



## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

We hope you all had a good Christmas break and wish you a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you from all of us for your good wishes, cards and goodies for the staffroom which will keep us going through staff meetings!

### CLASS NAMES

We have decided to give our classes names rather than just refer to them as the teacher's name. Rather than do what lots of schools do and have animal or bird or tree names, we have decided to go with different kinds of 'green', to link to our school name Garrick Green.

Here are the names:

Miss Banner's class will be called Olive Class

Mrs Prophet's class will be called Jade Class

Mrs Morgan's class will be called Sage Class

Mrs Perkins/Mrs Story's class will be called Teal Class

Mrs Ellis' class will be called Emerald Class



We know this will take a while to remember but we have told the children in assembly and hope that they will soon get used to it.

### EMERGENCY CLOSURE SYSTEM

Although we have been lucky so far with the weather this winter, we never know what is round the corner so here is a reminder of our emergency closure system:

If the school has to close due to bad weather we will do our best to send you all a text message as soon as possible. It will also always be announced on the local radio and on the school closures website:  
([www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk))



### STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

Don't forget the last chance to submit an application for a child due to start school in September 2022 is Saturday 15th January.

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## SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Because of our day-to day contact with the children we are particularly well placed to observe outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour or failure to develop. We have a duty to protect children from abuse; however, our role is in recognition and referral, not investigation or intervention. We are required by law to follow procedures laid down by the Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board if we see signs which suggest that one of our pupils may have been the victim of abuse. Use of the procedures in this way is an obligation placed on the school by legislation and in no way infers that any parent/carer is being accused of wrong-doing.

Garrick Green is registered with Operation Encompass. This means that Norfolk Police will contact the school concerning any domestic incidents which involve the families of our children the day after the incident occurred.

## BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

If you have any more newspaper tokens for the Books for Schools, please bring them in as soon as possible.



## CHANGES TO SCOPAY

From Thursday, if you use Scopay, you may notice a slight difference when you process payments on Scopay as Wensum Trust will no longer be using World Pay.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

Please be aware that some of our school holiday dates are different to Old Catton Junior:

Tuesday 19th April - Garrick Green return to school after Easter

Monday 6th June - Garrick Green return to school after Half Term

Friday 22nd July - First day of Summer holiday for Garrick Green



## YEAR GROUP BLOGS

If you want to know what your child has been learning about each week, don't forget to read the blog for their year group on the website each week. You can find the blogs from this link:

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/garrickgreen/learning/class-blogs>

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## NEWS FROM FOGG

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fairs and Christmas shop where an amazing amount of money was raised....£1177.02 from the fairs and £266 from the shop. We were so disappointed not to be able to do things as normal, so to still be able to raise this much money is absolutely fantastic. Thank you to the FOGG team and others who helped organise all of this.

We also raised £80 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day.

FOGG have a few fundraisers/events coming up so please see the diary dates below for these and keep an eye on the FOGG notice board which is on the hall window.



Coming up very soon there will be another colouring completion, a Krispy Kreme donut order and a 5p challenge - this is where each class has a plastic bottle to collect 5p coins brought in from home. The class with the most wins a prize.

## STAY AND PLAY



Hannah Moore will be starting Stay and Play again on Fridays from 9-10 am as soon as there is enough interest to make it worthwhile.

Please spread the word - this is for anyone with children from birth to school age, it doesn't matter if they are not linked to Garrick Green.

## SPARE CLOTHES

Don't forget that your child needs a set of spare clothes on their peg. This does not have to be uniform but should be named like all of their other belongings.



## SCHOOL CENSUS

There will be a school census on Thursday 20th January.

On this day, to secure additional funding for the school, we need as many children as possible to have a lunch provided by school. As Fishy Friday is always popular, we have swapped Thursday and Friday this week so that on Thursday 20th January, the lunch will be fish fingers or vegetable goujons and chips and on Friday 21st January, the lunch will be BBQ chicken tortilla wrap and potato wedges. Jacket potato and sandwich options will not be swapped.

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## DIARY DATES

JANUARY		
MON 10 <sup>TH</sup>	TRAINEE TEACHERS START IN SM AND RE CLASS	
THURS 20 <sup>TH</sup> & FRI 21 <sup>ST</sup>	LUNCH SWAP	
FEBRUARY		
THURS 3 <sup>RD</sup>	PARENT ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP	8PM ZOOM
FRI 4 <sup>TH</sup>	FOGG FILM CLUB 3-5 PM	ALL YEAR GROUPS
THURS 10 <sup>TH</sup>	FOGG VALENTINE'S DISCO	
FRI 11 <sup>TH</sup>	FOGG NON-UNIFORM DAY/BRING A TIN FOR THE FOOD BANK	
MON 14 <sup>TH</sup> - FRI 18 <sup>TH</sup>	HALF TERM	
MON 21 <sup>ST</sup>	SCHOOL STARTS	
MON 21 <sup>ST</sup> - FRI 25 <sup>TH</sup>	INTERNATIONAL WEEK	
MON 28 <sup>TH</sup> - FRI 4 <sup>TH</sup>	PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	
MARCH		
THURS 3 <sup>RD</sup>	WORLD BOOK DAY	
FRI 18 <sup>TH</sup>	COMIC RELIEF	
APRIL		
FRI 1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL	END OF TERM	

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