

Thursday 16th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

All the staff would like to wish you all and your families a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year, and we look forward to 2022.

Christmas Markets and Carol Concert

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas markets last week. We raised £643.29. The proceeds will go towards buying more annuals and non-fiction books for the library. We wish to thank everyone who attended the Carol Service in the community garden. It was lovely to see so many people and have the opportunity to all come together.

Christmas Card Competition

Croft house asked us to design their annual Christmas card. All the nursery and school children took part in the Christmas card competition for Croft House. Croft House kindly choose a winner and runners-up, who all received prizes. The prize winners were in Nursery, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6. Thank you to all the children.

Covid

Once again 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. All results must be emailed to gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

Christmas raffle prizes

We still have the following prizes awaiting to be collected, ticket numbers 403, 38, 323 and 258. Please collect by Friday 17th December.

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. All parents have this week been sent Seesaw passwords. The school website, Menu, Remote Learning, has all the information of signing-on to Seesaw.

Message from the governors

I am sure that you are all very busy getting ready for Christmas and looking forward to celebrating with family and friends. It is sad that times are still so uncertain and that restrictions still need to be in place, but fingers crossed that Christmas will go ahead as planned.

We were able to have our development morning in school last month and it was great to be part of the school community for the morning. We have recently decided to allocate a governor to each class so that the children can get to know us a bit better and we can develop positive relationships within school, so each governor spent some of the morning with their class. The children had planned some questions to ask us to find out a little bit about us and some questions proved to be quite tricky but we did our best to answer them! We then had the opportunity to ask the children about the school values and it was very positive to hear how they feel that the values are part of school life and can describe how, when and where they can be seen in action.

We must thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication and flexibility this term. Times remain challenging and as usual the whole team has worked together to do their very best for the children. Finally, we hope you all have a safe, happy and fun filled Christmas.

New Year

From **Tuesday 4th January** we will be amending the arrangements of school entry for all year groups, see below.

Reception Class 8.50am to 3.00pm - Bottom school gate

Year 1 8.40am to 3.10pm - Bottom school gate

Year 2 8.45am to 3.15pm - Top school gate

Year 3 8.35am to 3.05pm - Top school gate

Year 4 8.35am to 3.05pm - Bottom school gate

Year 5 8.45am to 3.15pm - Bottom school gate

Year 6 8.35am to 3.05pm - Bottom school gate

Parents are requested to bring their child to school at the **earliest time** for their family e.g. if your child is in Year 3 but you have a child in Reception, **we are now asking that you bring the children to school for the Year 3 to start on time.** We will endeavour to get the children into school as soon as possible. A pupil who arrives late after 9.00am will be marked as late (L).

A reminder that any appointments made for children before school, please ensure a copy of the appointment is sent to gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk for the registers to be updated with a 'M' for medical appointment.

As per our website: Parents, Attendance - Punctuality is essential if your child is going to make the most of their learning. If your child is absent then you must telephone the school and leave a message for the attendance officer by 8.35 am each day your child is absent.

The law states that children should arrive at school on time, every day. For example if school doors open at 8.45am it is expected that pupils should be there ready to learn from the time when the first register is taken. A pupil who arrives late after 9.00am will be marked as late; using the appropriate code (L).

Communication

Teachers are still receiving emails from parents. When contacting the school email gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk and not the class teachers. Once the email is received by [gca-enquiries](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk), the email is then uploaded to CPOMS and is then added to the child's file and then assigned to the relevant staff to action. Parents should not be emailing class teachers. Thank you.

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.**

School Uniform

As per September 2021, school uniform stipulated that children wear full uniform and black trainers. For PE children should wear their PE top, **school sweatshirt**. No other hoodies/sweatshirts are to be worn.

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

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

P.E. Days

Please note - next half term Year 2 PE is Thursday and Friday.

Nursery

Will your child be 4 by 31 August 2022?

Please see attached poster to register your child for school.

Building work

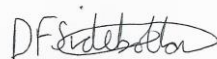
Building work has now moved round to the side of the school. Work will stop between the times of 8.25-9.00 to enable those children to enter school quickly. Depending on how the works move forward in the forthcoming weeks, school entrances may be altered, but staff will be in the appropriate areas to 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
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas	Whole School/Nursery
Monday 3 rd January	Bank Holiday	Whole School/Nursery
Tuesday 4 th January	Return to school for the Spring Term	Whole School/Nursery
Friday 18 th February	Break up for half term	Whole school/Nursery
Monday 28 th February	Return to school	Whole school/Nursery



Picture News

at Home

13th December 2021

What's going on this week?



13th-19th December
Who are school
performances for?

School nativity plays and musical concerts have taken place in various formats this year, with some schools hosting events entirely online, others taking a hybrid approach and some even opting for performances outdoors.

Health minister, Edward ~~Amis~~ ^{Argar} has said festive plays in school are "important to young people who've had a rough time" during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌱 Did you take part in a school play or concert this year? Was it online or in person? If you have experiences of both, which do you prefer?
- 🌱 Do you enjoy performing in front of others in general?
- 🌱 Do the adults you live with enjoy watching you perform?

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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