

Thursday 28th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Firstly, welcome back after the Easter break. We have been very busy in school this week with lots of brilliant learning taking place. It has been lovely to welcome the children with our assemblies now up and running across the week. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school to share our vision, sing and celebrate the incredible learning at Gawthorpe. On Wednesday, our wonderful children attended Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. It is a joy to see these amazing events taking place and the buzz this creates for our children is so special.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you all for making me feel so welcome during my first week. In my first week as Headteacher, it already strikes me of what a wonderful community we serve. I have been so impressed with the manners and politeness of our children and they have all been so helpful in helping me settle over the week. Next week, during our parent/carer consultations, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

We have lots of activities planned and although this half term is a short one, it is one that is also very busy! We will be keeping you up to date with everything taking place and we will continue to share all of our learning on Twitter.

I am very much looking forward to working with every single family to share our vision and commitments to our families and community.

Easter Raffle

We still have 2 outstanding raffle prizes to be collected.
Ticket numbers : Blue 531-535 and 626-630

Coal Race

An excellent Coal Race over the holidays in which many of our children took part. If you have any pictures you wish us to display in school, please email to gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

Parents meetings/evening

Face to face meetings with parents in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 will take place on **Tuesday 3rd May and Wednesday 4th May.**

Half term reports will be sent out on Friday so they can be discussed/reviewed during the parent meeting. We have already had some feedback, both positive and negative about the reports but would appreciate further feedback on these during the parent meetings.

Appointment date and times will be emailed out today/tomorrow. Unfortunately, we have been unable to accommodate all appointments. Once you receive your appointment and

you are unable to attend, ring school office and speak to Mrs Spark to re-arrange for another time available.

Year 1 Local Area Trip

On Wednesday 4th May, Year 1 will be walking to Owl Lane Garden Centre. This is to support their new science unit, 'Plants'. These local area trips are agreed to already so no new permission slip is required. All we ask is that the children come to school in appropriate footwear and please ensure they have a coat with them in the event of unpredictable weather. We will leave the school shortly after lunch time and be back with plenty of time for normal collection at 15:10.

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.

Mr C. White
Headteacher

Miss D. Sidebottom
Assistant Headteacher

<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
Date	Event	Year Group
Monday 25 th April	Return to school	Whole school/Nursery
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Tuesday 3 rd May	Parent Meetings in school	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5
Wednesday 3rd May	Local Area Trip	Year 1
Wednesday 4 th May	Parent Meetings in school	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5
Thursday 5 th May	INSET Day	Nursery/School Closed
Saturday 7 th May	Maypole Parade	Year 5 & 6 Maypole dancers
Sunday 8 th May	Church Service	Times to be confirmed
Wednesday 11 th May (9-10.30am)	Inspire	Year 4
Friday 20 th May	Break up	Nursery/School closed
Monday 6 th June	Return to school	Whole school/Nursery
Wednesday 15 th June (9-10.30am)	Inspire	Year 5

TAKEHOME

25 April - 17th May



Should pets be protected more than other animals?



In the news this week

Access to a new scheme offering free pet healthcare across 38 European countries, is now available to Ukrainian refugees, who have left the country with their pets to avoid the conflict. Refugees will be able to have treatment costs covered for up to five dogs, cats, horses or other animals as a result of the effort by Humane Society International (HSI). The project, called, Vets for Ukrainian Pets, will provide up to £209 per pet for care and medication.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you have any pets at home? Share your experience of keeping animals at home.
- > Can you think of any examples of animal that people own that aren't pets? E.g., farm animals.
- > Do you think the project, Vets for Ukrainian Pets is a good idea? Share your thoughts on the project. Do you think any more can be done to help the pets of the refugees?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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