

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the building work. As you may have noticed the scaffolding now covers the PE hall and the year 4/5 entrance. This is making access even more restricted. We kindly ask you to drop off your child at their allotted time and **no earlier as members of staff are on duty from 8.35 am**. Parents of younger children please drop your child off at the exact time and not before as it will not be safe to line the children up in the coming weeks in front of the school.

**Year 6 children need to use the top gate from Monday and walk through the top playground to get to their class.**

### Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated food to the harvest festival. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. Our harvest assembly yesterday allowed our school to meet together, outside for the first time this year. Our school choir performed their first song which was great to hear. Thank you to Miss Cranton and Mrs Jaques for organising the music and to the support staff who have displayed the donations. Mrs Gilks and the KS1 children need a special mention and thank you for growing and harvesting the fruit and vegetables from the school garden, which you may have seen on twitter.

### Reception

Reception class PE day will be changing from Thursday to Friday, starting **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. Children will come to school in their uniform Monday to Thursday, and wear PE kit on a Friday. Also on Fridays Reception children will bring home a Bedtime Reading Book. The books will be sent home on a Friday, please return to school the following Friday.

### School Library

We are looking forward to the children being able to use our school library again. From Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October each class will have access to the school library. Children will be allowed to borrow one book at a time. The timetable will be issued next week so that each class has a regular slot.

### Intra Sports

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October is our first Intra Sports Event. Please could all children come in PE on that day. Each class will take part in the activity during the day. Watch out for photos on Twitter.

### Recycling Week

Each class has been given a challenge this week to recycle a wooden pallet into something new... You may see brightly coloured pallets in the front garden or pallets used for insect hotels. The results will be seen soon as the heavy rain this week has slowed down progress. We have planters, insect hotels and seats seem to be taking shape.

### Job Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. Please see our website [Job Vacancies - Gawthorpe Academy \(ipmat.co.uk\)](https://www.gawthorpe.ac.uk/job-vacancies)

## Home School Agreement

Next week we will be asking you to confirm permissions for children to appear on twitter, Facebook and our you tube channel. Seesaw and Teams logins will be re- issued so that your child can access messages, homework and see a record of the work they have produced in different curriculum areas.

## Social Media

### Have you heard of “Twitch”?

We recommend parents/carers use the link below to view a guide about the Twitch app/website that your children may have seen online or be using.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/twitch-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

Please see the information below regarding a new app/website that your children may be aware of and/or using.



### What is Twitch?

Twitch is a platform for live video streaming, with a minimum user age of **13**. It is available as a website or app. Twitch has over 9 million daily active users. Live videos can feature any activity, however, much of Twitch’s content is centred around gaming.

Young people and adults frequently use Twitch to watch, or create, live videos of people. These videos could be of users playing popular video games such as **Roblox** or **Minecraft**, or of celebrities and influences talking to their fans in a live setting.

If watching gaming videos, viewers can see the gamer’s screen and the gamer themselves. Viewers can also hear any commentary whilst playing.

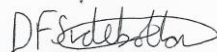
Within a stream, viewers can leave comments for the streamers to interact with or answer.

### 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	
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Mental Health and Wellbeing Week	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Intra Sports</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
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	
w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Antibullying Week</b>	<b>Whole school</b>
w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Road Safety Week</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Nursery Home Visits	Nursery ONLY opened for children who attend 30 hrs
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	

### 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. We will be looking at extending our out of school club provision so that more children can join in.

Day	Time	Afterschool Activity	Year Groups
Monday	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Arithmetic Club	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday	3.05pm-3.30pm	Times table 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	Times table 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

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)

## GAWTHORPE COMMUNITY ACADEMY

### 2021-2022 School Calendar

September 2021							October 2021							November 2021						
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June 2022							July 2022							August 2022						
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