

15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We have enjoyed a range of activities in school and it has been lovely to see the quality of learning across all subjects this week. Years 4 and 6 enjoyed Primary Enterprise on Tuesday, where they were tasked with designing their own sensory room. A few children were selected from the day, who contributed and demonstrated the Gawthorpe Pocket Principles throughout. These children will be heading off the final challenge in the summer term, where they will be pitching their design to companies in an opportunity to win this design for school.

We have also had bikeability in across the week for year 5. This is an important wider curriculum focus, where we want to support children and families in being road safe on their bikes. Year 3 have also enjoyed going down to Croft House and singing this week. These are lovely sessions that help to bring joy to the community.

On a personal note, myself and my wife have just welcomed our second baby to our family this week. Over the next two weeks, I will be in school, but may not be around on the gates in the morning.

Gawthorpe Pocket Principles

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Ready to Learn

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	89.27%
Year 1	94.44%
Year 2	98.41%
Year 3	98.15%
Year 4	97.78%
Year 5	97.41%
Year 6	97.78%
Whole School	96.45%

Nursery Open Day

Please let any friends and family with 2 year olds know about our open day on Saturday 13th April. This is an opportunity to look around the setting and meet staff who can answer any questions they may have. There is no catchment area for Nursery.

Easter

We have a few things set up for the last week of term for Easter.

1. There will be a colouring competition issued out to every child in school, where a winner will be selected from each class for a prize.
2. We are also having an egg decorating contest. There are no rules or regulations involved, so get those 'eggcellent' ideas flowing as you design your eggs. This could be linked to the Easter Story, your favourite book or film or just a creative and inspirational design based on someone you look up to. We ask that all designs are either sent to us on X or come into school on Wednesday 20th March. Our School Councillors will then go through each one to score.

Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale on Friday 22nd March after school held by the PTFA. Please can parents bring some change with them on the day when collecting the children if they wish to purchase anything. Donations towards the bake sale will be greatly received on the day, without these there will be no sale.

Parking

A polite reminder to be respectful when parking during drop off and collection to and from school. We have been made aware of several incidents where cars have been parked irresponsibly, blocking the driveways of local residents. We appreciate that there are more cars on the road than ever before and that when the school was built, the location was not designed for the number of cars we have now. As a school and local community, we strongly encourage anyone who can walk to and from school to please do so and help to reduce traffic around High Street and Leeds Road. Thank you for your support with this towards the school and our wonderful community.

Headlice

Please could we remind all parents to regularly check their child's hair for headlice. If you child has headlice, please treat them immediately.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson
Assistant Headteacher

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
19.03.24	Phonics Workshop and Lesson Morning	Reception and Year 1
22.03.24	Bake Sale - 3.15pm	Whole School including Nursery
22.03.24	TT Rockstars Day – Dress as a Rockstar	Whole School including Nursery
22.03.24	Last Day of Term	Whole School including Nursery
08.04.24	Return to School	Whole School including Nursery
13.04.24	Nursery Open Day 9.30-11.30am	Nursery



Some 2 year olds are eligible for up to 15 hours **FREE** childcare

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email Information@wakefield.gov.uk

Eligibility can be checked by creating an account using the below link:
<https://parentportal.wakefield.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

Or by scanning this QR Code



If you are eligible a 12 digit code will be generated.
Take this code to your childcare provider to access
the free hours.

