



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

# FRIDAY FLYER

## Friday 9th October 2015

### Headteacher's Message

Safety at Garfield is always a high priority. In this week's message, I would like to keep you informed about what we do to keep your child safe and how you can support us in this. You will probably already know that we have one entrance only into the school and a secure office area to let visitors in.

We will continue to have the school gate open from 8:40am in the morning and expect all pupils in Early Years and KS1 to be accompanied by a responsible adult. This adult would be responsible for supervising the child until 8:50am, when the teacher arrives. For pupils in KS2, we have, for some years now, taken the additional steps of having two staff on daily morning duty to be in the KS2 playground until 8:50am, when the teacher arrives. Parents are welcome to stay with their child in the Juniors if they want. School starts promptly at 8:50am and we believe at Garfield that punctuality is an essential life skill.

Our Premises Team will close the gate at 8:55am promptly as this is already 5 minutes after the school day has started. Parents and children are then expected to go to the main office to sign their child in. We do not have any visitors parking on our premises and whilst we appreciate many parents are travelling for a distance, we need to remind everyone that parking on the zig zag lines is illegal and it is extremely dangerous to attempt any U-turn at our entrance.

I have been made aware that there are still sometimes lorries (some of which are connected to our new build) that are parking on Palmers Road and this is a concern for our families using the road. I have made a complaint through the proper channels and hope you will let us know if it has improved or not.

We will be having a "Keeping Safe" month at Garfield in November and we will be ensuring your child is made aware of how to keep themselves safe in a range of situations. This will include E-Safety, Road Safety and Anti-Bullying. Every day at Garfield we work hard on safety and appreciate your ongoing support.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

*Ms Karen Khwaja*

### DIARY DATES

#### Monday 12th October

- ◆ Year 5/6 Girls' Football Club (3.20pm-4.20pm)
- ◆ Year 6 Reading Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ KS2 Drama class (3:30pm-4:15pm)
- ◆ Year 6 Art Club (3:30pm-4:15pm)

#### Tuesday 13th October:

- ◆ Year 5/6 Athletics Club (8am-8.45am)
- ◆ Year 3/4 Art/Crafts Club (3.15pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ Year 5/6 Boys' football Club (3.15pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ Years 5/6 Table Tennis (3.30-4.30)
- ◆ KS2 Aim for the Stars (3.30pm-4.15pm)

#### Wednesday 14th October:

- ◆ Piano lessons with Odele Prince -(9am)
- ◆ Year 5 Reading Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ KS2 Instrumental Group (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ Years 1/2 Multi-Sports (3:30pm-4:30pm)

#### Thursday 15th October:

- ◆ Year 1 Garfield Tumblers (8am-8.45am)
- ◆ Piano lessons with Jenny Carr- (9am)
- ◆ Year 5/6 Netball Club (3.15pm-4.30 pm)
- ◆ KS1 Dance Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ Year 4 Reading club (3:15-4:15pm)
- ◆ KS1 Art Club (3:15pm-4:30pm)
- ◆ Years 3/4/5 Steel Pans (3:15pm-4:30pm)

#### Friday 16th October:

- ◆ KS2 Dance Club (3.30pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ Years 1-6 Homework Club (3.15pm-4.30pm)
- ◆ KS1 Choir (3.15-4pm)
- ◆ Year 5/6 Tag Rugby (3.15pm-4.30pm)

### FUTURE DATES

#### W/C Monday 12th October:

- ◆ Diversity week

#### W/C Monday 19th October:

- ◆ Year 5/6 Trip to Kingswood
- ◆ Thursday 22nd October Freshwater Theatre company in Reception
- ◆ Friday 23rd October Helping Hands AGM (9-10.00am ) all welcome
- ◆ Tiger Class Assembly

#### October 26th-30th Half Term

- Monday 2nd November: Keeping Safe Month
- Friday 27th November: Christmas Fair 3:30pm-5.30pm
- Thursday 10th December : Parents Evening



### Spare Buttons

Anyone who has any spare buttons that are not needed, please bring them into the office for the attention Mrs C Walls, Learning Mentor.

### MACMILLIAN CANCER COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported. We raised an amazing £400



## Harvest Food Donation

Thank you for the generous Harvest food donations! These have been distributed locally and to the Enfield Food Bank. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.



### Suitable Outdoor Clothing

As the weather has started to change it is important that your child is wearing a suitable warm and waterproof coat to school. As well as walking to and from school, the children are outside for break and lunchtimes and occasionally they might be playing in light rain.

### Diversity Week at Garfield

Next Week in conjunction with Black History Month, we will be holding our Annual Diversity Week. This is an exciting opportunity to celebrate our diverse community at Garfield. In each class the children will be studying a country which they will then present in the special Diversity Assembly on Friday.

Also during the week Years 4, 5 and 6 will be attending workshops which will combine music, dance and storytelling from Africa.



### LATES

Punctuality at Garfield is very important and we urge parents to ensure your child arrives to school safely and on time as we will be holding attendance and punctuality clinics every week to meet with parents whose children are continuously late and have poor attendance.

CLASS	W/E 02.10.15	W/E 09.10.15	Difference
Robin	9	9	0
Rose	19	12	-7
Ruby	10	11	+1
Bluebell	10	1	-9
Kingfisher	4	1	-3
Sapphire	11	8	-3
Marigold	1	0	-1
Tiger	12	9	-3
Flamingo	8	1	-7
Fuchsia	2	4	-2
Hummingbird	9	5	-4
Lavender	10	5	-5
Grasshopper	1	6	+5
Hellebore	6	2	-4
TOTAL	112	74	-38



### Christmas Cards at Garfield



Very soon, we will be designing our own Christmas cards again for you to order. It will be a project run by Helping Hands to raise funds for our school. Each child will get a template and then a sample of their card which can be ordered in packs of 12 for £5. Please talk to your child about motives you would like on your cards - it's a fun way of sending personalised cards and supporting our school. Thank you very much. Mrs Godfrey

### SUPPORTING CHARITIES AT GARFIELD

A big thank to all of you for your generosity last week for the Harvest Assembly. All of your gifts have now been shared with nominated individuals, Coppice Wood Lodge and Enfield Foodbank.

Also it was great to see so many of you supporting Mc Millan Coffee Morning and the after school cake sales at which we raised a total of £400

Over the academic year we will be supporting a number of different charities

#### Autumn

Mc Millan Cancer (29-10-15)

Harvest (2-10-15)

Children in Need (13-11-15)

Poppy Appeal - The Royal British Legion (22-10-15 to 11-11-15)

#### Spring

Wear It. Beat It - British Heart Foundation

(5-2-15)

Comic Relief (13-3-16)

#### Summer

To be confirmed

Margaret Walls

give & save  
charity  
days

### ATTENDANCE Week Ending 2nd October 2015

Robin = 89.57%  
Rose = 89.66  
Ruby = 91.30%  
Bluebell = 99.66%  
Kingfisher = 97.99%  
Sapphire = 91.55%  
Marigold = 98.46%  
Tiger = 92.71%  
Flamingo = 98.00%  
Fuchsia = 95.79%  
Hummingbird = 93.06%  
Lavender = 97.06%  
Grasshopper = 97.33%  
Hellebore = 92.19%



Congratulations to all classes who have achieved excellent attendance of over 95%  
TOTAL = 94.72%

National expected standard is 95%  
Our attendance figures are improving. Please note, a member of the Senior Team, alongside our Educational Welfare Officer will be meeting with parents where there are concerns regarding attendance and punctuality.