

15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

What a busy and festive week we've enjoyed in school. Thank you so much for all the support with our Christmas Fayre on Monday. We loved seeing the children and families coming together to enjoy this. The staff work so hard to put these events together – thank you to all the team for making this a huge success. A massive thank you also to our PTFA for supporting with this event and continue to provide support alongside school in ways to fundraise and put money back into the school and community together.

We have also enjoyed a week of rehearsals for our Christmas performances next week. There is definitely a festive feeling taking over inside Gawthorpe right now! It was also lovely to see so many of you join us at Trinity Church today for our Christmas Service. Thank you again to Revd Griffin and the team for putting this together for our community.

Lastly, and when writing this, I still get slightly choked up. I want to, from the bottom of my heart, say a huge thank you to you all for the wonderful support with our Reindeer Run for Wakefield Hospice. This far exceeded our expectations. As a school, we set an internal target of around £700 to provide to Wakefield Hospice this Christmas. Our total, as of today, is **£4000.95** This is a monumental effort.

You truly are the most amazing community!

### **Gawthorpe Pocket Principles**

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready to Learn

### **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	89.02%
Year 1	91.88%
Year 2	93.31%
Year 3	94.10%
Year 4	92.99%
Year 5	96.30%
Year 6	94.27%
Whole School	93.15%

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White  
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson  
Assistant Headteacher

### **Christmas Performances**

For the Christmas Performances next week, adults can arrive at the following times:

**KS1 – 9.30am**, adults can arrive from 9.00am where they will be able to sign in, be issued with their raffle ticket and help themselves to a hot drink and mince pie.

**KS2 – 5.00pm**, adults can arrive from 4.30pm where they will be able to sign in, be issued with their raffle ticket and help themselves to a hot drink and mince pie.

**KS1 – 2.00pm**, adults can arrive from 1.30pm where they will be able to sign in, be issued with their raffle ticket and help themselves to a hot drink and mince pie.

**KS2 – 9.30am**, adults can arrive from 9.00am where they will be able to sign in, be issued with their raffle ticket and help themselves to a hot drink and mince pie.

For the KS2 evening performance, please can children be back at school at 4.30pm to get ready for the performance. Children will be finished and ready to collect from the main entrance at 6.15pm.

### **Christmas Fayre – Collections and Prizes**

Green Christmas Hamper – Yellow Ticket 301-305

Guess the Sweets – Kim Edwards

<b>School Diary Dates</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
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
22.12.23	School closes for Christmas	Whole School Including Nursery
08.01.24	Return to School	Whole School Including Nursery



**Ossett  
Santa  
Saunter  
2023**

Pick up an **Elf Trail map** from Eller Coffee and take part in the Elf Trail! Keep an eye out across Ossett for **Santa's special deals!**

**Find the name of all the elves around Ossett to be entered into a prize draw to win a family ticket to Elf the Musical!**

**New for 2023... Meet Santa in Ossett this December!**  
**Saturday 16th December, 10am-4pm**

- 1pm: Performance from Second String Ukuleles
- 2pm: Performance from Many Voices Community Choir\*
- 3pm: Performance from Local Vocals and visit from Santa!

\*directed by Geraldine Gaunt