

10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We have enjoyed a brilliant first week back to the autumn two term. It has been a joy to walk around school and look at the quality of handwriting and presentation – this is something that we are incredibly proud of and other schools have come to observe as strong practice.

I want to thank Mrs Morrison for coming in to school and providing staff with new asthma training this week.

Mrs Dyson, before starting her maternity leave, led on our English Leaders meeting with other leaders across our Trust school. This was an opportunity to share the quality of writing across school so far this year, especially the work taking place in year 6. The feedback from other leaders was overwhelmingly positive about the quality of writing taking place at Gawthorpe, which I completely echo.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in on Monday for our Parent and Carer Consultations. These sessions are to discuss how the children have settled in to the academic year and provide an update on the children's academic progress made so far.

Remembrance in Ossett this weekend – please visit our Nursery display and send your photos on Twitter. There will be a remembrance service in Ossett town centre at 10.45 am.

Gawthorpe Pocket Principles

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Ready to Learn

Safeguarding Message – Operation Encompass

A reminder that we are an Operation Encompass School. This is an initiative which runs jointly between schools, Wakefield Council and West Yorkshire Police. It aims to support children who are living in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse – ensuring school are notified of all incidents the following day.

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	95.24
Year 1	90.15
Year 2	97.62
Year 3	96.69
Year 4	94.51
Year 5	94.49
Year 6	92.91
Whole School	94.48

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is national anti-bullying week. On Tuesday 14th November, children are invited to take part in the national theme of 'odd socks day'. Across the week, we will have specific assemblies, workshops and bespoke sessions around a range of themes linked to kindness and respect. On Friday 17th November, we welcome children to come to school in non-uniform for Children in Need. We will be filling a 'Pennies of Pudsey' across school so any coin donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson
Assistant Headteacher

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
13.11.23	Parent and Carer Consultations	Reception Year 1,2,3,5,6
14.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week (wear odd socks day)	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 – School Visit 3.15pm	
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	Reception, Year 1,2,3,4,5,6
19.12.23	Christmas Performance KS1 – 9.30am KS2 – 5.00pm	KS1 – Y1 and 2 KS2 – Y3,4 and 5
19.12.23	Nursery Christmas concert and mini fair 10.15 am	Nursery
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
21.12.23	Nursery Christmas Party and Non-Uniform day	Nursery
22.12.23	Christmas Party and End of Term- Non-Uniform	Reception, Year 1,2,3,4,5,6