

13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I want to firstly thank you for your support with attending different events this week such as a welcome meeting with myself and the Book Fair with Mrs Dyson and Mrs Barlow. This week was an opportunity to share our school development priorities and share a few key messages. Your support with the Book Fair has been wonderful and the culture of reading throughout school is a joy to see. Reading really is the gateway to everything! Your support with this has provided the school with over £200 in free books in return. We cannot thank you all enough for this support. We have also enjoyed several author online workshops across school as part of our work with Read Bookshop in Holmfirth.

As a school, we had a Quality Review take place on Tuesday with leaders from the Inspire Partnership Multi-Academy Trust and I am proud to say the feedback was incredibly positive around the work taking place in school and the quality of teaching and learning in every classroom. I continue to be in awe of the wonderful work taking place in school and we are putting dates together to welcome everyone in to observe a range of subjects in classrooms.

On Monday, we are ready and prepped for our Harvest Festival at Trinity Church. You are all welcome to join us at 9.30am. Please be aware that there is limited parking availability within the church grounds.

Gawthorpe Pocket Principles

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Ready to Learn

Safeguarding Message:

I would like to take this opportunity to signpost avenues of support should you have an urgent safeguarding concern. These are particularly important to be aware of if you have a concern outside of the school day, when Gawthorpe's safeguarding team are not routinely accessing emails.

Where there is an emergency about the safety of a child and they are in immediate danger the police should be contacted on 999 without delay.

Everybody has a responsibility to share concerns about a child when it is believed or suspected they:

- Have suffered significant harm and/or
- Are likely to suffer significant harm and/or;
- Have developmental and welfare needs which are likely only to be met through the provision of family support services (with agreement of the child's parent(s))

If you believe the situation is urgent but there is no immediate danger, please call 0345 8503 503 in the first instance to speak to the Integrated Front Door.

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	89.76%
Year 1	96.68%
Year 2	98.35%
Year 3	97.79%
Year 4	95.94%
Year 5	96.68%
Year 6	92.49%
Whole School	95.42%

PTFA

Thank you to those of you who attended the first PTFA meeting on Monday. The meeting was a success with plans made to support the school bake sale as well as future plans for the Christmas fair.

New adults are always welcome to these meetings. The PTFA is a group of: parents, teachers and friends of the school that come together to discuss ideas for fundraising events in school to raise funds to contribute to school activities, resources and experiences for the children. The meeting involves us sitting around discussing ideas and volunteering to support these events. We hope to continue to grow this group of adults and raise fund to support future events.

Bake Sale

The PTFA have asked us to kindly ask for any baking donations to contribute to the bake sale on Friday 27th October. All donations need to be brought to the front office by 9am that day. Please remember to bring along 20ps, 50ps and £1 coins on the day to buy some baked goods. These will be on sale on the bottom playground and for nursery, outside our cloakroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson
Assistant Headteacher

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
16.10.23	Harvest Festival - Trinity Church 9.30am	Reception – Year 6
25.10.23	INSPIRE Morning	Year 5
26.10.23	Nursery Fancy Dress and Pumpkin Pick	Nursery
27.10.23	Non-uniform day and cake sale	Whole School Including Nursery
06.11.23	Return to School	Whole School Including Nursery
07.11.23	Poppy Decoration for Remembrance invited to help in Nursery at 3.15pm	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
20.11.23	PTFA Meeting @ Darby and Joan 5.30-6.30pm	Whole School Including Nursery

Harvest Festival

The school council have made the decision to donate goods to the food banks for Harvest this year. The donations will be shared between the food banks at the Salvation army and Trinity Church Ossett. The donation bin will be placed outside of school on Monday 16th October if anyone has anything from the list below that they would like to add. The collection bin will remain outside the office entrance to the school for a week before the school councillors collect them altogether for distribution.

SELECT A SINGLE ITEM FROM THE LIST BELOW

DRIED PRODUCE

BOX OF CUP-A SOUPS
PACKET MASH POTATO
SPAGHETTI
RICE
PASTA
PASTA IN SAUCE (PACKETS)
POT NOODLES
NOODLES (SINGLE PACKS)
BISCUITS (PACKET)

BREAKFAST PRODUCE

PORRIDGE OATS
BOX OF CEREAL
JAM
MARMALADE

CLEANING ITEMS

WASHING-UP LIQUID
DISH CLOTHS
PAN SCOURERS/SPONGE

TOILETRIES

SHOWER GEL
HAIR SHAMPOO
TOOTHPASTE /TOOTHBRUSHES
FACE CLOTHS
SPONGES
SHAVING FOAM / RAZORS

TINNED PRODUCE

TIN OF SOUP
TIN POTATOES
TIN VEGETABLES
MINCED BEEF AND ONIONS
CHICKEN IN WHITE SAUCE
BEEF OR CHICKEN CURRY
BEEF STEW
IRISH STEW
CHICKEN STEW
HEINZ RAVIOLI
SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE
CHILLI -CON-CARNE
BEEF STEW & DUMPLINGS
MACARONI CHEESE
MEATBALLS
BAKED BEANS
HOT DOGS
SARDINES
SPAGHETTI
RICE PUDDING
SPONGE PUDDING
TINNED FRUIT
SANDWICH SPREAD
CUSTARD (PACK OR TINNED)

Gawthorpe Community Academy
Nursery

Open Day

Saturday 21st October

10am – 12pm
Come along and play with us.
Explore the nursery and enjoy
some **FREE** craft and play.
Maybe even a **FREE** biscuit and
drink!

It promises to be a fun filled session, as well as
an opportunity to meet our friendly and
helpful nursery team and explore our
wonderful provision.



Contact Gawthorpe Community Academy Nursery:
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