

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



We hope you all had a good Christmas break and wish you a happy and healthy New Year.



ATTENDANCE

I am delighted to tell you that attendance for December was 97% which is our target for this year. Our overall attendance this year is still only 96% though so we have a lot of work to do to reach our target.



We are very aware that children as young as ours are bound to get coughs and colds, sickness bugs and chicken pox, all of which require you to keep them off school until they are fully recovered, but please help us by making appointments before or after school, get a friend or relative to bring them to school if you are too ill to make the journey yourself, and if your child has to miss a day, please let us know.

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 wrongdoing.

P.E KIT AND SPARE CLOTHES

As usual, Yr1 and Yr2 children will need their P.E kit and all children need a set of spare clothes in school this term. Long hair should be tied back for P.E and ear rings should be removed or covered with tape or an elasticated headband for health and safety reasons.



ASSEMBLY AND TRAFFIC LIGHT AWARDS

Each week, each class competes against each other to see who has the least amount of children going onto the traffic light and who behaves and listens well in assembly. At the end of each half term, the class with the most points wins £10 to spend on something for their classroom. Alternatively they can save the £10 and hope to win another £10 the following half term. Last half term, Mrs Prophet's class won the traffic light prize and Mrs Ellis' and Mrs Morgan's class won the assembly award.



YEAR GROUP BLOGS

If you want to know what your child has been learning about each week, don't forget to read the blog for their year group on the website each week. You can find the blogs under the 'What's Happening' tab.

MENU CHANGE

There will be a one off menu change on Thurs 18th January when Norse are doing a promotion for school census day. *This is a day when we need as many children as possible to have a school lunch rather than a home packed lunch, to secure funding for our school. The promotion is a Paddington Bear lunch although jacket potatoes and sandwiches will still be available:



'Knuckles McGinty's Sausages

(Pork Chipolatas)

or

(Vegetarian Sausage)

'A Sunny Day'

(Omelette)

'Paddington's Luggage Tag'

(Hash Brown)

'Mr Brown's Beans'

(Baked Beans)

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'Aunt Lucy's Marmalade Creation'

(Vanilla Sponge Topped with Orange Drizzle Icing and Mandarins)

***This lunch does not need to be ordered in advance**

PANTOMIME

Please note for those of you who are going to the pantomime next Wednesday at the Theatre Royal, as it will be a late night for your child, we will leave the registers open on Thursday until 10.30am.

If your child is not going to the Pantomime, they should be in school at the usual time!

WELCOME

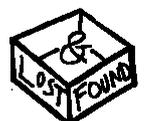
As you know we have a new Y2 teacher this term, Mr Jon Whitehead, and I know you would all like to join us in welcoming him to Garrick Green. His class have been challenged with showing him how hard working and motivated they are so let's hope they succeed in this!

JUDY

I am sorry to tell you that Judy's husband has been seriously ill in hospital since just before Christmas. Judy will be off work until further notice and in her absence we will cover the office as much as possible with our part time staff but please understand that we will not always be able to answer the phone. Emails will be checked regularly so if you have a question or something you need us to know please email office@garrickgreen.norfolk.sch.uk

LOST PROPERTY

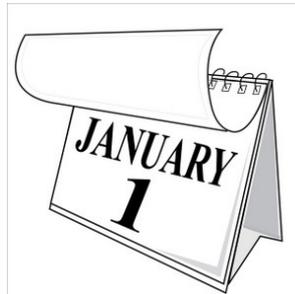
We have an absolute mountain of lost property which has built up steadily since September. This will be out on tables in the hall before and after school on Monday and whatever is left after that will go to charity. **Please remember to name all clothes.**



DIARY DATES

More dates will be added to the calendar and to February's newsletter as and when we know them.

WHEN	WHAT	WHO
WEDS 10.1.18 6.30 pm	PANTOMIME	Those who have purchased tickets
WEDS 17.1.18 9-9.45	Y1 MATHS EVENT	Y1 Parents
WEDS 17.1.18	LIBRARY VAN	All children with library card
THURS 18.1.18	PADDINGTON BEAR LUNCH	Available to all
MON 22.1.18	CATCH UP FLU VACCINATIONS	Anyone who missed it first time round
TUES 23.1.18	Y1 TRIP	All Y1 children
MON 5.2.18 – FRI 8.2.18	INTERNATIONAL WEEK	Y1/2
WEDS 7.2.18 9.15-10am	Y2 MATHS EVENT	Y2 Parents
FRI 9.2.18	LAST DAY	All



WHEN	WHAT	WHO
MON 19.2.18	SCHOOL STARTS	All
WEDS 14.3.18	LIBRARY VAN	All children with library card
THURS 15.3.18 pm	Y2 READING EVENT	Y2 parents
MON 19.3.18	JWh CLASS TRIP	JWh class
MON 19.3.18 2-2.45pm	Y1 READING EVENT	Y1 parents
TUES 20.3.18	CR CLASS TRIP	CR class
THURS 22.3.18 – TUES 27.3.18 8.30-9.00 AM	BOOK FAIR	All
FRI 23.3.18	SPORT RELIEF	All
WEDS 28.3.18	RECEPTION STORY CAFE	Reception parents
WEDS 28.3.18	LAST DAY OF TERM	All

BUILDING WORKS

We were pleased to hear that we have some contingency money left from our new roof and work has now started on replacing the Reception outdoor canopies. This work should only take a couple of weeks but is weather dependent. The new canopies will be linked together so that children can move from one class to another without getting wet and we are sure that they will make the outside area look even better.



TRIM TRAIL

The children wrote to Father Christmas at the end of term to ask for a trim trail for our field – they looked at different options and each class voted for a component that they would like to be included. A letter has arrived back today to say that he is very sorry that it did not arrive over Christmas but he ran out of time. He wants the children to know that he is sorting it out so one should be built in the next few weeks.



DANCE

This term Y1 and Y2 will be doing dance in their P.E lessons. Each week the lessons will be run by Bryony from 'Slanted Dance', and we know from previous years that the children will love it. Reception will be having a couple of lessons as well.



EMERGENCY CLOSURE SYSTEM

Although we have been lucky so far with the weather this winter, we never know what is round the corner so here is a reminder of our emergency closure system: If the school has to close due to bad weather it will always be announced on the local radio and on the school closures website: (www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk)

