

Thursday 2nd December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid

Over the last week we have had some positive cases in nursery and school. Please could we ask that all parents are vigilant and that if there is any doubt with your child's symptoms please ensure a lateral flow test is completed.

Additional closure day

As per the letter sent from Sue Vickerman last week, school and nursery will be closed on **Thursday 9th December** for all members of staff to receive training for our new Reading scheme.

Christmas donations

Thank you so much for the donations we have received already. Any further donations to be handed into the school office.

Christmas cards

Can we ask that children do not bring their Christmas cards into school for distribution by the teachers. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER – 3.15-5.00PM

Parents will be requested to collect their children from school and then make their way around to the Maypole garden gate entrance to sign in (the play area for Reception and Year 1). Admission is free. Parents are requested to complete the Microsoft form which will be sent by email next week. We are requesting that each family only attends one of the nights. Please complete the form to which night you wish to attend and then submit the form.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER – 3.15-5.00PM

As above

FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT

Father Christmas will be visiting Gawthorpe at the Christmas markets. If you wish to attend, please pre-book and complete the Microsoft form and submit (this will enable Santa to bring enough presents). The cost will be £1.50 and this will be payable when you visit Father Christmas. If you are unable to visit Father Christmas please note your present will be available from the school office). Please ensure all requests for this visit are made no later than 12pm on **FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER**.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER.

Please ensure school grid has been updated with your child's requirements for this date.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES – Children to come to school in their party clothes on their party day.

WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER – NURSERY (ALL DAY)

THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER – YEAR 2 - YEAR 3 - YEAR 6

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER – RECEPTION - YEAR 1 - YEAR 4 - YEAR 5

CHRISTMAS CAROLS – MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER AT 9.15AM in the Community Garden

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS – More information to be sent next week.

Reading Books

Please can we ask that **ALL** children bring to school their reading books and their reading record books **every day**.

Nursery

Will your child be 4 by 31 August 2022?

Please see attached poster to register your child for school.

Job Vacancies

Please see our school website for 3 x lunchtime supervisor vacancies. We if you know of anyone who would be interested in applying please forward the following link

[Job Vacancies - Gawthorpe Academy \(ipmat.co.uk\)](http://ipmat.co.uk)

Building work

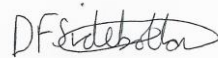
Building work has now moved round to the front of the school and round to the side of the school. Work will stop between the times of 8.25-9.00 to enable those children to enter school quickly. Depending on how the works move forward in the forthcoming weeks, school entrances may be altered, but staff will be in the appropriate areas to direct children to their classrooms.

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

Information from the Aim Group (see link below)

*Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget. We have several **Free** online Level 2 CACHE/TQUK/NCFE Accredited Courses available to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing.*

Below are some of the most popular courses we offer:

- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)

The qualifications are completed within an 8-week period, duration is completely dependent on each learner's ability as to how fast they complete and how many hours it takes. There are no exams, essays or end-point assessments however I would however advise that these are NOT 'short courses' that will take just a few hours to complete. As these are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C, you are required to write comprehensive answers for some questions. You may do as many as you like, just one at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following..

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

*The course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event that someone enrolls, but then makes **no attempt to complete the course without a valid reason**. That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a genuine reason as to why they feel they won't be able to complete it within the 8 weeks.*

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link this week. This will then allow you to complete a quick Registration on our website. I will then contact you to explain how Enrolment works and answer any questions you may have.

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000f9sGv>

<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
Date	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 1 st December	Nursery Home Visits	Nursery ONLY opened for children who attend 30 hrs
Tuesday 7 th December	Christmas Market	Starts at 3.15 – 5.00pm
Wednesday 8 th December	Christmas Market	Starts at 3.15 – 5.00 pm
Thursday 9 th December	School and Nursery closed	
Monday 13 th December	Christmas carols in the Community Garden	Whole school
Tuesday 14 th December	School Christmas dinner	
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/Nursery



Picture News

at Home

29th November 2021

What's going on this week?



29th November - 5th December
Is the world a better place when we live a more natural life?

Brazil's indigenous people came together at COP26 earlier this month to share their message, that the world needs their expertise in protecting the Amazon rainforest. They have said they face increasing threats from loggers and miners. Their way of life is being threatened and huge areas of forest are being destroyed. It's thought that indigenous leaders in Latin America and the Caribbean protect around an eighth of all the carbon stored by tropical rainforests across the world.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🍎 How can the land indigenous groups live on be protected? Whose job do you think it is?
- 🍎 What types of things do you think help make a 'natural life'? Do you think it's important for us try to make our lives as natural as we can?

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



NESC
National Elite
Sports Coaching

LEARN THROUGH ACTIVE PLAY!

BATLEY
BATLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL CARLINGHOW HILL, BATLEY WF17 0AD

WEEKLY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CLASSES

MONDAYS
18:00 - 19:00
(KS1 & KS2 4.5YRS-12YRS)
MONTHLY BLOCK BOOKINGS AT
£6 PER SESSION

GET STARTED NOW WITH A
FREE TRIAL SESSION
APPLIES TO ALL LOCATIONS AND ALL AVAILABLE CLASSES



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
WWW.NESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

07725074230 01642903247 info@nesportscoaching.co.uk

**50%
SIBLING
DISCOUNT**





NESC
National Elite
Sports Coaching

WHAT WE OFFER

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Our Holiday Clubs are where your child gets the chance to learn many football-related skills with the addition of making friends, gaining confidence, and much more.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

We kick off the party with the perfect warm-up games for children of all ages. The children can then test their shooting skills in our dizzy penalty shootout. Our birthday guest will be made to feel special at all times throughout the party. The birthday child will receive a medal, football, and a cake on request.

MULTI SPORTS CLASSES

Our Multi-Sports classes develop your child's fitness, confidence, and skills. Our classes will include a wide range of activities for all such as basketball, rounders, volleyball and much more!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
WWW.NESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

50%
SIBLING
DISCOUNT

07725074230 01642903247 info@nesportscoaching.co.uk



**Will your
child be 4**



by 31 August 2022?

If the answer is **YES** and you're a Wakefield resident you must apply for a full-time school place **NOW**, as your child will not automatically be given a place.

APPLY ONLINE, APPLY ON TIME

Complete your online application form at
www.wakefield.gov.uk/admit

and submit it by the closing date of 15 January 2022

This service is easy to use and you can log on to get your offer of a place on **19 April 2022**.



wakefieldcouncil