

Thursday 5th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

It has been a lovely week in school with lots going on. We have really enjoyed seeing our Reception and Year 1 children taking part on their local walks and visits this week and their behaviour was wonderful. We had several members of the public speak to our staff about the wonderful manners and behaviour of our pupils. The children in school have also been busy taking part in creating the float for the Maypole Weekend and this is something I know everyone is excited about. It will be brilliant having everyone 'Coming Together' again.

This week we have held our parent/carer consultations and it has been a joy to meet many of you. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your kind words and comments and the feedback given alongside our staff discussing your child's progress. I really value these face-to-face sessions and I am very keen to ensure you are always kept up to date with your child's progress across the year.

As many of you will be aware, next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children and some of our Year 2 children have started theirs. As a school, we do everything to maintain a normal school day but we are here to provide our children with an extra positive boost if needed as I know you will too.

Finally, this week, during our INSET Day, we have looked at the curriculum we have on offer at Gawthorpe and further ways this can be developed for our children, families and community. We are really proud of the curriculum we have established in school and this is something we will be sharing with you in the summer term.

I hope you have a lovely Maypole Weekend and I look forward to seeing you celebrate with our children, staff and community.

Maypole Weekend

The Maypole Plaiters and Choir are excited to play an integral part in the May Day Celebrations this weekend. This week, the children have all contributed to decorations for the school float. It will be lovely to see the community out in force, to watch the procession and dancing on the Maypole Green on Saturday. The dancing will take place at approximately 5pm on the Maypole Green.

The Plaiters and Choir will be singing at both the church service on Sunday and the Darby and Joan on Monday.

All the Plaiters and Choir have been sent detailed information about the above. Any questions please speak to Miss Sidebottom.

Nursery

The nursery team would like to thank all the parents for their contributions at our Spring fair. We raised over £150 to spend on the outdoor area in nursery. We have already bought and planted seeds and flowers. The container has been moved in preparation for a new area and football nets are due to be delivered soon.

Year 4 INSPIRE

Unfortunately due to Y6 SATs taking place next week, Year 4's INSPIRE morning will now take place on **Wednesday 18th May, 9.00-10.30am**. We look forward to seeing you then.

Safeguarding Message

It has been brought to my attention that a character named 'Huggy Wuggy' is being viewed by children online.

The character can be easily viewed on You Tube channels and is a teddy bear with razor sharp teeth that sings worrying songs about hugging and killing. Due to the name young people may come across the character and watch a video expecting a bear. Also, due to the name, it may slip through some internet filtering you may have in place to protect your child.

Therefore, please be extra vigilant when your child is online.

Twitter

We use Twitter as our main social media platform. This is a fantastic tool as a school to share our learning with our families and update you on things instantly. Please follow us on @IPMATGawthorpe where we want to share and interact with our families with everything going on in school.

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
Saturday 7 th May	Maypole Parade	Year 5 & 6 Maypole dancers
Sunday 8 th May	Church Service	Times to be confirmed
Wednesday 18th 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

Should we have the right to say
whatever we choose?



In the news this week

Chief executive of the electric car manufacturer, Tesla, and founder of SpaceX, Elon Musk, has reached a deal to buy Twitter, stating that he is the right person to release the social media platform's extraordinary potential. He has agreed to buy the social media platform in a £34.6bn (\$44bn) deal. Musk is a regular Twitter user with more than 80 million followers. In March, Musk asked his followers whether they thought the social media platform encouraged free speech.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think people should be able to say what they like on social media platforms like Twitter, or do you think there should be rules users need to follow?
- How about in general life, do you think people should be able to say whatever they like, whenever they like?
- Share your knowledge of social media. Do you think you will use any in the future?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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