

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

It has been a really positive week across school. Children in Reception and Year 1 have continued to make huge progress with their Read.Write.Inc Phonics assessments with Mrs Nash and Miss Darby. It is amazing to see the children thriving into such confident young readers, which will allow them to flourish moving through school.

Sticking with the phonics theme, I am delighted to announce that confirmation was given that our 96% phonics pass rate puts Gawthorpe in the top 4% of schools nationally. I am so proud of what our team are producing and that our children are excelling from an early age. This is a huge and well-deserved achievement by everyone.

Next week, we will be completing a range of activities for Children's Mental Health week, which can be seen on the newsletter below. As part of this week, we are wanting to open the school to our families for you to have some time to relax, chat and just 'have a bit of time' to yourselves. We would love to have as many of you join us for **free drinks and toast every morning next week from 9.00-9.45am in the school hall.**

Nursery Applications

Any parents that have or know of any children turning 3 before 31st August 2024 please get your nursery applications into the school office as soon as possible as places are filling up fast. We have an open day for all parents with a child 3 and under on **Saturday 13th April 9.30am-11.30am.**

Gawthorpe Pocket Principles

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Ready to Learn

Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done to Year 1 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	95.63%
Year 1	97.41%
Year 2	96.83%
Year 3	93.75%
Year 4	93.33%
Year 5	89.74%
Year 6	91.88%
Whole School	94.03%

May I remind you that all absences should be reported to the School office by 9am on each day of absence by telephone.

Donations

If anyone has any donations of items that are no longer needed such as pots and pans, children's wheel barrows and paint brushes for our nursery outdoor setting, this would be greatly appreciated.

Children's Mental Health Week W.C 5th February

During Children's Mental Health Week, we will have a range of activities taking place across school. The theme this year is '**my voice matters**'

This will include:

Monday 5th February – Non-Uniform Day (bring a word of kindness) where we encourage children to come in something they feel is comfy, represents them, makes them feel positive about themselves but with the key being to bring a word with them. A word of kindness that represents them and their character.

Monday 5th February – Whole School Assembly with Mr White to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week and share why our voice matters.

Daily from Monday 5th February – Music and Song Creations where we will be creating songs together in classrooms to celebrate 'our voice'. Music and lyrics are a wonderful way to celebrate and express our voices.

Thursday 8th February – No Screen Day where we will be going without the use of screens across school for the day with the children. We know that screen time is the number one negative impact on children's mental health and we will be promoting this throughout the day on how we can, together, reduce our screen time.

We will also be hosting a 'Tea, Toast and Talk' morning every morning in school from 9.00-9.45am.

This is an opportunity for all parents, carers and families to come join us in school and spend time with Mr White, Miss Croisdale and Mrs Rhodes where you can have time to talk either with us or just amongst yourselves as friends. We will provide the room and the free tea and toast every day throughout the week. Although it is Children's Mental Health Week, we know that as parents and carers, providing that time for you to just sit down, relax and enjoy a drink and food together is also important so please do come and join us as many times across the week as you would like.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson
Assistant Headteacher

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
05.02.24	Children's Mental Health Week (please see list of events above)	Whole School including Nursery
08.02.24	Non-Uniform Day for Chinese New Year	Nursery
09.02.24	Elland Road – Leeds United Trip	Year 1 and Year 4
09.02.24	Last Day of Half Term	Whole School including Nursery
19.02.24	INSET DAY – School Closed	Whole School including Nursery
20.02.24	Back to School	Whole School including Nursery
06.03.24	Inspire Morning	Year 2
07.03.24	World Book Day	Whole School including Nursery
11.03.24-15.03.24	Bikeability	Year 5
19.03.24	Phonics Workshop and Lesson Morning	Reception and Year 1
13.04.24	Nursery Open Day 9.30am – 11.30am	Nursery