

22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

It has been a lovely and busy final week of term. We have hosted our phonics network for reception and year 1. This is always an opportunity to share the work we do in school to ensure every child makes a strong start to their reading journey. The staff do a fantastic job with this and we appreciate all of the continuous support and kind words.

We have also had a Trust SEND and Inclusion audit that took place on Monday. Miss Darby and the team at Gawthorpe continue to ensure the best support and practice is in place for children to flourish.

To finish the week, we have enjoyed our Rockstars Day and we really have seen some incredible Rockstar performances. Thank you also for your participation in the Easter Egg decorations and these have been wonderful to see and discuss with the children this week.

It has been another successful term in school and we continue to always find new ways in which to improve what we do. We want to celebrate all of the wonderful things that have taken place whilst also looking forward to another brilliant half term coming up, which includes our Maypole Day Parade.

I hope you all have a lovely and relaxing Easter break and I thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcome you back into school on Monday 8th April.

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	94.07%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98.88%
Year 4	97.78%
Year 5	98.52%
Year 6	93.7%
Whole School	97.22%

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.

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.

Sports Day and Maypole Festival

A reminder that on Friday 3rd May, we will host our sports day for children from Reception to Year 6 and we will enjoy our Maypole Festival. We are currently putting plans together for this and we will provide all the information on the first week back after Easter.

The Sports Day events will take place in the morning and then we will be welcoming you all back in the afternoon for different activities and events to take place. This is something new we are trying to do as a school to tie in with the brilliant Maypole events in the village which take place the following day.

In preparation for this, we kindly ask for any raffle donations that can be used for a stall during this day. These can be taken to main reception where we will put everything together.

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
08.04.24	Return to School	Whole School including Nursery
11.04.24	Nursery Eid Party	Nursery
22.04.24	Parent and Carer Consultations	Reception – Year 5
24.04.24	Inspire Morning	Year 1
01.05.24	Stay and Play	Nursery
02.05.24	INSET Day – School Closed	Whole School including Nursery
03.05.24	Sports Day – am	Reception – Year 6
03.05.24	Maypole Festival - pm	Whole School including Nursery
04.05.24	Maypole Day	Village Community Event
W.C. 07.05.24	KS1 SATs	Year 2
W.C 13.05.24	KS2 SATs	Year 6



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email Information@wakefield.gov.uk

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<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.

