

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

It has been a very interesting week of weather and with the windy conditions, I cannot praise the children of our school enough. They have worked incredibly hard in their learning and continue to demonstrate the Gawthorpe Principles. Mr Tyrrell is well on the way with teaching the children the harvest songs during our singing assembly. Please note the Harvest Festival date added to the calendar.

You will have seen from our X Twitter Feed (still feels strange saying that) that we have been working on a new PSHE programme called 'One Life' this includes children entering school for a 'morning greet' and children have the opportunity to journal their thoughts and prepare themselves for the learning ahead. This is a fantastic programme that we are delivering and one in which we know will benefit the children and staff of Gawthorpe Community Academy.

I have also added to the calendar a morning workshop with myself and other SLT members on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am**. This is an opportunity for us to share our School Development Plan for the year and inform you of the key priorities we have put together to ensure the continued work we have already put into place. During this session, I will be asking for parent and carers views on the types of workshops and sessions that would be helpful for parent and carers to come into school to see and be part of. We continue to further development the provision as a Community Academy and are now offering further opportunities outside of school hours, during holidays and involving further businesses and members of the local community to be part of our school. We are excited about the plans moving forward and want to do this work alongside yourselves.

### **Gawthorpe Pocket Principles**

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready to Learn

### **Attendance**

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done to year 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	90.59%
Year 1	91.18%
Year 2	99.18%
Year 3	94.12%
Year 4	98.52%
Year 5	91.54%
Year 6	96.84%
Whole School	94.51%

### **Twitter/X Feed**

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.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the main hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00-10.30am. Any cake donations and adults who wish to support and help with the morning, please do let us know as this will be much appreciated. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible join us.

### **Scarecrow making**

Please come and join us in nursery at 3:30pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September for an hour of scarecrow making. The scarecrow and the extra bits we make will be showcased in the Scarecrow Festival in Ossett. Open to all pupils and parents and carers.

### **PTFA Meeting**

We are holding our first PTFA meeting at Darby and Joan on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 5:30 - 6:30. This is an informal meeting for anyone who has any interest in supporting the school with any fundraising ideas. Mrs Dearnley will be there to lead the meeting and cannot wait to meet up with parents old and new! Hot drinks and cake / biscuits will be there to coax you all in! See you there!

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	TAS Coffee Morning 9.00 - 10.30am	Whole School Including Nursery
27.09.23	INSPIRE Morning 9.00am	Year 6
29.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Morning	9.00 – 10.30am all families
04.10.23	Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery
09.10.23	Welcome Workshop with Mr White 9.00am	Whole School Including Nursery
16.10.23	Harvest Festival - Trinity Church 9.30am	Reception – Year 6
25.10.23	INSPIRE Morning	Year 5
27.10.23	Non-uniform day and cake sale	Whole School Including Nursery

## 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.

**Is a school more than just a building?**

## In the news this week

More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. The crisis has left some school staff struggling to find temporary teaching accommodation and forced many pupils to begin their academic year learning online. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- Share your thoughts on this week's news. Are you aware of any local schools or hospitals that have been affected?
- For those pupils resuming learning online from home, how do you think they might feel?
- Considering school buildings, how do you believe they might change in the future? Can you think of any ways to improve school buildings or classrooms?

**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)








## 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


