

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We kindly ask you to drop off your child at their allotted time and **no earlier**. If you have children in different classes with different start and end times please drop them off and pick them up at the latest time for your family. We do have a record of this and the teachers know that some children will arrive later than others.

### Health and safety

Just before the summer the Inspire MAT secured funding for replacement of the school roof. As you may have seen, in the bottom playground, the building work has started. This will be on-going during the Autumn Term, so changes to entrances will be advised if and when necessary. We ask parents are vigilant at all times when in the bottom playground. Please do not walk past the band room as the slope currently has scaffolding and fences making it narrower than usual. We ask that you walk as far away from the scaffold and welfare area as possible to avoid any accidents or hazards. Notices for Reception/Year 1 and Year 6 are on the fence for children to line up at, at the end of the day.

### Learning Mentor

Please see the information below. Miss Croisdale is available to contact if you have any concerns regarding your child. Mobile 07789286870.

### P.E. Days

Starting week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September, on P.E. days the class will come to school in their P.E. kit. As per the Parent handbook on our website, Menu, Parents, Parent handbook there is a listing of PE kit.

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Tuesday

Year 2 – Thursday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 – Monday and Thursday (both days to come in kit)

Year 5 – Wednesday

Year 6 – Friday from 17<sup>th</sup> Sept to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> October children to do swimming and PE.

**NB – Year 6** - From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November PE kit will be required to be worn on both a Monday and Friday.

Please note Year 6 will have swimming on Friday mornings. To come to school in their PE kit along with the swimming kit in a bag. See Parent handbook for swimming items to be worn. Information was sent home this week with your child.

### Nursery Home Visits

Please note there has been a change of date for the nursery home visits. Home visits will now take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

### Risk Assessment

We are hoping to return back to some normality this year, but unfortunately some things will still remain the same for the time being, e.g. no parents in school. All queries/absences email [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk). When emailing please ensure you type your child's first name and year group so communication can be dealt with efficiently.

### RSE Policy

Please be notified that the new RSE Policy (Relationship & Sex Education Policy) is available to review on our school website [Documents & Policies - Gawthorpe Academy \(ipmat.co.uk\)](http://www.gawthorpeacademy.co.uk/Documents%20and%20Policies%20-%20Gawthorpe%20Academy)

### Afterschool Clubs

We apologise for the inconvenience caused this week of booking afterschool clubs.

Please find below a table with school activities for this half term, starting week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September-finishing on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Day	Time	Afterschool Activity	Year Groups
Monday	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Arithmetic Club	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday	3.05pm-3.30pm	Timestable Club	Year 4
Tuesday	3.15-4.00pm	Choir	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Gym Club	
Wednesday	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Sports Payment £1 per week	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thursday	3.05pm-3.30pm	Timestable Club	Year 4
Thursday	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Sports Payment £1 per week	Year 1 and Year 2
Friday	3.15-4.15pm	Dance Payment £1 per week	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Confirmation emails will be sent to confirm if your child has a place at the clubs.

Please make payment via School Cash Office before your child attends. Do not make a payment if your child receives FSM. Please do not send any money into school.

For safeguarding purposes if your child is unable to attend for any reason, please contact school or email [sspark@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:sspark@ipmat.co.uk)

### Wakefield music lessons

We have not yet received the registers from Wakefield Music School. As soon as we receive the listings, you will be notified to make the payment via our School Cash Office prior to lessons starting.

### Books

We are sorting out and reorganising all the books in school. We have multiple copies of books, which we no longer need. On Tuesday we will be holding a book stall where children can bring £1 and choose 5 books to take home. All money

raised will go towards non-fiction books for the wider curriculum. If your child would like to buy some books the stall will be held during the day on Tuesday. Each class will have an allocated slot to visit the stall. They will need to bring a named carrier bag to put them in. Any remaining unsold books will be sold on Thursday.

### Dogs

Can we ask that anyone who is collecting a child from our nursery or school do not bring their dogs into the school playground. Dogs to remain outside of the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.

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### Collection of Morrisons vouchers

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing.

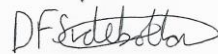
Download the My Morrisons app\* or [log into your online account](#) today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to. Simply scan your digital My Morrisons or physical card in store, or link your My Morrisons card to your online account to get Grow Tokens every time you shop.

