



**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

**DINNERS**

Even though we explain the dinner options to the children each morning, we are still finding that there is a huge amount of waste each day. We think this is because children are choosing something they really don't like or because they still don't really know what it is they are opting for. There is always a choice of a hot dinner, a vegetarian hot dinner, a jacket potato with a range of fillings and a school packed lunch with a range of sandwich fillings. Alternatively you can always provide a packed lunch from home if they are particularly fussy. It would really help if you went through the menu with your child and explained the different meals.

**ONE OFF MENU CHANGE**

On 6<sup>th</sup> October the school has to submit a census and we are given funding based on the number of meals ordered that day. In order to secure the maximum amount of funding, Norse, who provide our meals, have come up with an alternative menu which they hope will appeal to as many children as possible. It is called a 'Shape and Numbers' lunch and the menu is as follows:

'Tasty triangles' – Margherita Pizza

'2x2' – 4 salad items – sweetcorn, red cabbage, grated carrot, cucumber

'Round and Round in Circles' – sauté potatoes

'Pick a Number Pudding' – chocolate and vanilla swirl mousse with a numbered chocolate shortbread.

Jacket potatoes and school packed lunches will still be available on this day.



**HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS**



It is most unusual for Halloween to fall on a school day and we thought the children would enjoy dressing up for the occasion. Instead of charging for a non-uniform day, we ask that anyone who chooses to wear a Halloween costume brings a prize for the tombola that we will have at our Christmas Fair. This could be an adult or child prize and they will be collected in each class that morning – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**THE WENSUM TRUST**

All being well we will be converting to an Academy on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October and joining the Wensum Multi-Academy Trust. The only schools in the Trust at the moment are Hellesdon High School and Firsides Junior School but Acle Academy and Arden Grove Infant and Nursery School should be joining on the same day as us. It is a very exciting time for us and we look forward to working in collaboration with these schools but at the same time keeping our own individuality and style.

## PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Don't forget to sign up for one of the parent information sessions for your child's year group. All meetings will take place in the school hall and will last approximately an hour or just over. In these sessions I will cover the structure of the school day and week, the curriculum, testing and assessment arrangements, expectations and will also attempt to answer any questions you may have.

Even if you have been to these meetings before for an older child, it is still important to come, as we are always changing our practice.



### INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Our first International Week of the year will be 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October – we are keeping the country a surprise for the children but make sure you ask them all about it.

### FOGG AGM

The FOGG (Friends of Garrick Green) AGM is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15 pm in the hall. We need at least 30 people to attend this meeting (parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome) and if the meeting cannot go ahead due to low numbers, then FOGG will have to fold.

All you have to do at the meeting is listen to a short talk about how the funds have been raised and spent and then vote for a new committee. I promise you that you will not have to be on the committee if you don't want to!

Please come and support us – you know that FOGG are a very important part of our school community and without their hard work, there would be lots of things that the children would miss out on.

### CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERING

The children will start designing their Christmas cards and you can come and order them on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October between 3pm and 4pm. **You need to pay when you order** (cheques made payable to Garrick Green Infant School) and prices are as follows:

Cards are sold in packs of 12 for £5.50 and additional packs are £4.50.

A pack of 12 gift tags is £2.50.

This is a fundraising event and all profits will go towards something which will benefit the whole school.



Cards will be on display in your child's class – Mr Harvey will join Miss Tovell in her room and Mrs Sturman will join Miss Banner in her room. If you want to order but cannot be there that day please speak to a member of staff from your child's class.

### YEAR GROUP BLOGS

Don't forget to read the weekly blog for your child's year group. Blogs are on the school website [www.garrickgreen.co.uk](http://www.garrickgreen.co.uk) under the 'What's happening' tab and they will tell you all about what's been happening in class that week.....just in case your child tells you that they haven't done anything!

### CLIMBING FRAME

Reception staff request that children do not go on the new climbing structure after school – it is a very busy area with lots of pushchairs and when they are trying to allocate children to adults, it is proving difficult for people to see and to get through. Thank you!

SHARED READING AND MATHS EVENTS FOR PARENTS

Each year group will run reading events through the year and Y1 and Y2 will also run maths events. The idea is that parents come along to share the event with their child and at the same time learn a bit about how we teach them. Each event will last about an hour – dates and times for this term as follows:

	RECEPTION	Y1	Y2
READING	FRI 16 <sup>TH</sup> DEC 9.15	THURS 3 <sup>RD</sup> NOV 9.15	MON 12 <sup>TH</sup> DEC 9.15
MATHS		TUES 31 <sup>ST</sup> JAN 2.00	THURS 26 <sup>TH</sup> JAN 2.00
READING	WEDS 29 <sup>TH</sup> MAR 9.15	MON 20 <sup>TH</sup> MAR 9.15	TUES 7 <sup>TH</sup> MAR 9.15
MATHS		WEDS 10 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 9.15	FRI 30 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2.00
READING	FRI 26 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 9.15	THURS 22 <sup>ND</sup> JUNE 9.15	

PARKING

We have received an email from the Police Community Engagement Office for Broadland.....



'I am writing to introduce myself as the community engagement officer for Broadland. I am aware that parking is an ongoing issue faced by most if not all schools. I am keen to get an accurate idea of how this is affecting each school so I would appreciate it if you could ask your parents to complete a survey. The link to this can be found below:  
Safer schools parking survey - Have your say  
<http://suffolkpolice.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=bp665dzUkcb&HideToolBar=1>  
I would also like your thoughts on the idea of using parent volunteers to take the registrations of vehicles that are causing issues. Police would be able to then obtain the address of the registered keeper of the offending vehicle and then send an advisory letter. Their details would then be kept on file and should they re-offend a police visit could be considered to reinforce this message.'

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Your child will be bringing a bag home for our next Bag2School collection. Please fill it with any unwanted, but decent clothes, shoes and bags, and return to school ready for collection on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. FOGG will raise funds for every kilo collected. If you need more bags you can use any carrier bag or bin bag.

STAMPS

We have a basket in the library for used stamps which we send to the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind so we would be grateful for any stamps that you collect.



HALF TERM

Children finish for Half Term on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and return to school on Monday 31st October.