



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Rachael Aitken: School Family support Worker (FSW)

Rachael's role as FSW acts as a bridge between home and school, providing practical advice and emotional support to families to ensure children can thrive academically and socially.

Rachael is here to provide a "listening ear" for parents and carers, offering advice on parenting, managing challenging behaviour at home, and establishing daily routines.

Rachael has a great wealth of knowledge of organisations that she can signpost you to for things like: wellbeing support, parenting support, bereavement, financial support and much more.

Rachael can also offer support to families who have other agencies involved and can act as the link between them, home and school.

If you have any concerns about your child or family please don't hesitate to contact Rachael (raitken6bra@nsix.org.uk)

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS



These are coming up shortly after half term on Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 10th March - Kelly will send you an email when the booking system goes live.

SEN SUPPORT IN SCHOOL

Shelley Leggett continues to be our SENCO as well as supporting in other Trust schools - Lodge Lane and Arden Grove. She is usually in school one day a week but can be contacted via email throughout the week on senco@garrickgreen.norfolk.sch.uk



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If you have any concerns around your child's learning and development your first point of call is always your child's class teacher, however they liaise closely with Shelley and will discuss concerns so that Shelley can then offer further support when necessary.

As part of our commitment to working closely with families, Shelley will be available during our parents evening on Monday 2nd March if you would like to meet her or chat through any concerns, you are welcome to make an appointment or just pop in. Appointments will also be made available for all parents with children on our SEN list to review and talk through current support plans.

Alongside the support that can be offered in school the 'Just One Norfolk' website <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/> has a wealth of information that can be accessed if you have concerns around your child's health, development and emotional wellbeing. Please do take a look if you have any initial concerns.

START OF THE DAY



We've noticed that a small number of children are arriving late to school on a regular basis. We understand that mornings can sometimes be challenging, however persistent lateness can have a knock-on effect not only for the child arriving late, but also for the rest of the class, as well as our office and kitchen staff.

The school doors open at **8:30am**, and this time is used for early morning activities that help children practise and build on skills they are currently learning. For some children, arriving late means they regularly miss out on these activities. The register is taken at **8:40am**, and children then move straight into phonics followed by mastering numbers. Arriving on time means children can settle in calmly and fully access this important learning.

When children arrive after teaching has begun, it can be disruptive for everyone, including the child themselves. For this reason, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring children arrive at school on time whenever possible.

The school gates will be locked promptly at **8:40am** as teachers close classroom doors ready for the register. If you arrive after this time and the gate is closed (even if an adult is still nearby), please go to the school office to sign your child in on the screen. Please also remember to select a lunch option for your child to avoid any upset or confusion later in the day.

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Thank you for your understanding and continued support — working together really helps give every child the best possible start to their day.

NORWICH SCIENCE FESTIVAL



Norwich Science Festival is on during half term from 14th to 21st February.

Follow this link for the events calendar to see what's on and book tickets.

<https://norwichsciencefestival.co.uk/>

PE KIT

Please remember what your child needs for a PE or yoga day in Y1 (Monday and Friday) and Y2 (Tuesday and Wednesday).



Long hair needs to be tied back or a hairband provided.

Earrings should be removed, taped over or tape provided

- School cardigan or sweatshirt with the logo
- Plain white short sleeved polo shirt
- Plain black Leggings, tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- PE shoes

Some children have been wearing tights under their PE trousers but this causes problems when children need to work in bare feet! Socks only on the PE days please!

Also please ensure that appropriate PE shoes are worn as other shoes can make it difficult to do certain activities.

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READING IN THE HALL BEFORE SCHOOL



We've noticed that fewer children are reading at home, so we're offering the school hall as a space for you to listen to your child read before the school day begins.

We understand that finding time to read at home can sometimes be tricky, and some children feel more comfortable reading at school. To support this, the hall will be open each morning so you can hear your child read before lessons start.

The hall door will be open (it will be propped open so you just need to push it open) from **8:15am every day**, except on mornings when we have special events such as story cafés or plays. You're welcome to sit on the benches or use a couple of chairs. Please remember to put the chairs back when you're finished so the hall is ready for daily activities from **8:30am**.

There will also be a pot of pens near the laptop for you to use when filling in reading record books.

GREEN DRAGONS BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

If your child is booked into After School Club but plans change and they will be collected by you or someone else, please let the Office know. This helps us make sure everyone is accounted for and not expecting your child at the club.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March . Plans are underway for this and we will let you know how we will be celebrating as soon as possible.

Just before half term your child will bring home a £1 book token which can be exchanged for a World Book Day Book from participating booksellers. Alternatively it can be used to get £1 off a book of your choice.

Follow this link to see the books that your child can get in exchange for their voucher...

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

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PARKING REMINDER

We'd like to kindly remind everyone to be respectful and considerate when parking on the roads around school at drop-off and pick-up times.



Please avoid parking in or turning around in residents' driveways, and be mindful not to block driveways or other parked cars. These small actions can cause inconvenience for local residents and other families.

By parking thoughtfully and allowing a little extra time, we can help keep everyone safe and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

HALF TERM AND EASTER



We finish for Half-Term on Friday **13th February at 3.00pm** and school starts again on **Monday 23rd February**.

We finish for Easter on **Friday 27th March at 3pm** and school starts again on **Tuesday 14th April**.



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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY			
3RD	MISS EMRICK (OLD CATTON JUNIOR) Y2 ASSEMBLY	Y2	
12TH	VET VISIT (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)	ALL	AM
13TH	FOGG BAKE SALE	ALL	3PM
13TH	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM	ALL	3PM
23RD	SCHOOL STARTS	ALL	8.30AM
MARCH			
2ND	PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	ALL CLASSES	3.15-6.15PM
5TH	WORLD BOOK DAY	ALL CLASSES	
10TH	PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	ALL CLASSES	3.15-6.15PM
12TH	Y2 OLD CATTON JUNIOR EASTER VISIT	Y2	PM
16TH - 20TH	Y1 PHONICS CHECK PRACTICE	Y1	
20TH	COMIC RELIEF		
24TH	OPEN AFTERNOON	ALL CLASSES	2.25PM - 2.45PM
26TH	OPEN AFTERNOON	ALL CLASSES	2.25PM - 2.45PM

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27TH	FOGG BAKE SALE	ALL	3PM
27TH	LAST DAY OF TERM	ALL	3PM
APRIL			
14TH	SCHOOL STARTS	ALL	8.30AM
23RD	DENTIST VISIT	ALL	AM

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