



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had a good summer break. Welcome back to the new school year and a particularly warm welcome to all of our new children and their families. We hope that all of the children settle in quickly and without any problems – don't forget to come and see us or email us if there is something you are worried about.



Don't forget that our start time has changed since last year. The bell will ring and doors will open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. If you are late, please go through the main office and sign your child in. So far we are very impressed with most people being on time every day, despite the early start, so please keep up the good work!

WEBSITE, APP, FACEBOOK AND BLOG

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.

Class blogs are updated weekly on our website with information that is specific to your child's year group - <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/garrickgreen/learning/class-blogs>

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 will be completed as soon as possible and any extra dates will be added as they are set. Autumn term dates are already on the calendar.

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

Newsletters are emailed to you each month.

Our Facebook page 'Garrick Green Infant School' has a new photo each day showing things we have been doing in recent days/weeks. Please like and share these posts so that we reach a wider audience.

Our other Facebook page 'Friends of Garrick Green' is a private group and reminders and other information will be posted here. If you have not yet joined, please do so if you can, and remember to answer the membership questions so that we know who you are.

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VOLUNTEERS

If any of you or a family member or friend could spare a couple of hours a week to volunteer at our school then we would be very grateful.

We need volunteers to listen to children read and we would also love someone to volunteer to keep our library tidy. Children use the library every day and are not great at putting books back in the right place or the right way up, despite lots of training!

If you are interested in either of these roles or any other voluntary role that you think you'd like to offer then please email Liz Banner deputy@garrickgreen.norfolk.sch.uk and she will discuss it with you.

READING IN THE HALL

Don't forget that the hall is open every morning before school for you to go in and listen to your child read. This was very popular last year and the feedback we got was that it was one less job to do at home, and that children were more inclined to read at school than at home. We just ask that anyone using this facility treats it like a library so that children can concentrate their reading, and also that you put chairs back so that the hall is left ready for assembly. Thank you!



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. It does not have to be school uniform.

CENSUS LUNCH

Thursday 5th October is school census day. This is a day when we get funding secured according to how many children have a school lunch that day. We need as many children as possible to have a hot dinner or school packed lunch so we are swapping the Thursday and Friday menu around that day - this means that on Thursday 5th, the lunch options will be: Fish Fingers or Veggie Burger.

On Friday 6th, the lunch options will be: Chicken Fajita Wrap or Vegetable Goujon Wrap.



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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 Partnership 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/carers is being accused of wrongdoing.

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember to let us know if any of your contact details change or if you want school newsletters and other letters to be emailed to more than one parent.

ATTENDANCE

You have already received a letter about attendance and as you know it is something that we monitor carefully.

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 - last year our attendance increased to 94% - a lot of absence was due to genuine illness, but a lot was also due to holidays or odd days off here and there which we are really trying to avoid.

If your child is too ill to attend school, please ring the office to inform us. If they are off because of sickness or diarrhoea, then they must stay off for 48 hours after the last 'incident'

CAR PARK

Just a reminder that the school car park is just for staff so please do not use it at drop off or pick up times. Thank you!



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STAY AND PLAY

We are delighted to announce that Stay and Play will be up and running again after October Half Term.

It will be on a Tuesday from 8.45-10.00 and is open to parents and children - babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. It will be run by Hannah Moore, one of our TAs and parents and there will be toys, books, craft and refreshments. The cost is £1.50 per family.

Please let your friends know about this!



DRINK BOTTLES

All children need a named water bottle every day – please stick to water and not juice. Children in Olive and Jade classes will also have access to milk if they would like it.

WELLIES

All children need to have a pair of named wellies that stay at school, especially as the grass is quite wet in the mornings and we don't want to spoil our carpets with muddy shoes after playtime.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS



As always, I will be holding meetings for parents in each year group to talk about the curriculum and tell you what you can expect the children to be doing this year. You have had an email and a google form about these so please sign up for a session - you only need to attend one meeting and they will last for about an hour.

AFTER SCHOOL

We are more than happy for you to stay and use the school field with your child after school but please remember that you are responsible for your child as soon as we hand them to you at 3pm. We would expect children to follow school rules whilst still on the premises, for example not climbing trees or going on the top of the climbing frame! We will lock the gate at 3.15pm to keep the children from Green Dragons safe.

SCHOOL STAFF

Kelly in our office will only be working Monday-Thursday from October. We have employed Mrs Katie Hammond to run the office on a Friday.

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CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024

If you know anyone whose child is due to start school next September, please encourage them to come and have a look round. We are holding some open day sessions for prospective parents and they just need to phone to book a place:

TUESDAY 26TH SEPT 9.30-10.30 AM

MONDAY 16TH OCT 1.30-2.30 PM

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCT 7-8 PM



Even if they don't live in the local area, they still have a chance of a getting a place. Thank you!

ALLERGIES

Please remember that we are a nut free school - some types of chocolate spread and cereal bars contain nuts so please check the ingredients before you send any of these products to school.

We also ask you not to send egg sandwiches, scotch eggs, mini eggs etc due to one of our children having a severe allergy to these products.

HALF TERM

School closes for Half Term on **FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER** and the children come back on **30TH OCTOBER**.



SEPTEMBER			
18th	FOGG TEA AND COFFEE MORNING		8.30-9.30
18th	AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START		Y1 AND Y2
22nd	STUDENT TEACHER STARTS (Miss Wyatt)		SAGE CLASS
26th	PROSPECTIVE PARENT SESSION		9.30-10.30

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OCTOBER			
2nd	INFO SESSION FOR SAGE AND TEAL Y1 PARENTS		8.45-9.45
2nd	INFO SESSION FOR Y2 PARENTS		1.55-2.55
3rd	INFO SESSION FOR Y2 PARENTS		8.45-9.45
3rd	INFO SESSION FOR SAGE AND TEAL Y1 PARENTS		1.55-2.55
4th	PHONICS STORY CAFE FOR OLIVE AND JADE RECEPTION PARENTS		2.00-3.00
5th	INFO SESSION FOR JADE AND OLIVE Y1 PARENTS		1.55-2.55
9th	INFO SESSION FOR RECEPTION PARENTS		1.45-3.00
10th	INFO SESSION FOR RECEPTION PARENTS		8.45-10.00
11th	SAGE AND TEAL Y1 PARENTS READING EVENT		8.45-9.45
11th	PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SESSION		7.00-8.00
16th	PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SESSION		1.30-2.30
20th	LAST DAY		
30th	SCHOOL STARTS		
30th	NEW MENU STARTS		
NOVEMBER			
1st	SCHOOL PHOTOS		
6th	PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS		2.00-5.00

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7th	PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS		4.00-6.00
WB 13th	OLD CATTON JUNIOR SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL TOURS FOR Y2 CHILDREN AND PARENTS		
17th	CHILDREN IN NEED		
21st	FLU IMMUNISATIONS		
DECEMBER			
4th	OPEN MORNING	ALL CLASSES	8.50-9.20
5th	Y2 CHILDREN TO OLD CATTON JUNIOR		1.30-2.30
7th	OPEN MORNING FOR ALL CLASSES		8.50-9.20
8th	CHRISTMAS FAIR		AFTER SCHOOL
8th	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY		
11th	OPEN MORNING SAGE/TEAL/EMERALD		8.50-9.20
13th	OLIVE and JADE CLASS NATIVITY	JADE CLASS PARENTS	9.10
14th	OLIVE and JADE CLASS NATIVITY	OLIVE CLASS PARENTS	9.10
19th	CHRISTMAS DINNER		
20th	LAST DAY OF TERM		

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