



# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## CENSUS DAY MENU SWAP

On Thursday 3rd October we have to submit a school census and for maximum funding we need as many children as possible to have either a hot dinner, jacket potato or school packed lunch that day.

We have looked at the menu and lunch that day is not a popular choice so for next week only, we will swap Thursday and Friday.

Thurs 3rd Oct: Fish fingers and chips

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Beef and macaroni bake

### OPEN DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2020

We still have appointments to show people round who may be interested in their child starting at Garrick Green in September 2020, if you know someone in this position, please encourage them to book an appointment to come and have a look.

### SECURITY

If you are by the front door and someone is trying to get in, please wait and let a member of staff let them in.

Likewise, if you are waiting at the front door, please don't think people are ignoring you. For safeguarding reasons it is only school staff who should be opening the door.

### HOMEWORK

As always, reading continues to be high on our agenda this year. Just like last year we are continuing to focus mainly on reading for homework, and not give out Maths and English as well. We ask for you to do reading homework 5 days a week - this can be reading to your child, hearing your child read, playing a sound or blend game, going to the library – anything that involves books is good.

If you want your child to do some English and Maths then there will be suggestions on the weekly blog (on our website).

Big Talk homework has already started in Y1 and Y2 and will start in Reception after half term.

We urge you to fully support your child with their reading – the more they practise, the easier they will find it and hopefully as a result, the more they will enjoy it.



### PARENT EVENTS

We hold regular events for parents to attend through the year:

Reception have a termly Story Café, Y1 and Y2 have a termly reading event and maths event. All of these are aimed at giving you an opportunity to join in a learning activity with your child, as well as giving you an idea of how to support your child with their learning outside of school. You will get a letter in advance of each of these sessions but they are also on the website calendar.

There will be a drop in session for all parents in the last week of term – TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – between 9 and 11.30. This is an opportunity to see your child's work, have a proper look round the classroom and have an informal chat with the classroom adults.

The Wensum Trust has the responsibility for deciding how to form the Governing Bodies of each school in the Trust. Following some changes at Lodge Lane governors, they have decided that we will form a shared Governing Body with Lodge Lane. The Governors from both schools will join together for their meeting every half term but will discuss each school separately so that they remain as two individual schools. This is working well with other schools in and out of the Wensum Trust and should strengthen governance of the two schools.

The Chair of the Shared Governing Body will be Mr Jason Tipple, who has been the Garrick Green chair for several years and who is also one of the trustees of the Wensum Trust. The Vice Chair will be elected from the Lodge Lane Governors.

We are very pleased with this decision and look forward to working together.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS



The children will be designing Christmas cards this week you will soon get a letter with the ordering instructions on.

Please make sure you return the form to school even if you aren't ordering as we always use these designs for the Oyster Travel Christmas Card competition.

The order deadline is **Wednesday 16th October** and the cards/forms need to be back in school by that day ready for collection.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Sign-up sheets for Parent/Teacher interviews will be out next week and we strongly encourage you to make a 10 minute appointment with your child’s teacher.

	8.30-10	2-3.30	4-6
LIZ BANNER	TUES 29 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	MON 4 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	MON 14 <sup>TH</sup> OCT
LISA HERRON	WEDS 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	WEDS 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	MON 14 <sup>TH</sup> OCT
HELEN PROPHET	FRI 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOV	TUES 29 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	MON 14 <sup>TH</sup> OCT
SAM MORGAN	THURS 31 <sup>ST</sup> OCT		WEDS 16 <sup>TH</sup> OCT
SAM MORGAN	TUES 5 <sup>TH</sup> NOV		
RACHEL ELLIS	MON 4 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	THURS 31 <sup>ST</sup> OCT	MON 14 <sup>TH</sup> OCT

**ATTENDANCE**

Last year our attendance was just about in line with the national average and for September we are already falling below!

Don't forget that if your child is off ill and perks up a bit mid morning after some medication, you can still bring them in.


**GRASS**

Now that the grass is wet in the mornings, please keep your child on the playground before school as the carpets are already getting muddy – we do not have enough staff to be outside before school to control this so we are asking for you to closely supervise your children until the bell rings.

**STAFF CAR PARK**

Please remember NOT to walk through the staff car park due to cars getting scratched – you need to go through the small gate and along the path. Also remember to park on the road for Breakfast and After School Clubs so that staff can get in at the start of the day and are not blocked in at the end of the day.

Thank you!



**Y1 AND Y2 HALLOWEEN DISCO**

We will run a Halloween Disco for Y1 and Y2 children on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 5-6.30 pm.

This will be in the school hall and there will be an entry charge of £2.00 per child. A drink and snack will be provided. There will be a Disco for Reception children later in the year.

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

Celebration assembly takes place every Monday morning and we celebrate birthdays, choice cards, Marvellous Me, writer of the week and anything else that crops up. If children do anything out of school and want to celebrate an achievement, then it would be great if they could bring in their certificate, medal or a photo and then we can share it with the whole school.

**NEWS FROM FOGG**

**AGM** - Please come and support our wonderful Parent/Teacher Association on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9 am. We will be holding our annual AGM and need a certain amount of people there in order for it to go ahead. The current committee will stand down and a new committee will be elected. If you attend it doesn't mean that you have to be on the committee, no one is ever forced to be on! We will tell you what FOGG have done this year, go through the accounts and tell you some of our plans for the forthcoming year.

**5P CHALLENGE** - Each class is going to be challenged over the autumn term to fill a two litre bottle with 5p coins - the class that fills the most will be given £50 to spend on whatever they like for their class.

**COLOURING COMPETITION** - look out for a colouring competition for Half term

**HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR** - this will take place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October after school when FOGG will be selling Halloween goodies.

**TABLE TOP SALE** - After the positive feedback on Facebook, this will go ahead on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 2-4 pm.

**NOTICE BOARDS** - for those of you who are not on Facebook, FOGG have 2 new noticeboards to advertise their events and messages - one is in the Green Dragons window and one is in the hall window by the ramp.

**HALF TERM**

We finish for half term on **FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** at 3pm and return on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October which will be our first International Week of the year.

**DIARY DATES FOR END OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

3.10.19	2.15-3	READING EVENT FOR HP Y2 PARENTS
4.10.19	9-10	FOGG AGM
4.10.19	ALL DAY	FLU VACCINATIONS
9.10.19	9-10	READING EVENT FOR Y1 PARENTS
16.10.19	1.45-2.45	NORSE TASTER
28.10.19		NEW MENU STARTS
29.10.19	5-6.30	Y1 AND Y2 DISCO
31.10.19	3-4	FOGG HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
1.11.19	3-5	FILM CLUB (The Little Mermaid)

**NORSE TASTER**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1.45 you are invited to school to a Norse taster session. Some samples from the new winter menu will be available for you and your children to try so that they find it easier to choose what to have for lunch. At the moment there is a huge amount of food waste every lunchtime and we really want children to try and eat all of their lunch rather than giving up after a couple of mouthfuls. If they really don't like something they need to remember not to order it next time round. It would help us a lot if you could chat to your child about what they had for lunch and if they enjoyed it or not.



Please complete the form below and return to your child's class by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**NORSE TASTER**

**Child's name:**

**Class:**

Number of adults attending:

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**