

19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We have enjoyed a very busy week in school. On Monday, we hosted over 20 leaders including Headteachers and CEO's from across Wakefield and Barnsley into school to look at our One Life Personal Development Programme alongside our Character Curriculum. The children and staff were amazing and every visitor was incredibly impressed by what they saw across school. I could not be prouder of what we are achieving together and it was lovely for the feedback we received from this.

Our Maypole Dancers have also enjoyed a busy build up to Maypole Day. Today, we welcomed BBC Newsround into school to film our dancers and discuss our Maypole Day traditions to share on Newsround for thousands of children to learn about. We will let you know when this is released. The children and Mrs Hardaker were an absolute credit in putting this together.

I have also had the pleasure of spending time this week discussing particular progress of our children in writing. The transformation from September to now is a real joy and we cannot wait to share this progress with you during parent and carer consultations on Monday. This will offer a further opportunity to pass on key information regarding you child's year to date and any specific areas we will be targeting and supporting over the coming months.

### **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.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>This week's school attendance %</b>
Reception	90.04%
Year 1	89.26%
Year 2	98.02%
Year 3	90.74%
Year 4	97.78%
Year 5	94.07%
Year 6	93.70%
Whole School	92.02%

### **New Starters**

We look forward to welcoming our new starters in September. We were heavily oversubscribed this year and as a one form entry school, we only have 30 spaces available in our reception class with over 60 applications for preference. We will be releasing further information for new starters in the coming weeks.

### **Sports Day and Maypole Festival**

Nursery children can be taken out of nursery by parents/carers to go to this event.

#### **Sports Day Timings:**

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) from 9.00-10.30am

KS1 and Reception (Years Reception, 1 and 2) from 10.45am – 12.00pm

This of course is weather dependant and we will keep everyone updated on this. Adult races will take place after each Key Stage.

#### **Maypole Festival:**

This will start at 1.30pm. This means we can ensure lunch goes ahead as normal for the children and set everything up. Adults can arrive into school through the top gate, where they will be directed to sign their child out from class. Any children who do not have an adult attending will be together with members of staff to go to the stalls and performances, so money can be sent in with them if you know this in advance.

The afternoon will consist of different activities and stalls including:

#### **Performances**

1.45pm - SAMBA drumming performance from our year 3 children

2.00pm - Choir performance from our school choir

#### **Activities**

Penalty Shootout with Leeds United

Splat the Teacher (Mr White, Mr Tyrrell, Mr Patel)

Glitter Tattoos with Miss Woodcock

#### **Stalls**

Hot Dogs

Hot Drinks and Refreshments

Teddy/Toy Tombola

Raffle

Ice Cream Van

Bottle Stall

For our stalls, we please ask for any donations for the bottle stall, including any water, wine, shampoo etc that can be used. For our raffle, we kindly ask for any donations to be used as prizes. We are asking around local business for any support they may be able to offer with this.

### PTFA Meeting

The PTFA meetings are held to discuss ideas towards raising money for children in school so that they can experience different opportunities in school. If you have any fundraising ideas, suggestions as to things you would like to see in school or if you want to offer your time to help on a stall etc please come along and have a cuppa and a biscuit with us at 6pm on Monday 22nd April.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White  
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson  
Assistant Headteacher

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
22.04.24	Parent and Carer Consultations	Reception – Year 5
24.04.24	Inspire Morning	Year 1
01.05.24	Grandparents Stay and Play 10.15am-11.30am	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	Reception – Year 6
04.05.24	Maypole Day	Village Community Event
06.05.24	Bank Holiday – School Closed	Whole School including Nursery
W.C 07.05.24	KS1 SATs	Year 2
W.C 13.05.24	KS2 SATs	Year 6
24.05.24	Break up for Spring Bank	Whole School including Nursery
10.06.24	Return to School	Whole School including Nursery



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