

Thursday 7th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to everyone in school for taking part in the Inter-Sports yesterday.

Lightning – 861

Wind – 829

Fire – 826

Earth – 771

Ice – 735

Safeguarding

Year 6 will continue to use the top gate as their entrance and exit. This is to reduce the number of children into the bottom gate whilst the building work is at the front of school.

In the next week the scaffolding will be moved to the front of school as roof work begins over the year 4 and 5 classrooms. When this work begins our assembly hall will be the year 5 classroom. Year 5 will come through the main entrance. Year 4 will be using the band room as their temporary classroom and will go through the bottom gate directly to the band room. We will contact parent to let you know when this happens.

Parent Consultations w/c 18th October

We will be sending out shortly the Microsoft forms for parents to request an appointment with their child's class teacher.

Please only submit the form for the child in the appropriate class. Do not add children from other classes to the form as this then enters the child onto the wrong class listing. Times will be emailed out to you by Friday 15th October.

At the appointment time the teacher will contact the designated phone number. Please make sure you are available, as the appointment times are back to back. The teacher will try 3 times to make contact. If there is no answer we will not be able to call at a later time on that day. Please note the call will be from a "**number withheld**" phone.

The consultation will be to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and academic progress only.

Any other issues you wish to raise, please contact gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk to make another appointment with the class teacher.

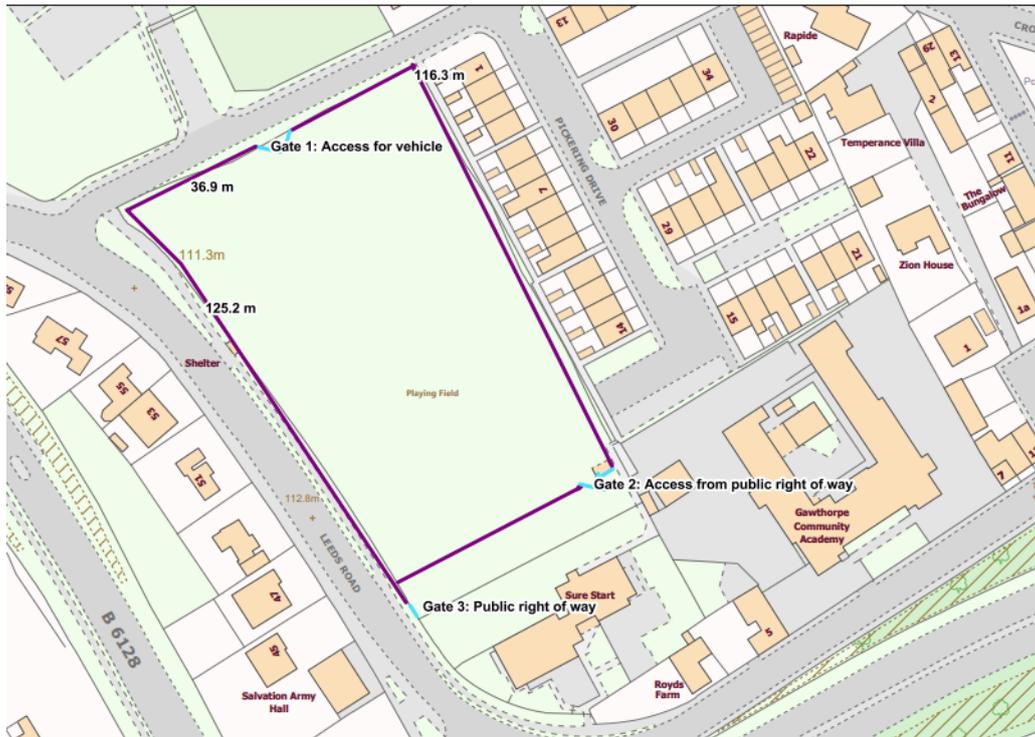


Our School Field

We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded a grant by the Football Foundation to develop our field as a permanent football pitch. This is in association with Ossett Albion Football club. Miss Sidebottom has worked hard to secure the grant so that our school and the girls football teams at Ossett Albion can benefit from the improvements to our field.

The first phase of this improvement will see a perimeter fence being installed. It will follow the hedge around the field, but continue to allow public access to the trim trail and footpath. The work will start in the next few weeks.

We are looking forward to doing PE outside without having to clean up dog fouling and broken bottles before we start.



Parking

For all school parents and nursery parents, can we please ask that you DO NOT park on the yellow lines in front of school and nursery. We have received various complaints and photos of people parking inappropriately. Please can we ask that you are vigilant when parking for those parents crossing the road at the top and the bottom and in front of the school.

Reception

Reception class PE day will be changing from Thursday to Friday, starting **Friday 8th October**. Children will come to school in their uniform Monday to Thursday, and wear PE kit on a Friday.

Home School Agreement

All children have been sent home with a Parent Consent form to be amended and returned to school by **Friday 8th October**. This information will be required to be returned for every child.

