

29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We have enjoyed seeing our Junior Leaders across school take part in their first sessions working alongside adults to suggest ideas and projects for school moving forward. We have some fantastic plans in place and we are really looking forward to seeing the children leading our community school.

As a school, we continue our push with handwriting and writing across school. I have enjoyed spending time in year 6 this week as they produce some wonderful pieces of 'speech' which were incredibly powerful and thought-provoking.

I also want to thank those who came to support with the scarecrow making and Macmillan Coffee Morning this week. It is always lovely for parents and carers to join us in the smaller community events and we want to continue growing these – with your support – over the course of the year. This week it is the Ossett Scarecrow Festival. Please, if you are attending, share your pictures with us.

A reminder that on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm, I will be holding a 'Welcome Workshop' for the whole school in the main hall. This is a chance to welcome everyone back for the new year and explain what the school priorities are this year for Gawthorpe.

Finally, this week, the classrooms and corridors are full of harvest singing. We will be attending Trinity Church again this year on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The service will start at 9.30am and we hope to see as many of you join us as possible.

### **Gawthorpe Pocket Principles**

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready to Learn

### **Attendance**

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done to year 4 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	94%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	86%
Year 6	95%
Whole School	94%

### **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.

### **Travelling Book Fair**

The travelling book fair will be visiting our school on the 9th October. Lots of books are half price you'll be able to browse over 200 of the books children really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices. Plus, for every book bought, you help to earn free books for our school! Payment is accepted by using the online payment system up until 4pm on the day before the book fair is collected.

Thank you for your continued support.

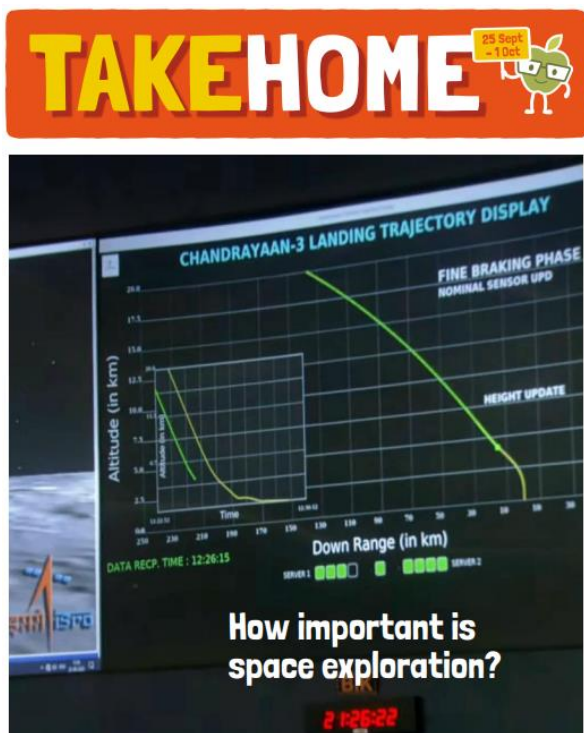
Mr C. White  
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson  
Assistant Headteacher

<b>School Diary Dates</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
04.10.23	Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery
09.10.23	Welcome Workshop with Mr White 3.15pm	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
06.11.23	Return to School	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.



**TAKEHOME** 25 Sept - 1 Oct

**CHANDRAYAAN-3 LANDING TRAJECTORY DISPLAY**

Altitude (in km)

Time

Down Range (in km)

DATA RECP. TIME : 12:26:15

SERVER 1 SERVER 2

**How important is space exploration?**

2 12:26:22

## In the news this week

In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the Moon. They were heading to the lunar South Pole, which is a less explored part of the Moon. Whilst Russia's shuttle crashed into the Moon's surface after spinning out of control, India has become the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole. The mission, named Chandrayaan-3, has been declared a success as the Vikram lander touched down at the end of August. The lunar South Pole is covered by shadow and largely unknown.

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

- > Share your thoughts on the recent competition for countries to reach the Moon's South Pole.
- > Is space exploration something that interests you? What do you think we can learn from exploring space?

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

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NEEDED**

**TEA,  
COFFEE  
AND  
BISCUITS**

**WE  
NEED  
YOU!**

**COME ALONG AND  
JOIN US FOR OUR  
FIRST MEETING**

**AT**

**DARBY AND JOAN**

**MONDAY 9TH OCT**

**5:30-6:30**