

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

It has been a wonderful and busy week in school. We have had our Year 6 SATs and the children have been brilliant throughout the week. We have enjoyed breakfast together and every child has shown incredible resilience. We are so proud of you all!

I want to also thank all of the staff for their efforts across the week. Staff have come in early to support with breakfast, many on their days off to welcome and support our children. It is your wonderful dedication to our children that makes Gawthorpe so special.

There has been such a buzz in school and throughout Gawthorpe with the Maypole Festival taking place. The children and staff alike have thoroughly enjoyed preparing their floats and sharing these with our community. I want to, once again, pay a special thank you to all of the staff members at Gawthorpe, who spent hours and hours after school putting everything together and spent their weekend bringing the wonderful event together. I was lucky enough to attend the church service on Sunday evening and this was a lovely celebration of the Maypole Festival.

Also the write up in the Wakefield express about the Mayday weekend is well worth a read.

Year 6

We have been asked by Ossett Academy to inform parents of children who are moving to Ossett in September of the following information:-

Year 6 Taster Day – Thursday 30 June 2022

Pupil and Parent Information and Frequently Asked Questions: please can we ask that you direct parents and carers to our academy website, Transition page at <https://ossett.accordmat.org/y6transition/> where they can find an array of information in relation to their child's transition to secondary school.

Pupil / Parent Queries: We hope that the Frequently Asked Questions document and information on our website will answer most queries about Transition at this time. However, if parents/carers have specific queries, please ask them to contact us at enquiries@ossett.accordmat.org.

Year 4 INSPIRE

Year 4's INSPIRE morning will now take place on **Wednesday 18th May, 9.00-10.30am**. We look forward to seeing you then. Parents to enter via the bottom door after the children have had registration.

Year 1

Next Thursday 19th May Y1 will be going on a local area walk focusing on the different types of housing in Gawthorpe. We do not need further permission as this has already been granted for these walks. However, we do ask that your child comes to school on Thursday with suitable footwear and clothing eg a coat in case of poor weather. Thanks in advance!

Picnic Day – Thursday 19th May

Firstly, could we ask that all parents who order children's school meals to check School Grid for next Thursday to ensure choices have been made. The menu has been amended for the school picnic.

Weather permitting the picnic will take place on the school field.

End of Day Collection – Year 2 and Year 3

Starting from Monday 16th May, Year 2 and Year 3 children will exit school from the top playground by the outdoor gym equipment and not through the main entrance. The mornings will remain the same.

Year 2

We are sad to announce that Mrs Parker will be leaving us on Friday 20th May and moving onto pastures new. For 10 years, Mrs Parker has been dedicated and committed to the children, school and community. Mrs Parker's calm and caring nature will be missed by all. We wish her best wishes and good luck in her new job.

Nursery

We have places available in Nursery to start in September. If you have a child who is at Nursery age and are interested in a place then please contact Mrs Dear in the school office 01924 679680 for more information or download the admissions form from our website.

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

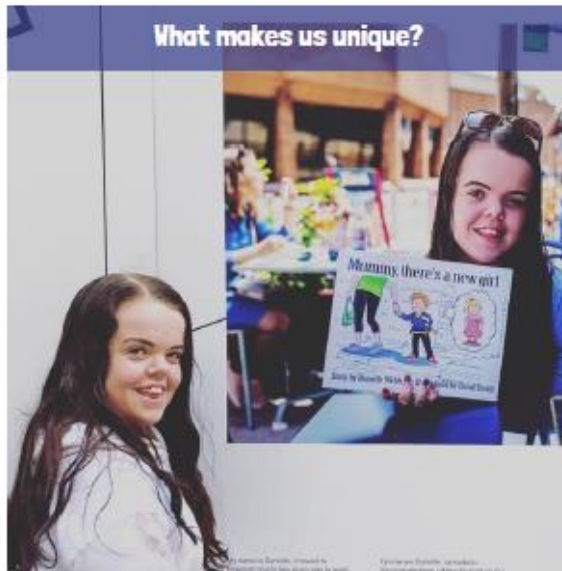
Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is a forum for discussion.

Mr C. White
Headteacher

Miss D. Sidebottom
Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 18 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
Thursday 30 June 2022	Y6	For those of Y6 attending Ossett Academy in September

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Danielle Webb, who is 23 and lives with dwarfism, recently wrote a book and regularly visits schools to help educate others about her condition in a bid to stamp out prejudice. Danielle said that changing the minds of adults was difficult, so her focus was on educating children. The student, who is 3ft 11.5in (1.2m), said being called names and laughed at "just becomes our norm", so her new book, 'Mummy, there's a new girl', tells the story of a girl who is picked on for her looks before a brave child looks past her differences and learns that size is no big deal.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think Danielle decided to write the book? How do you think Danielle's book might help people to understand differences?
- > Discuss the phrase 'never judge a book by its cover'. What do you think this means and do you agree?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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