



Decembers Newsletter

SEASONS GREETING

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Term ends at 3.00pm on WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER and the children start again on THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2024

MENU SWAP

On the last day of term (Weds 20th), the menu for Friday will be offered instead - fish fingers or veggie burger, chips and peas or beans OR Jacket Potato with cheese, beans or tuna OR cheese or ham sandwich

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Children in Olive and Jade classes are very busy practising for their Nativity performances which are coming up soon – see dates and times in diary dates section below.

You will not be able to take photos or videos of these performances for safeguarding reasons.

You are welcome to come and sit in the hall straight after drop off - there will be a board in the corridor showing where your child will be sitting in the performance, if you want to get a good view of them!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please come along to our Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December from 3-5pm - there will be a raffle, tombola, face painting, lucky dip refreshments and much more.

See the FOGG Facebook pages for all the amazing raffle prizes - there will still be tickets available to purchase at the Fair if you need more!

FOGG are extremely grateful for all of your donations for stalls and prizes as without these we wouldn't be able to have a Fair.

If there are any more parents out there who would be able to help on a stall for half an hour or an hour, please mention this to Kelly in the office and she will pass this on to FOGG.

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



As if December 8th isn't going to be exciting enough with the Fair, we are also going to take part in CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY that day. Anyone who wants to take part can either wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt/dress or decorate their own jumper in a Christmassy way. You pay a minimum of £1 and all proceeds go to Save the Children. Your child can wear normal uniform with their Christmas jumper, or have it as a complete non-uniform day, we really do not mind as long as what they are wearing is suitable for school and for going outside for playtime and lunch.

There is a box in the foyer if you have a Christmas Jumper that you would like to donate for someone else to use or if you'd like to borrow one for your child. Please help yourself if you would like one.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The school Christmas post-box will be down near the library from Monday 4th December until the end of term. If your child has cards to give out, please put them in the post box and we will endeavour to have a daily delivery.

In order to make it easier for our 'post boys/girls' please could you label the envelope with the initials of the class teacher or the name of the class that the card is going to:

Sage SM Teal JP/JF Olive LB/HS Jade HP Emerald RE

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

As you already know from a FOGG email, FOGG and staff are running a Christmas party for each year group in turn on Monday 18th December.

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Reception: 3-4pm

Y1: 4.15-5.15

Y2 5.30-6.30

Y1 and Y2 children need to enter the party through the hall door with the ramp.

You need to collect your child from the following doors:

Olive Reception - hall door with ramp

Jade Reception - side door to hall (near water fountain)

Sage Y1 - Sage classroom door

Olive and Jade Y1 - side door to hall (near water fountain)

Teal Y1 - hall door with ramp

Teal Y2 - side door to hall (near water fountain)

Emerald Y2 - hall door with ramp

We have allowed a 15 minute gap between parties so that children leaving do not get muddled up with children arriving, so please stick to the times stated.

If your child is attending the party for their year group, please make sure you have filled in the Google form sent out a couple of weeks ago, and paid the £2.50 to the FOGG bank account.

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Children attending Green Dragons that day need to bring their party clothes to school in a named bag and get ready at school if they also want to attend the party. They will be taken to the party by Green Dragons staff and then taken back to the club or picked up by parents.

Children in Reception need to bring their party clothes to school in a named bag. Staff from the class will help them get ready and then take them to the party.

NORFOLK HOLIDAY FUN

Please see attached document about the Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun scheme which is taking place during the Christmas Holidays.

READING FOR PLEASURE

Liz Banner is engaging in a whole school project on changing the culture of reading in our school so that children are choosing to read, showing an interest in books, developing a knowledge of different authors and book themes and are able to discuss and recommend different stories that they have read or listened to.

As a staff we have agreed on a few initiatives which will help with this. One of these is a half termly Family Book Share where anyone from a child's family can come in to class and share some stories together. The first one will be on 16th January from 2.45-3pm. If you can't come along then it would be good to arrange for your child to sit with a friend, but if not, they can share some books with staff from the class.

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Other things we have started doing include going to the library once a week for a story, a half termly story with a different teacher, opportunities for informal book talk, children having quality time to look at/read books independently or with a friend and a new after school library club which will start in January.

You will have noticed the Book Swap Shed in the playground near Teal class. This will be opened regularly before school and the idea is that you can swap one of your own books with one from the shed. The shed includes books for all age groups from toddlers to adults. If you would like a book from the shed but don't have one to swap, that is fine - there is a suggested donation of 50p but the most important thing is for the books to be used, it is not a fundraising scheme.

POPPIES AND CHILDREN IN NEED

We are not yet sure how much we raised but

Thank you for supporting these charities in November.

USED STAMPS



Please save the stamps from your Christmas cards - we collect used stamps for the Royal National Institute for the Blind - please give these in to an adult from your child's class or to the office.

ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance so far this school year is 95% which is amazing considering the amount of horrible germs bugs going round the school. However there are still 25 children who fall into the persistently absent category (90% or lower) which is too many.

In line with our policy, parents of those whose attendance sits within the persistently absent range and particularly those whose attendance has dipped even further into that range since the end of October, will receive a letter just to make you aware, even if we know it's because of a holiday or illness.

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FAREWELL TO OUR SENCO

We are very sad to be saying 'goodbye' to our SENCo Lisa Herron at the end of this term, when she leaves us to take on a new role as a Specialist Learning Support Teacher with the Local Authority.

Lisa has been part of Garrick Green since September 2000 when her eldest daughter started here in Reception. Since then she has had a role as a teacher, a staff governor, a SENCo and a non-teaching SENCo. I suppose it is not surprising that she has decided it is time to move on but it goes without saying that she will be hugely missed by staff, children and I am sure by all of the families who have got to know Lisa over the years. We all wish her lots of good luck in her new role and thank her for all she has done for the school and its children and families during her time with us.

We have appointed a new SENCo, Mrs Shelley Leggett to work across Garrick Green and Lodge Lane and we look forward to welcoming her to our team in January.

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		3-5
8TH	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY		
11TH	OPEN MORNING SAGE/TEAL/EMERALD		8.50-9.20
13 TH	OLIVE and JADE CLASS NATIVITY	JADE CLASS PARENTS	9.10
14TH	OLIVE and JADE CLASS NATIVITY	OLIVE CLASS PARENTS	9.10
15TH	DEADLINE FOR FOGG COLOURING		

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	COMPETITION		
19TH	NO STAY AND PLAY		
19TH	CHRISTMAS DINNER		
20TH	LAST DAY OF TERM		
20TH	NON-UNIFORM- WEAR YOUR COMFIES	OPTIONAL FOR £1	
20TH	MENU SWAP		
JANUARY			
4TH	START OF SPRING TERM		
16th	FAMILY BOOK SHARE		2.45-3.00
29TH	VISION AND HEARING CHECKS	RECEPTION CHILDREN	
30TH	VISION AND HEARING CHECKS	RECEPTION CHILDREN	
30TH	Y2 ASSEMBLY WITH MISS EMERICK (OLD CATTON JUNIOR)	2.15-2.45	
FEBRUARY			
16TH	CLOSE FOR HALF TERM		3PM
26TH	SCHOOL STARTS		

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