



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 presents which are very much appreciated.

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)

STAY AND PLAY

It would be lovely to see more of our families at Stay and Play in the hall on a Tuesday morning after drop-off. It's not just a good social opportunity for the children, but also for the adults! Currently only about 4 regulars are coming which is such a shame - there are lots of toys and games for the children, it's a nice big space and there are refreshments too.

No need to book, just come along for an hour and chat with other parents. Bring your friends along too, it's not just for Garrick Green families.

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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/ 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.



CENSUS DAY MENU CHANGE

There will be a school census on Thursday 18th January. On this day we need as many children as possible to have a lunch provided by school. For this reason we are doing a different menu on Thursday 18th January

The hot dinner option will be margherita pizza and crispy cake for dessert.

The jacket potato and sandwich options will remain the same.

FAMILY BOOK SHARE

As part of our work on changing the reading culture in school, we have a 'Family Book Share' on Tuesday 16th January at 2.45pm.

For this we encourage you/ family members to come to school and share books in the classroom with your child.

We will open the front and back gates at 2.40 and you need to go to the classroom door. If you have more than one child in school then we suggest you go and collect one from their classroom and then take them to the other one's classroom so you can all be together.

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If no one is able to attend for your child, then please prepare your child for this. You could organise for them to be with a friend and their family, or they can sit with school staff.

We have purposely organised these on different days each time, so if you can't come to the first one, hopefully you can attend in the future.

The dates for the rest of the year are:

Weds 20th March

Thurs 9th May

Mon 24th June

NORWICH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CHILDREN'S CONCERT



The Norfolk Music Hub have asked us to promote the following event:

The Norwich Philharmonic Orchestra presents a wonderful new opportunity for young children and their families to experience live orchestral music in a special, fun and informal children's concert. Taking place at the friendly Kings Centre on Kings Street in Norwich on Saturday 10th February, there will be two afternoon performances of just an hour centred around the funny musical tale of *The Knight Who Took All Day*. Children can dress up, sit close to the players and even have a go on some instruments themselves.

A new initiative from the Norwich Phil, it promises to be great fun and a marvellous musical experience for children aged 5-11.

Saturday 10th February 2024 at 2.30 pm and 4.30pm

The Kings Centre, King Street

The Phil's Children's Concert

Featuring *The Knight Who Took All Day* and other heroic deeds in music!

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Matthew Andrews conductor

Bernard Hughes narrator

This fun and informal concert is specially designed for young children and their families. ***The Knight Who Took All Day*** is a setting of James Mayhew's children's book by composer, Bernard Hughes. As well as narrating the funny tale, Bernard also introduces heroic deeds in music by **Tchaikovsky, Rossini, Grieg, Prokofiev** and **Khachaturian**, plus the theme to ***How To Train Your Dragon***.

Each performance lasts around 50 mins plus a short interval, when children will be able to have a go on some of the instruments. Youngsters are encouraged to dress up as their favourite hero and during the performance young ones can sit on the floor or on bean bags at the front for close-up views of the musicians. Suggested age range 5-11 but older children will enjoy it too.

The venue is the comfortable and spacious Kings Centre at 63-75 King St, Norwich NR1 1PH. Parking nearby at Castle Quarter, Rose Lane or Rouen Road car parks.

Tickets are at a special price of £5 Children and £12 Adults.

Available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/norwichphil

SPARE CLOTHES



Please make sure your child has a set of spare clothes in a bag on their peg - lots were taken home at Christmas and have not been returned. Thank you!

MSA VACANCY

We are sorry to be saying 'Goodbye' to one of our Midday Supervisors, Sarah Church, who has worked with us since September 2022. We are currently recruiting for a replacement for Sarah -if you are interested, follow this link www.mynewterm.com/jobs/143460/EDV-2024-GGIS-18087

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DIARY DATES UNTIL END OF SPRING TERM

JANUARY			
4TH	START OF SPRING TERM		
16TH	FAMILY BOOK SHARE	2.45-3	
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			
13TH	STORY SWAPS		
16TH	CLOSE FOR HALF TERM		3PM
26TH	SCHOOL STARTS		
MARCH			
4TH AND 5TH	Y1 PHONICS PRACTICE CHECKS		
4TH	PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	2-5PM	
5TH	PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	4-6.30 PM	

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7TH	WORLD BOOK DAY		
13TH	OLIVE AND JADE CLASS MATHS EVENT FOR PARENTS	8.45-9.45 AM	
14TH	Y2 VISIT OLD CATTON JUNIOR	1.15-2.45	
15TH	RED NOSE DAY		
18TH	OPEN MORNING	8.50-9.20	ALL CLASSES
20TH	FAMILY BOOK SHARE	2.45-3PM	
22ND	OPEN MORNING	8.50-9.20	ALL CLASSES
22ND	STORY SWAPS		
25TH	OPEN MORNING	8.50-9.20	SAGE, TEAL, EMERALD CLASSES
27TH	END OF TERM	3PM	

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