

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. It has been lovely to welcome our families back into school this week. We have had a wonderful and busy week in school and it has been such a joy to see the learning taking place in every classroom.

New Staff

We welcome Fiona Curtis and Louise Hobson who will be joining the Lunchtime Supervisors. Also, Karrie-Marie Murphy has joined us who will be the new Attendance Officer and Administrator. From Monday 20th June, Mrs Murphy will be on the front desk. The phone lines will therefore be available from 8.15am to report any absence etc.

If you wish to email, Mrs Murphy will also take over the gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk emails so when emailing please include the child's name and year group which will make it easier for her to process the emails.

Mrs Spark will remain in school responsible for Nursery/School administration, all clubs. Any emails to be sent to sspark@ipmat.co.uk

Staff changes

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Miss Cranton will be on jury service for the next two weeks and so Miss Othacehe from Half Acres (another school in our Trust) will be taking over the class for this period.

In Year 2, to cover Mrs Gledhill's day off on Friday, Mrs Allen and Mrs Johnson will be in class for the remainder of the year.

Safeguarding Message

YouTube is supposed to be for users over the age of 13. It is important to remember that what is posted online, will stay around for a long time and be very hard to remove and to bear in mind that embarrassing or controversial content might cause unnecessary stress later in life. Please check out the BBC 'Own It' website for tips on how to use YouTube safely.

Closure – Thursday 23rd June

As per our email sent out on Monday to parents, due to the forthcoming by-elections taking place, Gawthorpe will be closed on this day. This will be an additional training day for staff on this day.

Early Years Picnic

We are inviting Reception and Nursery to our end of year picnic on Monday 18th July at 3.30pm which will be held on our school field. This is an opportunity to support transition in to next years class and spend some time with other children, parents and staff in the same year group. More details to follow.

Governor's Message

We hope you are well and that you enjoyed a lovely half term holiday, the weather was rather mixed but I hope you managed to find some sunshine and share some happy family times.

Last half term was a busy one as usual and Mr White, our new headteacher, had to hit the ground running! The children in Y2 and Y6 undertook their SATs and we understand that everything went well and that all the children worked really hard to do their very best.

The Maypole weekend was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in school and in the community. It was so good that the event could take place this year bringing everyone together.

Mrs Parker left the school at the end of half term, we know that she has been a great asset to the school support team and she will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her new role.

We had our summer term governors' meeting on Monday 16th May. We were pleased to be able to welcome Mr White to Gawthorpe school as the new headteacher. Although he had only been in post for four weeks, Mr White had prepared a detailed report on the school which we could discuss. We know that he is keen to build on the school's existing strengths and also to move the school forward in ambitious and dynamic ways. We look forward to working together with Mr White and all the staff to ensure that the children's school experience is the best it can be.

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 Dearnley in the Nursery 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

<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
Date	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 15 th June (9-10.30am)	Inspire	Year 5 Parents to enter via the bottom door into school
Monday 20 th June	Timestables	Year 4
Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Polling station	Nursery and School CLOSED
Wednesday 29 th June	Water Play Day	Nursery Information to follow
Wednesday 29 th June	Y2	Thackray museum visits school
Thursday 30 June 2022	Y6	For those of Y6 attending Ossett Academy in September
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Class Photos	Nursery, Reception – Year 6
Thursday 14 th July 2022	MAT Sport Event	Year 1 and Year 2 Information to follow
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 13 th -15 th July	End of Year event And transition days in school	Year 6 Rest of school – information to follow
Monday 18 th July	Nursery & Reception picnic	Nursery/Reception class Information to follow
Monday 18 th July	Murton Park	Year 5
Wednesday 20 th July	Summer Fair	
Thursday 21 st July	York Museum	Year 1 (REARRANGED due to school closure for Polling day)
Monday 25 th July	Sports Day	For all school children Times to follow – depends on the weather
Tuesday 26 th July	Sports Day	Nursery 9am for morning children 12.30 for afternoon children
Thursday 28 th July (AMENDED)	Break up	Whole school/Nursery

Please note

Nursery now open Monday & Tuesday 11th and 12th July.

TAKEHOME




In the news this week

Wales' Chief nursing officer, Sue Tranka, has said that depicting nurses as superheroes has added pressure onto already exhausted workers. Ms Tranka added that the NHS faced an unsustainable staffing gap. There are more than 1,700 nursing vacancies in Wales, according to the Royal College of Nurses. She has said that unrealistic expectations placed on staff following the pandemic was not helping as, at the start of the pandemic, images of doctors and nurses as superheroes appeared everywhere.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What is your definition of a hero?
- > Who are your heroes? Are they real-life people? Do you think our heroes should be real people or do you think it's okay to admire superheroes or characters too?
- > Do you have any experience of being treated by nurses or doctors or other staff in the NHS?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