Trinity Childcare

A holiday club will run over the October half term. The club will hopefully run from Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October. Please contact victoria@trinityossett.org.uk or catherine@trinityossett.org.uk no later than Friday 15th October for further details.

Message from the governors.

This is our first message of the new school year and we hope that you and your families are safe and well. The children have been in school for about a month now and so we hope that they are settled into their new classes and enjoying school life with their friends.

On Wednesday last week, I was able to spend the day in school with Mrs Harris and it was lovely to be there on a working day. The day began with the Harvest Festival in the maypole garden, the children have had little opportunity to be all together as a school community and certainly not to sing together so this was especially good to see and share. We walked round all the classes, once lessons were under way, and there was a calm, focussed atmosphere throughout school as the children were involved in their learning.

Unfortunately, work on the school roof is causing some disruption to the school day but as always Mrs Harris and the staff are adapting and minimising the impact on the children's routine as much as they can.

We had our first governors' meeting this week in school and it was great to be able to get together, as a group, in person. As it is the beginning of a new school year, we discussed the school's development priorities for the coming academic year and also those of the governing board. Mrs Harris presented her headteacher's report informing us of all that is happening in school. Some governors have also attended Safeguarding training as part of one of the staff training days in September.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Emma McCarthy for her commitment and support as a school governor, as she has left us this term.

Jan North (Chair of Governors)

My name is Deborah Iggleden, I am a Parent Governor for Gawthorpe Community Academy, I have been in post since 2017.

In my professional life I take the form of a Human Resources manager. A huge part of my role focuses on learning and development of employees. Learning, Training and Development has and continues to be a significant passion, from supporting others to develop and grow to self-development, and I believe that you are never too old to learn something new.

I see my role as Parent Governor as an extension to both my HR career and my passion for learning and self-growth. In this capacity, I feel I can support the teaching staff and other governors in a learning environment, as well better understand the processes and legislation which is vital to our children's learning journey.

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

Upcoming Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 13 th October	Croft House	Year 5
Monday 18 th October	Parent consultations	Whole School
Wednesday 20 th October		
Wednesday 20 th October	Visit to Ossett	Year 2
Friday 22 nd October	Break up for half term	
Monday 1 st November	INSET – Nursery/School closed	Whole School
Tuesday 2 nd November	Return to school	Whole School
w/c 15 th November	Antibullying Week	Whole school
w/c 22 nd November	Road Safety Week	Whole School
Wednesday 1 st December	Nursery Home Visits	Nursery ONLY opened for children who attend 30 hrs
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas	Whole School
Monday 3 rd January	Bank Holiday	Whole School
Tuesday 4 th January	Return to school for the Spring Term	Whole School

Afterschool Clubs

School activities for this half term, starting week commencing 20th September-finishing on Friday 22nd October

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

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:



Mrs Harris
Headteacher

Lead DSL



Miss Croisdale
Learning Mentor



Mrs Coyle
Attendance Officer



Miss White
SEND/CO/Class Teacher



Dear Diane,

“I want to warn parents about the dangers of their children playing with magnets. I want to reinforce how dangerous these magnets really are.”

- Mum of a six-year-old girl who swallowed 23 magnets

In recent weeks there have been numerous media reports of older children swallowing magnets after mimicking TikTok tongue piercing challenges or younger children swallowing magnets from jewellery or toys.

Shockingly, some magnets sold on online marketplaces can be up to ten times stronger than the law allows.

These super strong magnets attract to each other in the gut and cause the tissue to die, wreaking serious and lasting internal damage.

We have partnered with the Office for Product Safety and Standards and the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons to bring you advice and resources to share with families.

On the new CAPT [magnets hub](#) you'll find:

- [Advice to share](#) with parents
- [Case studies](#) to show how these accidents are happening
- A [flyer](#), [leaflet](#), [poster](#) and [digital assets](#) to download and share

No time?

If you're pushed for time, simply share our posts on Facebook and Twitter so that colleagues or parents who follow you will know about the dangers.

Thank you for helping to make families aware of the dangers of these small but powerful magnets.



Picture News

at Home

4th October 2021

What's going on this week?



4th-10th October
What would encourage you to use public transport?

Encouraging people to use buses more often is to be a central part of the Government's plan to reach net zero by 2050. Bus stops will be heated and have changing rooms and Wi-Fi in a bid to create eco-friendly park and rides for cyclists. They will also act as a focal point for cyclists, electric car drivers and rail commuters to switch easily between different modes of transport, with bosses calling the new stops mobility hubs.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌿 Where is the nearest bus stop or train station to where you live? What is it like? Do you use it?
- 🌿 What is public transport like in your local area? What is your preferred type of transport?
- 🌿 Do you think mobility hubs will make more people use public transport? What would you like to see in them? E.g., shops, services, facilities etc.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss