

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We are really back into the swing of things this week, as we have had opportunity to baseline the pupils and ensure the right curriculum provision is in place straight away. The children have flourished across school this week from phonics, whole class reading, handwriting to PE and music. We are seeing children working hard to consistently achieve The Gawthorpe Way.

I want to also thank our families for their support in ensuring children are arriving to school on time. These high standards ensure children can achieve the best possible start in school, without missing key learning.

This week, we have held our 'Meet the Teachers' meetings. These are just drop in sessions from our staff to outline key areas of the curriculum that will be taught and what you can do at home to support and challenge your children. We continue to refine and enhance our curriculum offer and ensure the children are getting the very best. I am so proud of the curriculum we provide and continue to adapt in a changing world to best meet the needs of our children and the community.

We are just finalising all the details of trips for year groups across school this year and are hoping to have these details out to you on the newsletter next week.

### **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. Here you will find each classes Twitter page.

### **Attendance**

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done to 2 who have achieved the best overall attendance this week. As a school, we strive to ensure our weekly attendance is at least 97%. Your support in this is vital.

Year Group	This week's school attendance %
Reception	97.62%
Year 1	98.52%
Year 2	99.59%
Year 3	98.15%
Year 4	97.67%
Year 5	98.89%
Year 6	98.41%
Whole School	98.38%

### **TAS Coffee Morning**

We invite you to join Jahangir, our TAS (Team Around School) support worker, on the 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00-10.30am for a coffee morning for anyone who would like to discuss what further support can be offered to children and families, working alongside school. Miss Croisdale works closely with Jahangir and will be here throughout the morning.

### **Spare Uniform**

If you have any unwanted school uniform and PE tops, please could you bring these into school as soon as possible. We are hoping to set up a uniform swap shop to ease the burden for families during the cost of living crisis. We will wash all uniform in school and send out further details of the dates when you can collect any uniform items you wish.

### **Water Bottles**

I would like to clarify any confusion and/or mixed messages regarding water bottles that have been spoken about outside of school. The rule for water bottles has never changed or been different. Children have access to water bottles as they are stored in one location in each classroom. Children have access to these throughout the day, we just, of course, require children to ask to get out of their seats to get some so that learning in class is not interrupted. Children also have opportunity after every break and lunch time, to get their water bottles. We also provide water for all children in the dining hall at lunch. I am saddened to have seen some unfair emails and comments towards staff saying that the children have been banned from drinking water. This is absolutely not the case and never has been. Alongside this, a reminder that the government guidance for children in schools is as follows: 'Water should be the default drink for every child'. This does mean, that unless there is a medical condition we are aware of, the expectation is that children will be drinking water during the school day.

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>
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

### 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.

# TAKEHOME

11-17  
Sept



## Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?



## In the news this week

In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats. Parents, guardians, or other adults supervising children could be subject to a fine of up to \$200 (£130) if they do not comply. In the UK, currently, there is no legal requirement for anyone using rivers and seas for leisure purposes to wear a lifejacket/personal flotation device (PFD).

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of lifejackets. Have you ever been required to wear one? Where were you? Did everyone wear them?
- Can you make a list of all the times you think lifejackets should be worn?
- Do you feel there should be laws in place to ensure people wear lifejackets on boats at sea? If so, do you believe they should apply to everyone?

**Please note any interesting thoughts or comments**

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)







## RECRUITING U9's

Ossett Mini & Juniors are now recruiting more players for next season .

If you are new to rugby or have some existing experience we'd like to welcome you to Ossett RUFC.

All children in **Year 4** (From Sept 23) are welcome.

Session take place every Sunday at Ossett RUFC, Queens Terrace, WF5 8JT and are completely **FREE**.

Please contact: **Sarah Bonner** on  
**07917 681 069** or email  
[minis@ossettrugby.co.uk](mailto:minis@ossettrugby.co.uk)



## RECRUITING U10's

Ossett Mini & Juniors are now recruiting more players for next season .

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**FREE  
DANCE  
SESSIONS**

**A FUN FILLED HOUR OF DANCING!!**

**From Tues 12th Sept** | **The Band Room**  
Gawthorpe WF5 9RD

5.30-6.30pm : ages 5-8  
6.30-7.30pm : ages 8-11  
open to all abilities

To book your child's place  
email [info@mycommunityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@mycommunityfoundation.org.uk)  
or text 0759680740

**HURRY, ONLY 15 PLACES AVAILABLE PER CLASS**

 