

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Term ends at 3pm on TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER and the children start again on THURSDAY 4th JANUARY

NATIVITY

The dates/times for the Reception class Nativities are as follows:

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER for parents from LISA STURMAN'S class.

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER for parents from LIZ BANNER'S class



Both performances start at 9.30 am and will last about half an hour. (It is advisable to get there early.) Refreshments will be served afterwards by FOGG.

There is no charge for coming to watch.

For safeguarding reasons, you will not be able to take photos during the performance but we are filming the dress rehearsal and we will be selling the DVDs for £3 each.

There will be a 'creche' available on both days for toddlers and babies to avoid disturbance in the performances.

Please note that children from both classes will all be performing on both days. Children in Y1 and Y2 will do a summer concert in July for their performance to parents.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are going to take part in CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY on FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER.

Anyone who wants to take part can either wear a Christmas jumper or decorate their own jumper in a Christmassy way. You pay a minimum of £1 and all proceeds go to Save the Children



CHRISTMAS DINNER

This is on Monday 18th December and the menu is as follows:

Roast Turkey, chipolata, stuffing, gravy, roast potatoes, carrot batons, garden peas.

The vegetarian option is a vegetable plait with the same vegetables as the non-vegetarian option.

Dessert is ice cream with a mini festive biscuit.

Christmas dinner is free of charge and does not need to be ordered in advance.

There will be no other option available that day so if your child does not want a Christmas Dinner, they will need a packed lunch from home.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The school Christmas post-box will be down near the library from Monday 4th December until the end of term. If your child has cards to give out, please put them in the post box and we will endeavour to have a daily delivery.

In order to make it easier for our 'post boys/girls' please could you label the envelope with the initials of the class that the card is going to:

Miss Tovell ET
Miss Banner LB

Mrs Rayfield CR
Mrs Prophet HP

Mrs Sturman LS
Mrs Ellis RE



RECEPTION STORY CAFÉ

This is on the last day of term, Tuesday 19th December at 9.00 am in the School Hall.

Y2 READING EVENT FOR PARENTS

This is on Wednesday 13th December at 9am in the School Hall - letter to follow.

Y1 and Y2 CHRISTMAS DISCO

The Disco will be on Tuesday 12th December in the School Hall from 5.45 - 7.15 pm. Children need to pay £2.00 on the door and they will get drinks and snacks.

We are very grateful to Baz Silverlight Disco who gives up his time to run these Discos for us - he does a much better job than we could do!

CHILDREN IN NEED AND POPPIES

Thank you for all of your donations for Children In Need. The total amount raised was £153.70 We also sold a lot of poppies this year and raised £87.

THEATRE TRIP

We are all looking forward to seeing 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' at the Playhouse theatre on Friday - don't forget your child will not get a hot dinner that day - a school packed lunch or a packed lunch from home are the choices.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Don't forget the Christmas Fair is on Friday 8th December after school from 3-5 pm. Thank you for all of your generous donations so far. As usual we do need parents to support the Fair by volunteering to run a stall for half an hour - the rota will be out in the playground.

USED STAMPS

Don't forget to save the stamps from your Christmas cards - we collect used stamps for the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind - there is a collection pot in the library.



GARRICK GREEN SINGERS

The Garrick Green Singers have 3 performances before the end of term. On the 12th they will sing at Morrisons at about 10.30 am. We will take them to Catton Court to perform to the residents on Thursday 14th. Finally on Saturday 16th they will be performing at John Lewis in the mezzanine cafe at 10.30am.

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for November was 95% which is slightly better than October but still below our target of 97%.

Our overall attendance so far this year is 95%





LIBRARY VAN

As the library van did not make it to school as planned in November, they will stop outside the school gate on WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER if you would like to use it then. It will be there from 9.45-10.40am

NEW ROOF

We are delighted that the roof has just about been completed - thank you for your patience while it was being done. Everything went smoothly until they discovered that lots of our drains are blocked by tree roots which explains regular flooding of the playground.

There was enough money in the contingency fund for them to renew the Reception canopies and this will be done in January.

END OF TERM DROP IN

We will be holding a drop-in session on the last morning of term – Tuesday 19th December – when you can have a look at your child's work and their classroom, have an informal chat with staff and purchase second hand uniform if you wish. You will be welcome in the classrooms at any time between 9.15 (after the registers) and 11.30 am. Children will be going out to play at 10.30-10.50 am and at that time you will be very welcome to come for a drink and biscuit in the hall.

STAFFING CHANGE

As some of you will know, one of our Y2 teachers, Emma Tovell, will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a teaching position in a Junior School. Emma has been at Garrick Green for just over 6 years as a teacher and before that as a volunteer before she trained to be a teacher. She has worked successfully in all three year groups and has decided to spread her wings and see what it's like to teach older children. We wish her well in the next stage of her career and have no doubt that she will be successful.

We have recruited Mr Jon Whitehead, an experienced Y2 teacher to take Emma's place and we know he is very excited to join our team and get to know his new class. Jon has already been in to meet the class and will spend a bit more time with them leading up to the end of this term.

So much uniform has been going missing lately, even when it has clear name labels in. Usually when a child takes off their jumper or cardigan they have to put it on their peg. Often it ends up on the floor and then the wrong person picks it up.....you can see how everything gets muddled and how we have spent far too long looking for uniform.

We have decided to have a box in each classroom for children to put their jumpers and cardigans in – if their clothes are labelled then we will save a lot of time. If you don't want to sew or iron labels in then we recommend stick on labels from Label Planet or you could get a laundry marker and write names in. If you use an ordinary pen, the name will wash out! If your child has uniform from our second hand box, please cross out the name of the previous owner to avoid confusion

SENDING BACK PERMISSION SLIPS ETC

We need you to understand that we do not have time to go through every child's book bag every day to see if they have a slip or money to give in. Even when we ask them they often say they haven't got anything to hand in.

Please can you tell them if you've put a slip in their bag, or even better can they come into the classroom with it in their hand?!

Thank you!

