



# LEARN TO BE HAPPY – BE HAPPY TO LEARN



We are locking the gate promptly at 8.40 so please can you try to ensure that you have dropped your child off before then to minimise disruption and also the impact on your child's learning.

## ABSENCE REQUESTS

Any requests for absence such as a holiday must be submitted on the official absence form, not just by letter or email. If the absence is for a medical appointment then a phone call or email is fine. The absence form is available on the school website in the Parents and Carers section under attendance.



## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS



You should have received a Google Form to sign up for a parent/teacher meeting so please make sure you book one of these. If you cannot attend on either of the days given, please ask your child's teacher if they can see you at another time. All meetings are on 10th and 18th November - please come to the front door but you do not need to sign in on the screen. On the 10th the meetings will take place in Lime and Mint class, please wait in Sage class and the teacher will come and get you. Shelley (SENDCO) will be available to chat to in Sage class. If you need to bring your child with you, they can go to Teal class where Liz will be supervising.

We know life can get busy, and sometimes plans change. If you can't attend your appointment, please let us know - we'll always try our best to help. However, if we don't hear from you and you miss your appointment, we won't be able to reschedule.

## OPEN AFTERNOONS

There will be two open afternoons this half term (9th December and 12th December 2.30 - 2.45) - you will be able to sign up to one of them. This is an opportunity for you to come into your child's class and see what they have been working on since September. There will be a booking form emailed to you nearer the time with more information.



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## BIG NORFOLK HOLIDAY FUN



This will run between 22nd December and 5th January.

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 4 -16 in Norfolk.

Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can claim up to 4 free spaces on the programme, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't.

## CLASS BLOGS

Please make sure you read the class blogs each week so that you know what your child is learning about and how you can support this learning at home.

You can find the blogs, following the link below:

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/garrickgreen/learning/class-blogs-1>



## CHILDREN IN NEED



We will be raising money for Children In Need on Friday 14th November - children can wear spots to school for a suggested donation of £1. Taking part in this is entirely optional but if children do not take part, they need to wear their school uniform as normal.

Instead of bringing £1 into school please can you donate on the Garrick Green Infant School's Children in Need Just Giving Page -

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/garrickgreen?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/garrickgreen?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

## SPARE SHOES



If you have any children's shoes that no longer fit and are happy to donate them, we would be very grateful. These will help us keep a selection of spare shoes in school for when they are needed.

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## BOOKBAGS

Please could we kindly ask that water bottles and jumpers/cardigans are not placed inside book bags. Unfortunately, we have had several books damaged due to leaking bottles and bags becoming overfilled.



We also ask that book bags have only one flat keyring attached, and no pin badges, to help keep them safe and easy to store.

## CAR PARK



Please could we remind families dropping off for Breakfast Club not to use the school car park. This is the time when staff are arriving, and keeping the car park clear helps ensure it doesn't become too busy.

The car park gates will be closed in the morning to prevent people walking through, helping to keep everyone safe and to protect the cars from accidental damage.

## FOGG AGM

A huge thank you to everyone who joined the FOGG AGM, whether in person or on Zoom. Your support means that FOGG can continue their brilliant work again this year.



FOGG are an incredible asset to our school, helping to provide those extra experiences and resources that fall outside the usual school budget. This year, they are working towards funding a fantastic castle climbing frame for the playground - something we know the children will absolutely love!

Please support them in any way you can; every contribution, big or small, makes a difference for our children.

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## READING AT HOME



At Garrick Green, the most important homework we ask of the children is simply to read at home. Little and often really makes a difference - regular reading helps children make steady progress, and it also supports their writing skills.

If possible, please try to listen to your child read for at least 5 minutes, five times a week. Just a few minutes each day has a huge impact, and we are so grateful for your support in building these positive habits.

Please also remember to jot a quick note in your child's reading diary - even a short comment helps us keep track and celebrate their progress together. Thank you for working with us to help your child develop a love of reading!

## UNIFORM REMINDER

Just a reminder about school uniform -

All children must have an **official** school sweatshirt or cardigan with **Garrick Green logo** – available to order online from Birds of Dereham.



To be worn with a polo shirt in **plain white, navy or jade green** – white and jade polo shirts with the school logo are available to order but are not compulsory.

**Plain grey, black or navy** shorts, trousers or leggings, skirt or pinafore or **green and white** checked school dress.

Any socks or **plain** tights

**Plain black** sensible shoes or trainers that child can fasten and unfasten themselves

Any wellington boots and a warm waterproof coat

Separate waterproof coat and trousers or all-in-one wet weather suit (RECEPTION ONLY)

Nail varnish and tattoos should not be worn and long hair should be tied back

Only stud ear rings should be worn and these should be removed or covered with tape or a wide elasticated hair band for P.E lessons

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**P.E KIT (RECEPTION CHILDREN DO NOT NEED THIS UNTIL SPORTS WEEK AT THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM)**

A **plain white** short sleeved **polo shirt** and **plain black** jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts and an **official** school sweatshirt or cardigan with **Garrick Green logo** (In Year 1 and 2 P.E. kit is worn to school on the specific day the class does P.E.)

**ALL CLOTHES AND FOOTWEAR MUST BE NAMED**

## **END OF TERM**



School closes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 19th December and school starts again on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
3RD	SCHOOL STARTS		
5TH	INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS		
7TH	WEAR A DIFFERENT TOP DAY AND BRING A TOMBOLA PRIZE FOR FOGG		
7th	FOGG BAKE SALE		3.00
10TH	ORDER DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS		
10TH	PARENT/TEACHER MTGS		3.15-6.15
12TH	KARATE TASTER SESSIONS		ALL DAY
13TH	DENTIST CHECK UPS		

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14TH	CHILDREN IN NEED NON UNIFORM – WEAR SOMETHING SPOTTY AND PAY £1		
17TH	OLD CATTON JUNIOR SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL TOURS FOR Y2 PARENTS	YEAR 2	
18TH	YEAR 2 TRIP	YEAR 2	ALL DAY
18TH	PARENT/TEACHER MTGS		3.15-6.15
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
2ND	Y2 CHILDREN TO OLD CATTON JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PLAY	YEAR 2	1.30-2.30
5TH	FOGG CHRISTMAS FAIR		AFTER SCHOOL
10TH	JADE CLASS NATIVITY	JADE CLASS PARENTS	9.10 -9.40
9th	OPEN AFTERNOON		2.30 - 2.45
12TH	OPEN AFTERNOON		2.30 - 2.45
12TH	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY		
15TH	SURPRISE CHRISTMAS TREAT		AM
17TH	CHRISTMAS DINNER		
19TH	END OF TERM		3.00

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