



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



We hope you all had a good summer break - we cannot believe how quickly the summer whizzed by but I'm sure you are all pleased! Anyway, welcome back for a new school year and a particularly warm welcome to all of our new children and their families. We hope you all settle in quickly and without any problems - don't forget to come and ask any of us if there is something you are worried about.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

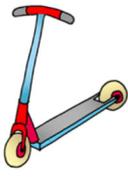
Don't forget that all of the information you need about our school is on our website www.garrickgreen.co.uk and our app garrick green infant.

The calendar and newsletter sections are there for any information you may have forgotten or that you need to know in advance. The calendar for the whole year has been completed and any extra dates will be added as they are set.

If you click on an item on the calendar it will give you more details of the event.

The newsletter is also always on our Facebook page (Friends Of Garrick Green), together with reminders of different things going on. Please use this page to contact other parents with questions but if you need to speak to a member of staff, please wait until the morning if possible, or check the newsletter or website to see if that answers your question. Not all of our staff members use Facebook and even if they do, I am sure that you can appreciate that they need to switch off from school during the evenings.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS



We always encourage our children to walk, bike or scoot to school but please remember that they need to get off their bike or scooter outside the gate and walk with them to the racks behind the mobile.

SPARE CLOTHES

Each child needs a full set of spare clothes on their peg for emergencies - this could be if they've had a toilet accident, got wet or muddy at playtime, got messy with glue or paint etc. It should be left at school.

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 in an obligation placed on the school by legislation and in no way infers that any parent/carer is being accused of wrong-doing.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

FOGG will be issuing bags for your unwanted but good condition clothing and these will be collected on Monday 23rd September – FOGG are happy to store the bags if you don't want to have them hanging around at home.



FOGG FILM CLUB

The next Film Club is on Friday 27th September and this time it is only for Y1 and Y2 children. The film is Aladdin and will run from 3-5 pm. Keep an eye out for more information about how to sign up for this.

READING AND MATHS EVENTS FOR PARENTS

Y1 and Y2 do a reading and a maths event for you to attend each term and these are all on the website calendar. The first ones are as detailed below:

Y2 reading (RE class) – Tues 1st Oct 2.15-3 pm

Y2 reading (HP Y2 parents) – Thurs 3rd Oct 2.15-3 pm

Y1 reading – Weds 9th Oct 9-10 am

We have listened to your feedback about these sessions - they are on different days of the week through the year and by splitting the Y2 events we have reduced the number of children and parents in each one so they are not so busy and noisy.

BOOK SWAP SHED

Our Book Swap Shed on the playground is there for you to use. We have books for adults as well as children in there and the idea is that you or your child can bring a book from home that you know longer want, and swap it with one from the shed. If you would rather make a donation then there is a plastic wallet attached to the inside of the shed door.



P.E KIT



In Y1 and Y2 please make sure your child has a P.E kit in school every week. They need a t-shirt and shorts but will not need plimsolls or trainers until the Summer Term. Long hair needs to be tied back and ear rings need to be removed or covered with micropore tape or a wide elasticated hair band which you should provide.

LIBRARY VAN

The library van will visit school on WEDS 17th SEPTEMBER for Y1 and Y2 so make sure your child has their library card if they wish to borrow a book.

READING

Children are encouraged to borrow a 'sharing book' from the library as often as they like and don't forget that we have some of these in foreign languages as well.

Children can change their reading book as often as they like but only school staff can tell them when to move to the next colour.

As you know, it is essential for children to practise their reading skills at home, if they are to make good progress. Please remember to sign the yellow reading diary every time you listen to your child read, or when you read to them.

DRINK BOTTLES

Children in Y1 and Y2 need a water bottle every day. Children in Lisa Herron's and Liz Banner's classes do not as they have a snack and drink table with jugs and cups.

WELLIES

All children need to have a pair of named wellies in a bag on their peg please, especially as the grass is quite wet in the mornings and we don't want to spoil our carpets with muddy shoes.



STUDENT TEACHER

We welcome Mrs Laura Desborough to Rachel Ellis' class this year - she will do an autumn term placement and a summer term placement as part of her teacher training programme. She will come to meet the class and get to know the school for a week starting on 16th September and her placement starts at the beginning of October.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

You may recall from the new intake visits back in July that I said that you would be encouraged to attend a parent information session which would give you a greater insight into what your child does at school. Dates for these sessions are below so please choose any one of them and sign up in the classroom:

TUES 24th SEPT 2.15-3 PM

TUES 1st OCT 9-10 AM

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR Y1 PARENTS

Y1 parents are encouraged to sign up for an information session to find out about the Y1 curriculum and how we make sure the transition from Reception to Y1 is as smooth as possible.

MON 23rd SEPT 9-10 AM



INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR Y2 PARENTS

Y2 parents are encouraged to sign up for an information session to find out about the Y2 and about how we prepare your child for the end of year national assessments and the transition to Junior School.

MON 23rd SEPT 2.15-3 PM

TUES 24th SEPT 9-10 AM

CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020

If you know anyone whose child is due to start school next September, please encourage them to come and have a look round. They can email or phone to make an appointment. Even if they don't live in the local area, they still have a chance of a getting a place. Thank you!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION



Please make sure that you supervise your child before and after school if they are not standing with you.

If you need to come into school before 9am please use the front door.

Now that Green Dragons Breakfast and After School Clubs are running from the main classroom that opens onto the playground, those children will be using the main playground as their outdoor space. For this reason we will be locking the gates at 3.15pm each afternoon.

If your child is attending an after school club such as Film Club or a sports club you will need to wait outside the front door until the club leader lets you in to collect your child.

FLU VACCINATION

As you will see from the calendar on the website, all children will be able to have the flu vaccination in October. This year the school immunisation team request you to go online to consent to this or to refuse it. More information will follow but this link tells you more about it: <https://vimeo.com/341806601>

ATTENDANCE

As you will be aware by now, we are not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time unless the circumstances are exceptional. All planned absence during term time should be applied for in writing at least a week before the absence and you will receive a written response.

Reception parents had a letter explaining the attendance system in more detail in their admissions packs and Y1 and Y2 parents should have got the letter on Wednesday.

We are constantly trying to keep our school attendance in line with the national average but we need your support to do this. We are aiming for 97% attendance and each month there is a poster in the window of the spare classroom overlooking the playground showing the attendance for the previous month.



HALF TERM

School closes for Half Term on FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER and the children come back on MONDAY 28th OCTOBER