

MARCH NEWSLETTER

WORLD BOOK DAY

As you will be aware from a letter emailed out before half term, we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and our theme is 'emotions'. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as an emotion, ready for a range of activities based on a story that all classes will be listening to. There are some ideas in the letter that was sent.



READING BEFORE SCHOOL

Don't forget that the hall is open before school every morning for you to go in with your child and practise reading. We haven't noticed many of you in there lately - last year lots of parents took up this opportunity and the extra reading practise had a huge impact on progress.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Please sign up for one of these - next week on Monday and Tuesday - if you can, as it is important for teachers to give you an update on how your child is doing both socially and academically, now that we are just over half way through the school year. <https://www.scopay.com/login>



OPEN MORNINGS

As you will see from the diary dates, we have some Open Mornings coming up at the end of term. These are an opportunity for you to come in and look at your child's books with them, and at the displays of work in the classroom. Sign up will be via a Google form which will be sent nearer the time. There will be a limited number of places each day. Children whose parents are attending will not go to assembly so that they are free to share their books with you. All sessions are from 8.50am - 9.20am

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COMIC RELIEF

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March.

The red noses that are available to purchase from Amazon for £2 are suitable for children over the age of 3, and are recyclable.

We will be having an optional non-uniform day where children can wear as much red as possible, and donate a suggested minimum of £1. If children want to have a red nose with face paints, a sticker etc, instead of the official red nose then that is fine of course. If your child is not joining in then please send them in their normal school uniform.



SAFEGUARDING

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 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.

Our designated safeguarding leads at Garrick Green are:

Rebecca Dewing
Liz Banner
Helen Prophet
Rachael Aitken

SCHOOL DINNERS

There will be a new menu for the summer term which will start after Easter and will run until October half term. We have not had a school cook since September our dinners have been prepared at Arden Grove School and then transported to us.

We are delighted to welcome a new cook to Garrick Green, an experienced school cook called Pip, who starts in March. We will send you the new menu as soon as it has been finalised.



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PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



We are very grateful to FOGG for agreeing to fund an exciting new addition for our main playground.

We will be getting two sets of these climbing poles and they will be installed on the field near the tyres.

We are hoping for these to be done just before the Holidays, in time for the summer term.

Thank you FOGG!



FAMILY BOOK SHARE

We have another Family Book Share this half term, on 20th March at 2.45pm.

Just like before, 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.

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.

RSHE - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Our revised policy will be on our website by the middle of March once it has been approved by our Governors.

Our Jigsaw theme for this half term is 'Healthy Me' so lessons and assemblies will cover healthy eating, healthy minds and healthy bodies. Our favourite assembly story in so far has been 'Do not lick this book' where the children learnt all about unhealthy microbes.



EASTER HOLIDAY

We finish for the Easter break at 3pm on Wednesday 27th March and return on Monday 15th April.



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4th & 5th	Y1 PHONICS PRACTICE CHECKS		
4th	FOGG MOTHER'S DAY SHOP		
4th	PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	2.00 - 5.00 PM	IN THE HALL
5th	PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	4.00 - 6.30 PM	IN THE HALL
6th	VISION AND HEARING RE-TESTS		RECEPTION CHILDREN
7th	WORLD BOOK DAY		
13th	OLIVE AND JADE CLASS MATHS EVENT FOR PARENTS	8.45 - 9.45 AM	IN THE HALL
14th	Y2 VISIT OLD CATTON JUNIOR	1.15 - 2.45 PM	
15th	RED NOSE DAY		£1.00 TO WEAR RED
18th	OPEN MORNING	8.50 - 9.20 AM	ALL CLASSES
20th	FAMILY BOOK SHARE	2.45 - 3.00 PM	IN CLASSROOMS
22nd	OPEN MORNING	8.50 - 9.20 AM	ALL CLASSES
22nd	STORY SWAPS		
25th	OPEN MORNING	8.50 - 9.20 AM	SAGE, TEAL, EMERALD
27th	END OF TERM	3.00 PM	

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APRIL			
15th	SUMMER TERM STARTS	8.40 AM	
22nd	ASSEMBLY FOR Y2 CHILDREN FROM MISS EMRICK, OLD CATTON JUNIOR	2.15 PM	

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