



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

FRIDAY FLYER

Friday 11th September 2015

Headteacher's Message

A very warm welcome back everyone. I hope that you all had a restful Summer break.

We have heard so many positive comments this week concerning how smart all our children look in their new Garfield uniform. Thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to support our school policy. We set high expectations for our pupils at Garfield and this includes ensuring everyone is wearing the correct uniform.

The children have been settling well into their new classes and there has also been much excitement about their new class names. I appreciate that at the beginning of the year there can be lots of change (new uniform, class names) and all key letters and information sent out in July can also be found on the school website.

It is going to be a historic year at Garfield as we move into our new school building. We remain on track to move into our outstanding site in January 2016.

Wishing you a happy weekend

Ms Karen Khwaja



Meet the Teacher Event

Meet the teacher mornings will be taking place in every class the week after next. This will be a chance for parents to hear about what their child will be learning this year and how they can support their child's learning at home. The meetings will all be from 9-9.30am, in your child's classroom, on the following mornings:

Monday 21st September – Year 4 - Flamingo Class (Ms Warre) and Fuchsia Class (Ms Devereux Evans)

Tuesday 22nd September - Year 5 - Lavender Class (Ms Mehmed) and Hummingbird Class (Ms Cemal)

Tuesday 22nd September - Year 6 - Hellebore Class (Mr Flately) and Grasshopper Class (Mr Grant)

Wednesday 23rd September - Year 1 - Robin Class (Ms Joyram), Rose Class (Ms Choueke) and Ruby Class (Ms Morris)

Thursday 24th September - Year 3 – Tiger Class (Mr Joseph) and Marigold Class (Ms Walton)

Friday 25th September - Year 2 – Sapphire Class (Ms Godfrey), Bluebell Class (Ms Rundle/Ms Semlyen) and Kingfisher Class (Ms Siddique)

If you are unable to attend, let the office know and they can arrange for any handouts to be sent home and, if you wish, a separate appointment with your child's teacher.

Other News

We will now be keeping you informed every week on some National News.



This week Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning U.K. monarch in history (63 years).

Farewell

Over the Summer we said goodbye to Mr Antonucci, our Assistant Site Manager. We wish him luck in his new post.



CLUBS

Please note, apart from Breakfast Club and After School Club, all other clubs will start the week commencing Monday 21st September

CELEBRATION

Happy Rosh Hashanah on the 14th September to all our Jewish staff and families in the school community.



WELCOME

We welcome a number of new staff to Garfield and wish them luck in their new posts:

Mrs Beatrice Opoku-Addo - Receptionist

Miss Natasha Joyram - Year 1 Teacher

Ms Shagufta Siddique - Year 2 Teacher

Miss Rachel Devereux-Evans - Year 4 Teacher

Miss Sherife Mehmed - Year 5 Teacher

Ms Annie Davis - Learning support

Ms Crissy Walls - Learning Mentor

Ms Claudia Bonito - Early Years Assistant

Ms Bagwati Jadeja -- Midday Supervisor



School trips and special events

School trips and special events are really important parts of the curriculum at Garfield and we know the children learn a huge amount from these opportunities and really enjoy these special days. Because of this, we are planning at least one trip or special event for every class, in every half term, during the year. The teachers will let you know the trips planned for your child's class during the 'Meet the teacher' meetings in the week beginning 21st September.

The school will often contribute money towards these special events so that many will be free of charge.

However, in order to maximise the number of opportunities for the children, we may, on occasions, ask parents to give a voluntary contribution towards the cost of a trip. Each year group will ask for no more than a total of £30, across the year, for the different trips and special events, with no more than £15 for any individual trip. We will try to let you know of any trips where the cost is greater than £10 well in advance so payments can, if necessary, be budgeted for or paid in instalments.



School Uniform

After careful consideration (price, look, quality and durability) we have agreed the new school book bags. You will be able to purchase them from the school to save on your postage and for your convenience. We will inform you as soon as we have them in. In addition, we also have new school PE t-shirts that are available online along with the rest of the school uniform.



Attendance and Punctuality

We have had a good start to the term regarding attendance. There has been a minimum amount of lates, both in the morning and at the end of the day and as a school we will strive to ensure all can be done to get our overall attendance to outstanding. I hope I will have your full support with this.

CLASS	W/E 24.07.15
Robin	4
Rose	5
Ruby	5
Kingfisher	3
Bluebell	1
Sapphire	7
Tiger	4
Marigold	9
Flamingo	2
Fuchsia	8
Hummingbird	3
Lavender	8
Grasshopper	0
Hellebore	3
TOTAL	56

Well done to Grasshopper who have started the term with 0 lates.

Proud to be at Garfield

Pride is our value of the month and Garfield and we introduced this in Mondays assembly. We saw how our children had taken pride in wearing their new uniform and pride in their efforts in learning. It is also important that we all (adults and children) continue to have pride in our school. As we are experiencing waiting lists in many classes at Garfield, we can see that our reputation and pride in our school is continuing to rocket.

