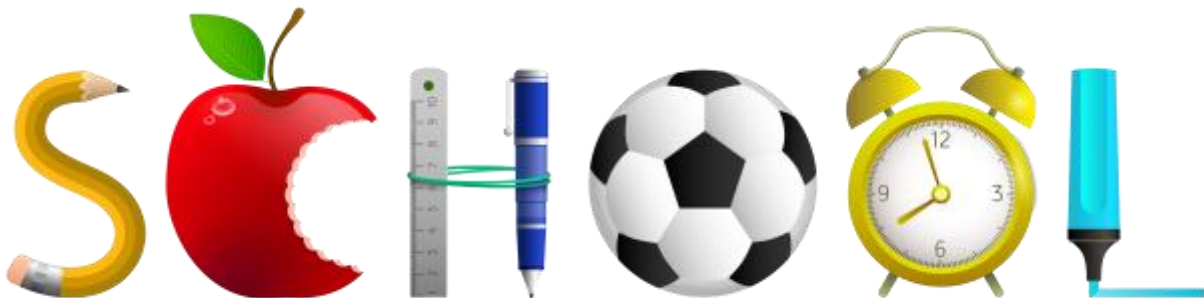
Year 6 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) will take place from 9th – 12th of May. It is vital that your child attends school during this week, unless they are very unwell. Appointments within school time will not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. We have invited your child to attend our 'Free SATs Breakfast club' – this proves to be very popular every year and we aim for as many children as possible to attend. Please ensure that your child has returned their slip to their class teacher if they wish to attend.

## Year 5

Year 5 children will also be completing their VR (Verbal Reasoning) and NVR (Non-Verbal Reasoning) tests during the week beginning 9th May, in preparation for their up and coming Kent Test decisions – further details will follow.

Year 5 assessment week will take place in the week commencing 20th June; the children will be assessed in all areas of maths and English. It is important that children are in school during this week. We do find that if children sit the tests separately from their class, they tend not to perform to their full potential.

## The Curriculum



## Year 5

### HISTORY

Term 5 – Vikings

### GEOGRAPHY

Term 6 - Mountains

### SCIENCE

Terms 5 – Living things and their habitats

Term 6 – Animals including humans

## **R.E**

Term 5 - What would Jesus do? Can people live by the values of Jesus in the 21st Century?

Term 6 - What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

## **PSHE**

Term 5 – Health and Wellbeing

Term 6 – Health and Wellbeing, RSE (Relationship and Sexual Education)

## **MUSIC**

Terms 5 & 6 - Learning to play the ukulele

## **PE**

Terms 5 & 6 - Multi-Sports, including athletics and cricket

## **Year 6**

### **GEOGRAPHY**

Term 5 - Our World

Term 6 - South America

### **SCIENCE**

Terms 5 – Animals including humans

Term 6 – RSE - Relationships and Sexual Education

## **R.E**

Term 5 - What matters most to Christians and to Humanists?

Term 6 - Beliefs

## **PSHE**

Term 5 – Health and Wellbeing, healthy lifestyles

Term 6 – RSE (Relationship and Sexual Education)

## **MUSIC**

Term 5- Composing and singing

Term 6 - South American music and Year 6 production music

## **PE**

Terms 5 & 6 - Striking and fielding games sports leadership



**Further information will follow regarding the Relationship and Sexual Education, which will be taught to both year groups in term 6.**

## Meet the Team

If you have any questions about your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself, we will gladly be able to assist you. Can i also remind you about the class email contacts, as listed below. These are a useful way of keeping in contact with your child's class teacher as well with any queries that you may have.

### **5A**

Teacher: Mrs Greenfield

TA: Miss Keefe

5A@garlinge.kent.sch.uk<sup>2</sup>

### **5B:**

Teacher: Miss Hatcher

TA: Miss Whelan, Miss Hallam and Mrs Kaye

5B@garlinge.kent.sch.uk<sup>3</sup>

### **5C:**

Teacher: Miss Hawtin

TA: Miss Hayes and Mrs Oliver

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### **5D:**

Teacher: Mrs Keohane

TA: Mrs Scott, Mrs Cooke and Mrs White

6D@garlinge.kent.sch.uk<sup>5</sup>

### **6A**

Teacher: Mrs Pegden

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TA: Mrs Ray and Mrs Wilson

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## **6B**

Teacher: Miss Jenkins

TA: Mrs Wigington, Miss Daines and Miss Avery

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## **6C**

Teacher: Mr Shepherd

TA: Miss Atkins

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## **6D**

Teacher: Mr Millership

TA: Ms Coleman, Miss Hudson and Mrs Dearnley

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## Important Dates



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### Key dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 4th May** – Year 5 visit to Kent Life museum – Viking Day

**WB 9th – 12th May** – Year 6 SATS weeks & Year 5 VR/NVR tests

**Monday 16th May** – Year 6 Kent police visitor – transitioning from year 6 to year 7.

**Tuesday 17th May** - Year 5 SRE (Sexual Relationship Education) information meeting for parents 3.20pm in 5D

**Thursday 19th May** – Year 6 Howletts trip

**Wednesday 25th May** – Year 5 parent meeting in the KS2 hall at 5.30pm to discuss Kent Test applications and the secondary PESE process

**Thursday 26th May** – Year 6-sports day morning. Year 5-sports day afternoon (further details will follow)

**Friday 27th May** - break up for end of term 5

**Monday 6th June** – Term 6 begins

**Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th June** – Year 6 residential trip

**WB 20st – 24th June** – Year 5 assessment week

**Wednesday 6th July** – Whole school (years R – 5) transition day. Year 6 sport activity day (in school)

**Thursday 7th July** – Year 6 Transition day (Year 6 go to their new schools)

**Wednesday 13th July** – Year 6 production 5.30pm KS2 hall

**Thursday 14th July** – Year 6 production 5.30pm KS2 hall

**Monday 18th July** - Year 6 leavers and parents assembly 1.45pm KS2 hall

**Wednesday 20th July** – Year 6 shirt signing morning. Year 6 leavers disco 5.00pm – 7.00pm KS2 playground

**Thursday 21st July** – last day of term 6 and saying our goodbyes and good luck to year 6

**We will also keep our year 6 parents, carers and children updated with transition information and leavers activities and events.**