

26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Thank you for joining us this week for consultations. If you were not able to attend, please do not worry, all class teachers will be in touch with you between now and May 17th to organise a time best suited. We want to make sure these sessions are face to face so that we can provide you with detailed information regarding your child's progress.

Thank you to year 1 for hosting their INSPIRE Morning this week. It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance once again.

I have really enjoyed spending lots of time in classrooms this week, looking at the quality of handwriting, writing and reading across different subjects. The progress this year, from September, has been incredible and I am sure those of you who looked in the books on Monday would have seen this progress for yourselves. **I am just so proud of the work from both children and staff.**

Just a gentle reminder about the school starting time. The gates open at 8.40am and stay open until 8.50am to offer a window of time to come into school. We please ask that we don't have huge numbers of families and children waiting outside before this time next to the road. We appreciate the restrictions within the area for parking and access and due to the new wraparound provision, cars being parked on the school grounds, and safeguarding of pupils within the grounds, the gates cannot open until 8.40am. We want to continue working together to keep the streets around Gawthorpe as safe as possible.

Lastly, we are into the last week with our Maypole Dancers as we prepare for May Day. The children have been such a credit to school and the local community and I cannot wait to see their hard work come together next week.

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	88.89%
Year 1	95.19%
Year 2	99.21%
Year 3	94.07%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	97.78%
Year 6	94.81%
Whole School	95.22%

Assessments

We are approaching the time of year with end of key stage assessments for Key Stage One and Two. The dates for these are on the overview below.

Regarding Key Stage 1 Assessments (Year 2), these dates will be flexible and the assessments will be completed in small groupings over a period of time within May. Children will access these with their familiar adults and the timings of these are not as strict.

For Key Stage 2 Assessments (Year 6), these dates are set in stone and Mr Barker will be providing all the details of SATs week to you next week, including our Breakfast Club offer for the week and a special Friday 'treat'.

We work incredibly hard to make sure children do not feel anxious and worried about these assessments. If you are noticing your child is worried, please do speak to the class teacher. I know, from speaking to both classes and staff, the children are going to be amazing and show everyone what they can do!

We are very proud of them all!

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
Sweets
Balloons

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. White
Headteacher

Mrs H. Dyson
Assistant Headteacher

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
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
15.05.25	Yorkshire Wildlife Trip	Year 2
20.05.25	Skipton Castle	Year 5
23.05.24	Spring Bake Sale	Whole School including Nursery
24.05.24	Break up for Spring Bank	Whole School including Nursery
10.06.24	Return to School	Whole School including Nursery



**ILLINGWORTH PARK
FRIENDS GROUP**
FREE ENTRY

**CENTENARY
ILLINGWORTH
PARK GALA**
MANOR ROAD, OSSETT, WF5 0LW

**SUNDAY
2ND JUNE**
11AM TILL 5PM

- MUSIC
- ENTERTAINMENT
- FAIR RIDES
- VEHICLE DISPLAY
- CRAFT STALLS
- FACE PAINTING
- TEA, COFFEE, CAKE & BEER
- HOT FOOD INCLUDING
PULLED PORK

ALL CHILDREN UNDER 11 RECEIVE FREE POP & SWEETS

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DARKCHERRY
CREATIVE

Please Note there will be no Car Parking available within the Park. Please park on the surrounding streets, but park with thought to our neighbours. If possible car share, walk or take the bus. Bus routes: 122 Outside park. 126/127 top of Manor Road. No Parking on Cardigan Lane, this is a private road.