Thursday 24th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to Mrs Gill who has been awarded a lifetime achievement award. We celebrated Mrs Gill’s achievements in a short presentation on the playground this afternoon. I would like to thank Mrs Gill for all her hard work and dedication during her career. So many children have been inspired by her teaching and many more through the support and training she has given to colleagues.

This week in school we have been filming our Values video for our new website. Please visit our twitter feed and website for updates. Our new SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development) Policy has been added to our website along with the RSE policy which was emailed to parents last week. These can be found by following: Menu, Key Information, Documents & Policies.

**Message from the governors**

We hope everyone is safe and well.

We held our summer term Governors’ Meeting remotely last week, all governors were present. We had completed an individual governor’s skills audit prior to the meeting to identify training needs and possible areas for governor development next academic year, so this was part of our agenda. Mrs Harris presented her Headteacher’s report informing us of all that is happening in the different areas of school this term.

We have a Governor Development Morning taking place in a couple of weeks which will have to be held remotely again. We are very much looking forward to the time when we will be able to come into school and meet with the staff and the children again. Hopefully this will be possible next school year.

**Governor - Tim Thomas**

I was born in Normanton Yorkshire and was educated to secondary level there. I did my further education at Coventry College of Education, now Warwick University, for three years. I worked at Wakefield Council on Direct Works Department then as a refuse collector before embarking on a teaching career. I worked at the same independent school in Hertfordshire for thirty-eight years where I was House Master and taught a range of subject including Maths, Geography and Games before heading up the A.D.T. department and leading many outward pursuit trips in the U.K. and abroad.

I retired in 2013 and became a co-opted governor later that year. My interests are Rugby (both codes) cricket, travelling on cruise ships and industrial archaeology.

I enjoy visiting the school and am always impressed with the working environment and lively and interested approach of the children to their studies.

**PE Top - Size Ordering**

For those parents who have not yet completed the microsoft form that was sent to parents for you to complete. Please return no later than Monday 28th June.

Any enquiries, please email [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk)

**School Photos**

Nursery and school children will have their individual photos taken on Wednesday 30th June along with their class photo. Due to restrictions this year, there will be no family photos. Children who have PE/multi sports will need to bring their kit to get changed into on this day.

**Nursery**

We have places available in Nursery to start in September. If you have a child who is at Nursery age and are interested in a place then please contact Mrs Beaumont in Nursery on 01924 679687 or Mrs Spark in the school office 01924 679680 for more information or download the admissions form from our website.

**School Uniform**

Please see the list below for school uniform for September 2021. We have revised our uniform requirements. Children no longer need school shoes. We ask that children wear plain black trainers which can be used in PE and for wearing to school each day.

Boys Girls

Navy sweatshirt/jumper with logo Navy sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan with logo

Pale blue shirt/polo shirt Pale blue polo shirt/blouse

Plain grey trousers Grey skirt/pinafore/ trousers

Black trainers Black trainers

Summer Summer

Optional grey shorts Blue and white check dresses/grey shorts

P.E. P.E.

Blue logo top provided by school Blue logo top provided by school

Plain black football / cycling shorts Plain black football / cycling shorts

School jumper School jumper

(Barefoot work is undertaken) (Barefoot work is undertaken)

Outdoor Outdoor

Plain Navy/black bottoms only (no logos) Plain Navy / black bottoms only (no logos)

Nursery/Reception children—Uniform to be all elasticated waists, where at all possible. All children come in their PE uniform on PE days which parents will be notified of in the new term.

Swimming (Year 5/6 children)

Swimming trunks (not shorts) One-piece swimming costume

Swimming cap Swimming cap

Our official provider is The Box, 13 Towngate, Ossett. Also available at other outlets.

**Sports Day**

School sports day will take place on Monday 26th July. We would like to invite **one spectator** for each child. We will be organising the event in bubbles. Social distancing measures will be in place in line with government guidance. Each class has a timed slot:

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| Year Group | Time |
| Year 4/ Year 5/ Year 6 | 9:00am- 10:00am |
| Reception / Year 1 | 10.30am-11.30am |
| Year 2/ Year 3 | 2:00pm-3:00pm |

**Trinity Childcare**

To all parents who are interested in Breakfast or Afterschool please contact details for us is Catherine Joseph [Catherine@trinityossett.org](mailto:Catherine@trinityossett.org) or Catherine on 07538001006

**Health and Safety**

**This information below is on the newsletter every week. Please help us to keep everyone safe. Social distancing measures are still in place during drop off and collection. We would kindly ask that you wear a face mask on school premises. We ask that children do not bring additional items to school. A water bottle, lunch and returning reading books is all they need.**

**Reporting Covid Cases**

Please make sure you let us know immediately if your child has tested positive as we need to act quickly to inform Public Health England as well as inform parents and staff of any necessary closures and isolation requirements. Please email [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk).

**Positive Covid Tests and Self Isolation**

The government recommend that the NHS COVID 19 App is downloaded.  If you test positive or are identified as a contact of someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19, you will receive an email/text alert from the NHS Test and Trace Service advising that you must now self-isolate as soon as possible and stay at home.  The message will advise the date of the isolation period and it is a legal duty to comply with this.

Schools will be asking staff and parents to provide evidence of the need to self-isolate so that an accurate record can be kept in school.

If you have any issues providing this information, please email [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk)

**Surge Testing**

**An email has been sent to you today about surge testing in Wakefield.**

**Picture News**

Please find attached this week’s Picture News poster.  Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues.  Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question.  We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children.  There are no right or wrong answers, it is a forum for discussion.

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Mrs C Harris      Mrs P Gill

Head of School      Deputy Head of School

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| Upcoming Diary Dates | | |
| **Dates** | **Event** | **Who is it for?** |
| Wednesday 30th June | Nursery/School photos | Children who attend only |
| w/c 19th July | Class Dance performances | All children  (details to follow) |
| Wednesday 21st July | Transition day | All children  Y6 in school as normal |
| Monday 26th July | Sports Day | All children |
| Tuesday 27th July | Gawthorpe’s Got Talent |  |
| Wednesday 28th July | Break up for summer term |  |
| Wednesday 8th September | Return to school |  |





