

20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Firstly, a huge thank you to the overwhelming support in returning the home school agreements this week. This shows the commitment to work together with us as a school, to ensure the best education for your children. This support from you means that we can ensure children flourish.

This week, we have had Gawthorpe's Got Talent auditions taking place in classrooms and the children have loved performing and supporting each other with this. My highlight of the week has definitely been the Harvest Festival and once again, thank you for your support with this. The children and staff sang beautifully and a special mention to the year 6 children for their poems and to Mr Tyrell for bringing the music together across school. I know you will all agree that the space at Trinity Church is wonderful and we will continue to work closely with Revd Griffin and Trinity Church as a school.

### **Gawthorpe Pocket Principles**

Be Respectful  
Be Responsible  
Be Ready to Learn

### **Safeguarding Message**

We have been made aware of children playing in the local area with children from other schools, including the High School. Please make sure you know who your child is with and where they are. Our priority ensuring the children make safe and responsible choices outside of school but are aware that some of the children who are playing in the local area are considerably older.

### **Attendance**

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done to year 5 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	77.65%
Year 1	94.10%
Year 2	96.03%
Year 3	94.10%
Year 4	96.30%
Year 5	96.31%
Year 6	93.65%
Whole School	92.67%

### **Breakfast and Afterschool Club Booking**

If you need to make any last-minute bookings for our breakfast and afterschool club, please can we request that parents telephone the school office to ensure these are added manually to our registers.

Deadline for parents booking breakfast club is the Friday before by 12.00pm and after school club is the Monday by 12.00pm.

### **Bake Sale**

The PTFA have asked us to kindly ask for any baking donations to contribute to the bake sale on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>School Diary Dates</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
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 (any donations welcome)	Whole School Including Nursery
27.10.23	Break up for half term	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
13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week	Whole School Including Nursery
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
22.11.23	School Photos	Whole School
22.11.23	Reception Starters - Lookaround	
04.12.23	INSPIRE Morning	Year 4
07.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School Including Nursery
11.12.23	Christmas Fair – 3.15pm	Whole School Including Nursery
15.12.23	Christmas Service at Trinity Church – 10.00am	Reception – Year 5

18.12.23	Carols around the Tree – 2.00pm	Whole School Including Nursery
19.12.23	Christmas Performance KS1 – 9.30am KS2 – 5.00pm	KS1 – Y1 and 2 KS2 – Y3,4 and 5
20.12.23	Christmas Performance KS1 – 2.00pm KS2 – 9.30am	KS1 – Y1 and 2 KS2 – Y3,4 and 5
21.12.23	Christmas Nativity at Trinity Church – 2.00pm	Reception and Year 6
22.12.23	Christmas Party and End of Term- Non-Uniform	Whole School Including Nursery

### **Trips**

As promised at the start of the year, we have tried to do our best to keep the price of trips at their lowest possible cost and have worked together with schools within our Trust to cut the cost of transport by going on the same day. We also wanted to give you advance notice of the trips as much as possible so that payments plans can be set up for all our families. I hope this has been helpful to plan out across the year.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Trip</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
15.12.23	Coal Mining Museum	Year 6
24.01.23	Magna	Year 3
09.02.23	Leeds United Stadium Tour	Year 1 and Year 4
15.05.23	Yorkshire Wildlife Park	Year 2
20.05.23	Skipton Castle	Year 5
14.06.23 (letter to come out soon to confirm price)	Swithens Farm	Reception
17.07.23	Filey Beach	Year 1 and Year 4
22.07.23	Residential	Year 6



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**PUMPKIN TRAIL**

**SATURDAY  
28TH OCTOBER  
10AM - 2PM**

Grab a map from Eller Coffee  
and search the town centre  
for pumpkin window displays.  
Collect the numbers, and  
return it to the coffee shop  
for an entry into a prize draw!



*Gawthorpe Community Academy*  
*Nursery*  
**Open Day**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Mornings and  
30 hour funded  
places available  
for children aged 3

Games  
and crafts

Meet the  
team

Free play  
in our  
provision

Contact Gawthorpe Community Academy Nursery:  
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