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# GARRICK GREEN

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Just a reminder that Parent/Teacher Interviews for each class are as follows:

	8.30-10	2-3.30	4-6
LIZ BANNER	MON 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	THURS 9 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOV
LISA STURMAN	FRI 10 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	MON 6 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOV
HELEN PROPHET	MON 6 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	FRI 17 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOV
RACHEL ELLIS	THURS 2 <sup>ND</sup> NOV	WEDS 22 <sup>ND</sup> NOV	TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOV
EMMA TOVELL	TUES 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	MON 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOV
CHLOE RAYFIELD	WEDS 8 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	WEDS 15 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOV

**Please make sure you remember when your appointment is so you don't miss it.  
Class staff have the details if you've forgotten!**

#### FRIENDS OF GARRICK GREEN (FOGG)

Thank you to all of you who attended the AGM which enabled us to form a new committee – the first meeting is this week when the Christmas Fair and other fund raising events will be discussed and planned. FOGG will hold an optional non-uniform day on **FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER** when children are asked to bring in a prize for the adult's or child's tombola for the Christmas Fair, instead of wearing their school uniform.

#### PARKING

As the evenings get darker and the weather gets colder, we expect that more people will be inclined to drive their children to and from school rather than walk, cycle or scoot. Please remember **ONLY** to park on the same side of the road as the school, and not on the kerb. This keeps the road clear for residents and emergency vehicles, and the paths clear for pedestrians.

#### INTERNATIONAL WEEK

We had great fun in our International Week just before half term when all classes learnt about the United Kingdom. If you have any photos of your child somewhere in the UK, please let us have a copy or email it to us to print out for our classroom displays.



#### PUNCTUALITY

I am sorry to bring this up again, but staff are still reporting that there are still a high number of children not at school for the bell ringing at 8.55am. I have tried to explain how important it is for each child to be at school on time – if your child is causing trouble at home, refusing to get ready quickly etc, please let us know and we will speak to them and set up some kind of reward system to encourage them to be on time.

#### PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**. They will take photos of individuals and also of siblings who attend our school. Of course there is no obligation to buy the photos but if you do order, they will be ready in time for Christmas.



**SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION**

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 Board 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 wrong-doing.

**PARENT GOVERNORS**

Our new Parent Governors are Clare Walton and James Rushton. Thank you to John Miller and Alice Hewitt who served as Parent Governors until July when their children transferred to Junior School, although they are still on our Local Governing Body as co-opted Governors.

**LIBRARY VAN**

The next visit from the library van is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - please make sure your child has their library card that day if they want to borrow a book.



**POPPIES**

During assemblies over the next couple of weeks, I will be teaching the children about Remembrance Day and talking about the significance of poppies. As a school we feel that it is something children should be aware of but of course I will do it in a way that is appropriate for such young children.

Poppies will be on sale every day until November 11<sup>th</sup> and although there is no set price for a poppy, we think that children should make a minimum donation of 20p.

If it arrives in time there will also be other poppy themed merchandise on sale in the playground before school each morning at a cost of 50p per item. These include coloured pencils, wrist bands, key rings, hairbands and bracelets. Unfortunately there has been a delay in sending this to us.



**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Just a reminder that school uniform is compulsory. Sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts can be ordered at any time from the school office and you are always welcome to look through the second hand uniform boxes.

The uniform requirements are stated on page 14 of our school prospectus which is on our website.

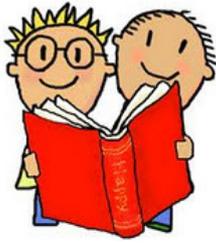
We have a huge amount of lost property due to uniform not being named - please, please, please name all uniform!

**CHILDREN IN NEED**

Children in Need day is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. To raise money we will hold a non-uniform day (spots, fancy dress, whatever they fancy) and will charge £1.00 per child. This is not compulsory. Old pound coins will be accepted for this charity.



**READING IN Y1**



Next week staff in Y1 classes will be doing phonic checks with all children to make sure that they are still in the appropriate phonic group for their ability. This means that they will not be able to hear the children read until these checks are finished.

Please keep practising reading at home and encourage your child to change their book and we will get back to normal as soon as possible.

**FLU VACCINATION**

Later this week you will get a letter about the flu vaccination that is offered to all of our children (nasally) on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

You must complete and return the form to say whether you want your child to be vaccinated or not.

The vaccination will take place at school and all children will be accompanied by school staff.

**DRAMA WORKSHOPS**

On 14<sup>th</sup> November all Y1 and Y2 children will get the chance to participate in a drama workshop. If there is enough interest we hope to run a drama club after Christmas which will focus on building confidence, role play, projecting the voice, mime and props.



**PANTOMIME WORKSHOPS**

We are also lucky enough to be having some pantomime themed drama workshops for the whole school, organised by The Theatre Royal.

Ben Langley, a local actor, will be in the pantomime of Sleeping Beauty which lots of you are going to see over the Christmas season. He will come to school and perform a shortened version of Sleeping Beauty, playing all the parts. This is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**NORSE TASTER**

Norse will be in to do a taster session for parents and children on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45-2.45 pm.

The taster dishes will be based on the current menu and the idea is that you and your child try some of the dishes that they are unsure of, to encourage them to try a range of school dinners and not always opt for a ham sandwich! Please complete the attached slip and return to school by WEDS 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER so that Marion our cook can place her order in time.



**NORSE TASTER SESSION**

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the Norse Taster session on 20<sup>th</sup> November

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

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