

17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Thank you firstly for the parent and carer consultations earlier this week. I know many of these events have continued to stay online, however I feel strongly about these meetings being face to face. It was lovely to hear so many wonderfully positive comments and feedback about the children and how they have started the year. For anyone that couldn't make it, class teachers will be in touch to organise a face to face discussion with you.

This week has been national Anti-Bullying Week and our theme of 'kindness' has been spread around school. We enjoyed wearing our odd socks and talking about how one kind word can change our day and that we all deserve to be celebrated. We also had Leeds United in for year 5 and 6 and this workshop will continue over the next few weeks. Our One Life PSHE programme is establishing a real resilience to the children in school and having a hugely positive impact on the children's outcomes socially, emotionally and academically.

I want to thank our Academy Council pupils for setting up Children in Need in school and organising the non-uniform day and Pennies for Pudsey activity in school. Lastly, I want to thank everyone who helped organise the poppy display for Ossett. This looked lovely and it was wonderful to see some of our pupils representing during the Remembrance Parade.

Safeguarding – Snapchat

I must remind everyone that Snapchat is for those of and above the age of 13. This means no children in our school should be accessing Snapchat. These apps continue to cause anxiety, stress and low self-esteem.

Gawthorpe Pocket Principles

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Ready to Learn

Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done to Year 3 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	90.12%
Year 1	97.04%
Year 2	97.62%
Year 3	99.26%
Year 4	98.89%
Year 5	91.91%
Year 6	94.66%
Whole School	95.67%

PTFA

New adults are always welcome to PTFA 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 funds to support future events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson
Assistant Headteacher

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
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	Santa Visiting School	Whole School Including Nursery
18.12.23	Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School
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

ACTIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC

Get your smiles ready

We are on our way to photograph
your schools photos on

Wednesday
22nd November 2023

To help us take the best photos possible, please
make sure everyone has the correct uniform,
and hair is how you want it.



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different images linked on their
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