### 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.



Mrs C Harris  
Head of School



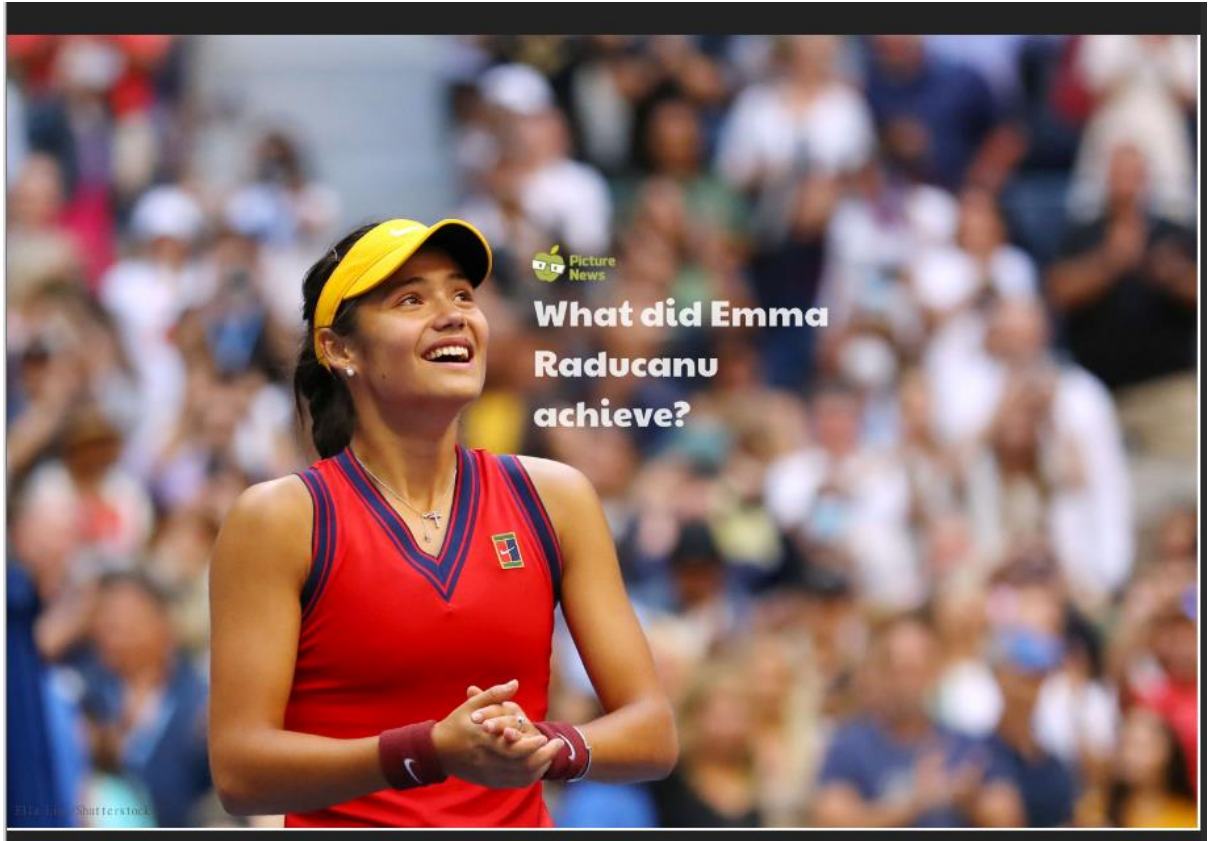
Miss D. Sidebottom  
Assistant Headteacher

<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Return to school	Whole School
<a href="#">Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September</a>	<a href="#">Book Stall</a>	<a href="#">Whole School</a>
<a href="#">Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</a>	<a href="#">Book Stall</a>	<a href="#">Whole School</a>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival	Whole School
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultations	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Break up for half term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	INSET – Nursery/School closed	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Return to school	
<a href="#">Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</a>	<a href="#">Nursery Home Visits</a>	<a href="#">Nursery</a>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school for the Spring Term	

- Please note for future amendments to diary dates, these will be in blue.



## Picture News





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Miss Croisdale is the Learning Mentor in school. She is available to support parents/carers and children with any concerns they may have such as:



- . Worries about your child's behaviour and parenting difficulties
- . Any problems in school e.g. your child getting upset about coming to school, bullying etc.
- . Bereavement
- . Parental separation
- . Domestic violence

You can contact Miss Croisdale by making an appointment to see her by emailing [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) or by ringing 01924 679682.