

Thursday 9th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Communication

When parents are contacting the school, email [GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) and not the class teachers. Once the email is received by GCA-enquiries, the email is then uploaded to CPOMS and is then added to the child's folder and then assigned to the relevant staff to action.

Parents should not be emailing class teachers. Thank you.

Job Vacancies

Closing date for job vacancies is Friday 10th December. Please see our school website for 3 x lunchtime supervisor vacancies. 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)

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.

Items being brought to school

Due to the increase of the positive cases, we ask that children bring to school their water bottle, lunch box and a book bag (which are available from the school uniform shop) or the plastic wallet with their homework/reading book/reading record book in. **No rucksacks please.**

Christmas markets

Thank you for joining us at the Christmas markets this year.

Raffle prizes to be collected from the school office. An email will be sent with the winning tickets later today.

Christmas cards

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

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. This is for school children only.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS – Once again, due to Covid restrictions we are unable to ask parents into school, therefore the Christmas Productions will be uploaded to Seesaw for you to view at home.

School Milk

This is a reminder for those parents who pay for their child's milk termly to contact School Milk and make the payment for SPRING TERM 2022. Children in Reception class whose birthday is between 1st September 2021 and 8th April 2022 (as per the information on the school website), you must contact School Milk to order and pay for your child's milk. Payment is not via the school office. If you feel you are entitled to free school milk and have not already done so, please collect a form from the school office 'Application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding'.

School Activities

This is to confirm that all afterschool activities, both clubs and year group clubs will not take place next week.

All Spring Term activities will be announced in the New Year which will enable parents to enrol their child on to. If your child attends a class session e.g. Maths afterschool, these will continue w/c 10th January 2022. Intervention groups will re-start again from Tuesday 4th January at 8.30am.

Nursery

Will your child be 4 by 31 August 2022?

Please see attached poster to register your child for school.

Building work

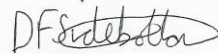
Building work has now moved round to the side of the school. Work will stop between the times of 8.25-9.00 to enable those children to enter school quickly. Depending on how the works move forward in the forthcoming weeks, school entrances may be altered, but staff will be in the appropriate areas to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

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
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

6th December 2021

What's going on this week?



Facebook founder, Mark Zuckerberg has announced Meta, a new company brand for Facebook apps and technologies. Meta recently declared that they're changing direction from developing social media platforms to building what they're calling the next version of the internet. They've described the metaverse as a way of using the internet through virtual reality (VR). Instead of being on a computer, the concept means the user would use a VR headset to access websites and interact with others.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌱 Have you ever used a virtual reality (VR) headset? How do you think using a VR headset may change how we experience computer games and forums?
- 🌱 In the future, do you think you would like to have a virtual life?
- 🌱 What do you think are the benefits and drawbacks of having a metaverse?

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



**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**.



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