



**Garfield Primary**  
Today's children, tomorrow's future.

# FRIDAY FLYER

**Friday 11th December 2015**

## Headteacher's Message

It was very positive to see so many parents and carers attending Parents' Evening yesterday.

I hope you were also able to visit the hall where we had a range of activities for you to see. We had food tasting of our new school menu, photos of our new build, E-Safety tips and an explanation of how we assess your child at Garfield.

I hope you will all fill in our Parents Questionnaire. We have plans to further strengthen parent partnership and want to hear your views. It is important that you let us know what we do well and how we can improve things. Your opinion matters and a strong parent partnership is vital to our continuing success.

Together we can provide an outstanding education for your child.

Please see an important letter regarding Garfield and the Primary League tables going out today.

**Wishing you a restful weekend**  
**Ms Karen Khwaja**

## DIARY DATES

### Monday 14th December

- ◆ KS1 Attendance Celebration (9am-2.15pm)
- ◆ Year 6 Reading Club ((3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ KS2 Drama class (3:30pm-4:15pm)
- ◆ Year 6 Art Club (3:30pm-4:15pm)

### Tuesday 15th December

- ◆ KS2 Attendance Celebration (9am-2.30pm)
- ◆ Book Club (3.30pm-4.15pm)

### Wednesday 16th December

- ◆ KS1/2 Cup Winners Party (10.15-11.15am)
- ◆ Year 5 Reading Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ KS2 Instrumental Group (3.30pm-4.30pm)

### Thursday 17th December

- ◆ Gymnastics Gifted & Talented (8:00am-8:45am)
- ◆ Years 1/2 Art & Craft (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ Year 6 Booster reading club (3.30pm-4.30pm)

### Friday 18th December

- ◆ Carols & Christingles Assembly (9.30am)
- ◆ **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT (2.15pm)**

## FUTURE DATES

**School starts again on Monday 4th January 2016 at (8.50am)**

## YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY

Marigold and Tiger class enjoyed a brilliant Ancient Egyptian day on Monday. The Crew Theatre Company led them through the story of Ramesses II. There was Pharaoh Mask making, Board Games, Dress the Mummy and Egyptian dancing. Well done to all the children who dressed up in such wonderful, inventive costumes.



Ancient Egypt for Kids

BE KIND!!

## VALUE OF THE MONTH THOUGHTFULNESS

Our value this month is 'Thoughtfulness'. Children will learn that thoughtfulness means doing something kind for someone else, thinking about other's thoughts and feelings, and putting someone else first. It will include being thoughtful to their friends and family and what to do if someone is not thoughtful to them.

At home, talk to your children about being thoughtful to others and the feeling associated with it. Catch them being thoughtful and praise them. Discuss with your child how to be thankful for gifts even when they are not something that they want or like, as the giver's thoughtfulness should be appreciated all the same.

## CAROLS & CHRISTINGLE ASSEMBLY

Parents of the Choir and Instrumentalists are invited to attend this special Assembly on Friday 18th at 9.30am



## XMAS FAIR

On Friday 27th November, the school held a very successful Xmas Fair. The fair was very well attended and everyone had a great time playing games, getting their faces painted and of course, visiting Santa in his Grotto. We think the fair has raised approximately £1,500 for the school and this will go towards important resources for our new school in 2016. Many, many thanks to all the parents, staff and pupils who helped. Your support is really appreciated.



## CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Next week the children will be having their class Christmas parties. Reception & Year 1 class teachers will be asking for a donation of 50p towards the cost of food. All other classes will send a request for a food donation. The days are as follows: Robin, Rose, Ruby, Flamingo and Fuchsia, Kingfisher, Bluebell and Sapphire will be on Wednesday PM. Bumble Bee, Sunflower, Tiger, Marigold, Hummingbird, Lavender, Grasshopper and Hellebore will be on Thursday PM. All pupils will be given a small Xmas gift from their class teacher.



## Attendance & Attendance Celebration

On Monday and Tuesday, there will be a celebration for all pupils who have had good attendance this term. Children will be able to play with a range of Giant Toys such as giant Jenga and Connect 4.

Attendance is a key priority at Garfield. Each term we reward pupils with good attendance (95%) with a special celebration. These are the rewards for this academic year: Autumn Term - Giant Toy Day, Spring Term - Easter Egg Hunt and Summer Term - Bouncy Castle Day. Please ensure your child comes to school every day and provide medical evidence if they are too ill to attend.



## HAPPY HANUKKAH!

Wishing all our pupils, parents and staff a very happy Hanukkah!



## HEAD LICE



There are a few cases of head lice in the school. Please ensure that long hair is adequately tied up. Any sign of lice in your child's hair should be appropriately treated. Thank you for your cooperation.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ACTIVITIES

Clubs will continue in the last week of term, unless parents are informed otherwise. However, there will be no clubs for the first week back (week beginning Monday 4th January). Clubs will begin again next term on Monday 11th January 2016.



## LATES

Punctuality at Garfield is very important and we urge parents to ensure your child arrives to school safely and on time.

CLASS	W/E 4.12.15	W/E 11.12.15	Difference
Robin	13	9	-4
Rose	10	16	+6
Ruby	15	22	+7
Bluebell	5	11	+6
Kingfisher	5	6	+1
Sapphire	3	11	+8
Marigold	4	10	+6
Tiger	5	12	+7
Flamingo	5	8	+3
Fuchsia	5	1	-4
Hummingbird	7	10	+3
Lavender	8	10	+2
Grasshopper	2	9	+7
Hellebore	8	6	-2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>+46</b>



This week there were far too many lates. This must improve next week.

## ATTENDANCE Week Ending 4th December 2015

Robin = 84.40%  
 Rose = 85.56%  
 Ruby = 90.87%  
 Bluebell = 92.67%  
 Kingfisher = 86.67%  
 Sapphire = 92.50%  
 Marigold = 96.15%  
 Tiger = 92.07%  
 Flamingo = 97.32%  
 Fuchsia = 91.72%  
 Hummingbird = 89.34%  
 Lavender = 95.17%  
 Grasshopper = 95.86%  
 Hellebore = 95.02%



Congratulations to Flamingo for achieving 97.32% and to all classes who have achieved excellent attendance of over 95%

**TOTAL = 91.89%**

Let's strive to achieve the national standard of 95% next week