

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I would just like to welcome you all back for a new academic year and to those families who are new to Gawthorpe Community Academy, I want to offer a warm welcome to you all and we are so excited to have you part of our community.

Our first week back has been a very warm one. There is always something about September and heatwaves...

The children have settled in brilliantly around school and the staff have been working hard with the children to ensure routines, structures and expectations are in place for the year ahead.

You will have noticed the new playground equipment installed at the bottom. This is the first part of an extended project to enhance our playground over a number of years. This is something I have been passionate about putting in place since starting at Gawthorpe. In school, although our new radiators have been installed, we are working with the builders as they continue to work every night until 5am to complete our new plumbing system. These are all very exciting projects taking place across school to make everyday a better experience for pupils and staff and I want to thank the Trust for working with us to make this happen.

One way in which we want to continue to improve our communication is by providing as many key dates and events in advance. Mrs Dyson and I have been putting these together to share with you on this newsletter below. Although these dates are in our diary, there is always the small possibility they may change due to circumstances outside of our control. We will, however, keep you updated with the dates as effectively as possible.

Lastly, I want to thank you all for your support with the children and staff this week. It does not go unnoticed and means a lot to the staff of Gawthorpe to have you working alongside us.

### **Start and End Times**

A reminder that gates will open at **8.40am**. Any child arriving after **8.50am** will have to enter the school through the main entrance and will be marked as late. School finishes at **3.15pm** and the gates will open at **3.10pm**. You can use any gate to enter the school grounds. Staff members will be available every morning at all entry points for you.

### **Wraparound Care**

A reminder that we do offer full wraparound care from **7.30am – 5.30pm** for just £10. You can decide to just use wraparound care before or after school if this is beneficial to you. Please contact main reception to book this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White  
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson  
Assistant Headteacher

<b>School Diary Dates</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
12.09.23	Meet the Teacher 3.15-3.45pm	Year 1,3 and 5
13.09.23	Meet the Teacher 3.15-3.45pm	Year 2,4 and 6
14.09.23	Meet the Teacher 3.15-3.45pm	Year Reception
27.09.23	INSPIRE Morning	Year 6
29.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Morning	9.00 – 10.30am all families
04.10.23	Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery
25.10.23	INSPIRE Morning	Year 5
27.10.23	Non-uniform day and cake sale	Whole School Including Nursery
13.11.23	Parent and Carer Consultations	Reception – Year 6
17.11.23	Children in Need (Non-uniform)	Whole School Including Nursery
07.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School Including Nursery
11.12.23	Christmas Fair	Reception – Year 6
15.12.23	Christmas Service at Church	Reception – Year 6
18.12.23	Carols around the Tree 2.00pm	Whole School Including Nursery
19.12.23	Christmas Performance	Year 1 and 2 – 9.30am Years 3,4 and 5 – 5.00pm
19.12.23	Christmas Concert and Fair	Nursery
20.12.23	Christmas Performance	Years 3,4 and 5 – 9.30am Year 1 and 2 – 2.00pm
21.12.23	Christmas Nativity	Reception and Year 6
22.12.23	Christmas Party (Non-uniform)	Reception – Year 6
22.01.24	SATS Meeting 3.15pm	Year 6
29.01.24	Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery
31.01.24	INSPIRE Morning	Year 3
06.03.24	INSPIRE Morning	Year 2
07.03.24	World Book Day	Whole School Including Nursery
12.03.24	Parent and Carer Consultations	Year 6
15.03.24	Sports Relief (come in sports kit)	Whole School Including Nursery
19.03.24	Parent and Carer Consultations	Year 6
22.03.24	TT Rockstars Day	Whole School Including Nursery
11.04.24	Nursery Eid Party	Nursery
15.04.24	Parent and Consultations	Reception – Year 5
24.04.24	INSPIRE Morning	Year 1
01.05.24	Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery
02.05.24	INSET Day	Whole School Including Nursery
03.05.24	Sports Day	Reception – Year 6
13.05.24-16.05.24	Key Stage 2 SATS	Year 6
10.06.24	Year 4 Multiplication Test	Year 4
10.06.24	Residential Meeting	Year 6
10.06.24 – 14.06.24	Phonics Test	Year 1
12.06.24	INSPIRE Morning	Reception
19.06.24	Nursery Water Day	Nursery
21.06.24	Dress to Express	Whole School Including Nursery

24.06.24	SRE Consultations	Year 5 and Year 6
28.06.24	Afternoon Tea	Reception – Year 6
16.06.24	Nursery Sports Day	Nursery
19.06.24	Year 6 End of Year Performance	Year 6
22.06.24-24.06.24	Residential	Year 6

We will keep these dates on the newsletter for next week. After this, we will put them down to just the upcoming diary dates.

All trips are currently being organised by staff in school and a list of these, with payment plans, will be coming out to you in the next couple of weeks. We hope that by doing this, we can spread the cost of the trips for all families.