



Lodge Lane Infant School

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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and I hope that you and your families all enjoyed the summer break. September always seems to come round so quickly but I am sure that you and your children are all ready for the term to get underway.

This year sees a new chapter starting for Lodge Lane and I am excited and honoured to be taking on the role of Shared Head Teacher at Lodge Lane. As many of you know, I have been the Head at Garrick Green for 11 years and I look forward to the challenge of leading both infant schools in Old Catton.

Lodge Lane is a great school with a good reputation, high standards and well embedded practices, and my job is to make sure that all of these are maintained.

I will generally be at Lodge Lane on Wednesdays, Thursdays and on Friday afternoons and I hope to meet many of you in the playground before and after school in the coming weeks. I will be spending time in the classes to get a feel for the school and enjoyed meeting the children in assembly today – they enjoyed telling me what is good about Lodge Lane and what they are good at doing and asked me a few questions too!!

Nici Bragger, the Deputy Head Teacher will be in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays so between us we will be there to answer your questions and concerns, and we will ensure that we have a good communication system in place so that things run smoothly from day to day.

Dates for the Diary

We have a parent calendar coming out very soon but for now, here are some key dates that you need to be aware of.

'New to Y2' class meetings – Weds 12th September, 2.30 pm in classrooms

'New to Y1' class meetings – Thurs 13th September, 2.30 pm in classrooms

These meetings are for all parents and carers to find out about your child's new year group, how it works, the kinds of things they will be doing, how you might be able to help at home and what the expectations are. Meetings will finish by 3pm. Please try and attend.



Parent Reading Sessions

Parent reading sessions – Fridays at 8.50-9.05 am, starting Friday 14th September for Y1 and Y2 children.

These sessions run every Friday and are for you to come in and enjoy sharing a book with your child. We want our children to develop a love of books and reading and these sessions help with that.



School Uniform

Please could we remind parents and carers of the following uniform points...

- Book bags – all children need a school book bag which must be brought to school every day. Every year we invest in new and exciting reading books for children - keeping these in a school book bag is the best way of looking after them and stopping them from getting lost.

We will provide red folders which fit inside these to protect school reading books etc. Please could we ask parents not to send their child in with any other type of rucksack or school bag as there is not enough space for these to be stored in cloakrooms. Bigger bags make using the cloakrooms very difficult for the children, especially in the upcoming winter months.

- PE kits – all children need a PE kit in school containing a plain white t-shirt (without a collar for safety reasons), a pair of blue or black shorts and a pair of plimsolls. Children may bring a plain blue or black track suit and trainers for outdoor PE sessions if they wish. Please note PE kits (and any other spare clothes) must be in a draw string bag due to restricted space in school cloakrooms.



The school office sells both book bags and PE bags priced £4.00 and £3.00 respectively which can be ordered in the usual way via [scopay.com](https://www.scopay.com)

- Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery at school except a watch and small stud earrings. For safety reasons, earrings must not be worn on PE days and long hair should be tied back. If your child's ears have been recently pierced they must be taped over in PE sessions.
- Finally, it causes distress and takes up time when children lose items they have brought in from home. Please could we remind parents children should not bring toys into school.

Newsletters will be sent out each month and we will continue to use our Facebook page - Lodge Lane Infant School – to share and celebrate events.

We all look forward to an exciting year with you and your children, and please don't hesitate to come in and see us if you have any questions or concerns about school.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher