



INTERNATIONAL WEEK

- We will have our second International Week of this school year from 20th to 24th February. We have not told the children the area of the world that we will be studying but don't forget to ask them that week. It will be a total contrast to the study of France that we did in the autumn term. So that the children do not forget about where we all live, we will be 'revisiting' the UK just before Half Term. We will do this before every International Week so that the children can learn how to compare and contrast where we live with other areas of the world.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

A new menu will start after half term and all children will be given a copy of this to bring home. As before, it is on a three week rolling programme and all of the nutritional standards and requirements have been met.

Please make sure your child knows what is on offer each day so that we can do the dinner register quickly and without confusion or upset!

Don't forget our taster session is on February 7th from 2.15-3pm - if you want to come and haven't sent back your slip, please do so.



PARKING ON BLACKSMITH'S WAY AND GARRICK GREEN

A couple of residents have phoned in the last week to complain about parents parking too close to the junctions - either just as you turn into Garrick Green or as you turn into Blacksmith's Way. They are concerned for the safety of the children as much as anything so please make sure you do too. Although it is not illegal to park close to a junction, the Highway Code advises motorists NOT to park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction as both pedestrians' and drivers' views will be obstructed.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Sign-up sheets for these will go up shortly and dates are as follows:

All appointments are during the morning

LB CLASS - TUES 21ST FEB

LS CLASS - THURS 23RD FEB

RE CLASS - TUES 28TH FEB

CR CLASS - WEDS 1ST MARCH

HP CLASS - THURS 2ND MARCH

ET CLASS - FRI 3RD MARCH

ALL CLASSES EVENING APPOINTMENTS ON TUES 21ST FEBRUARY

GYM COMPETITION



We are very proud to send two groups of children from our after school gymnastics club to a gym workshop and competition for the Broadland Area this week. We wish them all well and hope that they get through to the next round.

LIBRARY VAN VISIT

Although we will be on Half-Term holiday, the library van will still be outside school on Wednesday 15th February if any of you want to visit.

We have found a few Norfolk County Council library books amongst our library books at school which we have returned for you but please try not to muddle them up with school books.



### WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Each child will receive a book token which can be exchanged for a £1 World Book Day book or can be used to get £1 off any book worth £2.99 or more.

We will not be doing any activities for World Book Day as we will have our own Book Week later in March.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR WORKSHOPS

A big 'Thank You' to FOGG for funding the Chinese New Year workshops for each class last week – they thoroughly enjoyed their dragon dancing.



### SCRAP PAPER

As you can imagine, we get through an awful lot of scrap paper every week – the children use it for their own drawing and writing every day. Our free supply of scrap paper has now run out so if any of you know where we can get some on a regular basis, please let us know. Thank you!

### LIBRARY UPDATE

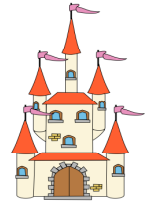
The new library furniture has arrived and has been assembled although it is still not completely finished. It is useable again now so each class will get their weekly visit again. We are delighted with the new look and think it will end up being a very enticing environment for your children. Please feel free to come and have a look but remember it is still not quite done.

### SPARE CLOTHES

As you will have noticed, the field is extremely muddy at the moment and for this reason it is essential for all children to have a set of spare clothes in a bag on their peg. We have a very limited supply of spare clothes to lend out, particularly for older children. If your child uses their spare clothes, please remember to send in another set the next day. If your child borrows some clothes from school, please could you make sure they are returned as we hardly have any left. If any of you have pants, socks, tights or trousers for our spare clothes box, we would be very grateful

### SPRING TERM TOPIC

The Spring term topic for children in Y1 and Y2 is 'Off with their heads' – castles. Each year group will visit Norwich Castle Museum (Y1 on 8<sup>th</sup> February and Y2 on 2<sup>nd</sup> March) and you will have seen from the topic webs that were sent home that they are learning all kinds of things.



### MILK BOTTLE TOPS AND WOOD OFF-CUTS

The Reception classes are collecting lids from milk bottles (washed please) to use for construction activities – they would be very grateful for any that you can save and donate.



If any of you are carpenters or have access to off-cuts of wood that children can use for woodwork activities, please let us know.

### MATCH ATTAX



Initially, we were very happy for children to bring Match Attax books and cards to school to use at playtime and lunchtime. However there have been so many 'upsets' as a result of this that we are now banning them during school time. Children will be allowed to have them on the playground before and after school but we ask you as parents to sort out any 'upsets' before they come in to school. Thank you!

### PLAYGROUND GATES

For safeguarding reasons we need to shut our playground gates as soon as possible each morning – please don't feel that we are trying to get rid of you!



### PLAYGROUND RULES

Please support us in enforcing our playground rules – no one should be on a bike, scooter or playing with a football on the playground before or after school – there are too many children and adults for it to be safe. The children are fully aware of this but a few reminders would go down well.

### POLICE SURGERIES

I am PCSO 8144 Steve Downes and I am assigned to Old Catton as your Parish Liaison Officer on behalf of the Safer Neighbourhood Team based at Sprowston Police Station on Wroxham Road.

Tell me your community concerns. I would like to invite the residents of Old Catton to come along and discuss any community issues.

I look forward to meeting you all at:

**MORRISON'S SUPERMARKET,  
The Paddocks, Old Catton.**

Your local Police Team will be inviting different agencies along to the surgeries.

All Surgeries will run from **16:00—18:00 hrs.**  
(4pm—6pm)

The 2017 Surgery dates are listed below:

Tuesday 14th February  
Tuesday 14th March  
Tuesday 25th April  
Tuesday 23rd May  
Tuesday 13th June  
Tuesday 11th July  
Tuesday 22nd August  
Tuesday 19th September  
Tuesday 10th October  
Tuesday 21st November



### Ladies Pamper Evening

FOGG will be hosting a ladies pamper evening at the School on **Friday 3rd March at 7pm.**

Local beauticians will be offering a variety of beauty treatments on the night for a range of prices. There will also be several stalls with goodies for sale.

A raffle will be held on the night and prizes include beauty treatments, products and goodies.

Tickets are £5 per person and include a drink on arrival and will be on sale from Judy from **24 January**. Tickets are limited so be quick!

Come along with friends, mums or sisters for an evening of relaxation, beauty treatments and treats!

If you would like a stall at this event please pass your details to Judy.

**This event is not to be missed!**

### HALF TERM

We finish for half term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.