

Thursday 3rd December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children back in school this week. We have had a busy week of learning. The remote learning provided over the last few weeks has allowed us to seamlessly continue with our curriculum.

We continue to wish those people who are still suffering with the effects of the virus a hasty recovery and hope that you will be back at school soon. We have had no further reports of COVID cases to date.

Please inform us of any suspected cases or members of the family who need a test. If one of your family goes for a covid test, please keep all siblings at home until the test results have been received. Please email gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk with all updates and confirmation of results.

Christmas Dress-Up Day - Friday 4th December

Tomorrow, we are having our Christmas dress up day. Please wear something festive. Donations of 50p would be appreciated, as we will use the money to purchase snacks and drinks for the Children's Christmas afternoon on Wednesday 16th December. Each class will decide on how they are going to spend their afternoon.

Reception class will still be doing PE on Friday and will need their jogging bottoms and training shoes on, but they can wear any Christmas T-shirt or jumper.

Flu Vaccination

For children in reception and year 1 the school nurses will be administering seasonal flu vaccinations on Tuesday 15th December. We have records of children in other year groups who were absent previously. They will have their vaccination on the same day.

Uniform

We are required to ventilate all classrooms by opening doors and windows. Although the heating is on, it is very cold in school. Please make sure your child has extra layers on like a vest, skin or a plain black or navy fleece.

Road Safety

The children have watched a video in school this week from the Wakefield Road Safety Team. Please find attached the **parent parking agreement**. This is designed to remind everyone how dangerous crossing the road can be and that considerate parking makes a huge difference to the safety of children at school entrances. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please send completed forms back to:

gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

Will Your Child be 4 by 31 August 2021?

Please see attached poster to register your child for school.

Reporting Covid Cases

Please make sure you let us know immediately if your child has tested positive as we need to act quickly to inform Public Health England as well as inform parents and staff of any necessary closures and isolation requirements. Please email gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk.

Positive Covid Tests and Self Isolation

The government recommend that the NHS COVID 19 App is downloaded. If you test positive or are identified as a contact of someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19, you will receive an email/text alert from the NHS Test and Trace Service advising that you must now self-isolate as soon as possible and stay at home. The message will advise the date of the isolation period and it is a legal duty to comply with this.

Schools will be asking staff and parents to provide evidence of the need to self-isolate so that an accurate record can be kept in school.

If you have any issues providing this information, please email gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children.

There are no right or wrong answers, it is a forum for discussion.



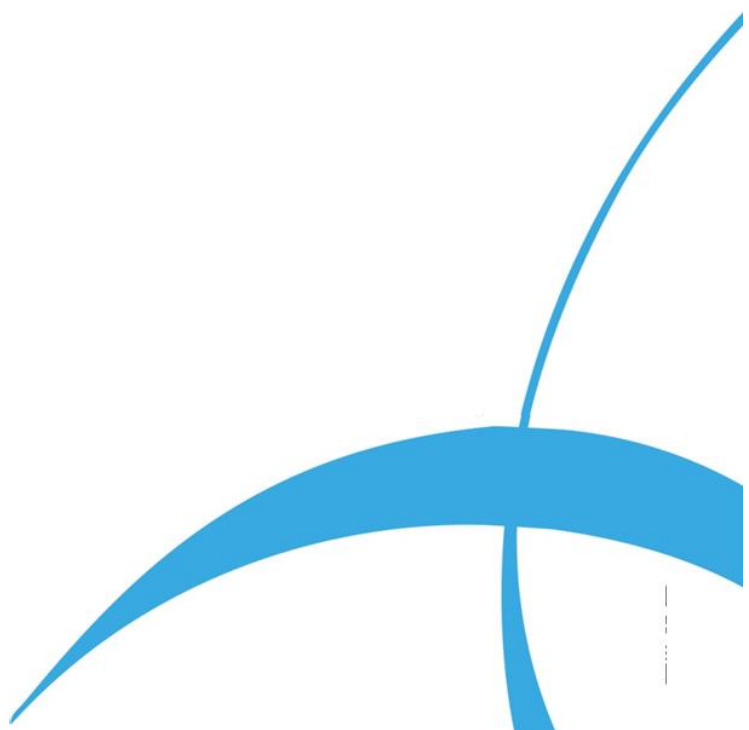
Mrs C Harris
Head of School



Mrs P Gill
Deputy Head of School

Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Dress Up Day	Everyone in Nursery and School – donation of 50p
Tuesday 15 th December	Flu Vaccinations in School	Reception and Year 1 Plus any children who were absent on the 11.11.20
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Event	Everyone in Nursery and School Events in all classes
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas	
Monday 4 th January 2021	INSET Day	
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Return to school	





Will your child be **4**

by 31 August 2021?



If the answer is **YES** and you're a Wakefield resident you must apply for a full-time school place **NOW**, as your child will not automatically be given a place.



APPLY ONLINE, APPLY ON TIME

Complete your online application form at
www.wakefield.gov.uk/admit

and submit it by the closing date of 15 January 2021

This service is easy to use and you can log on to get your offer of a place on **16 April 2021**.



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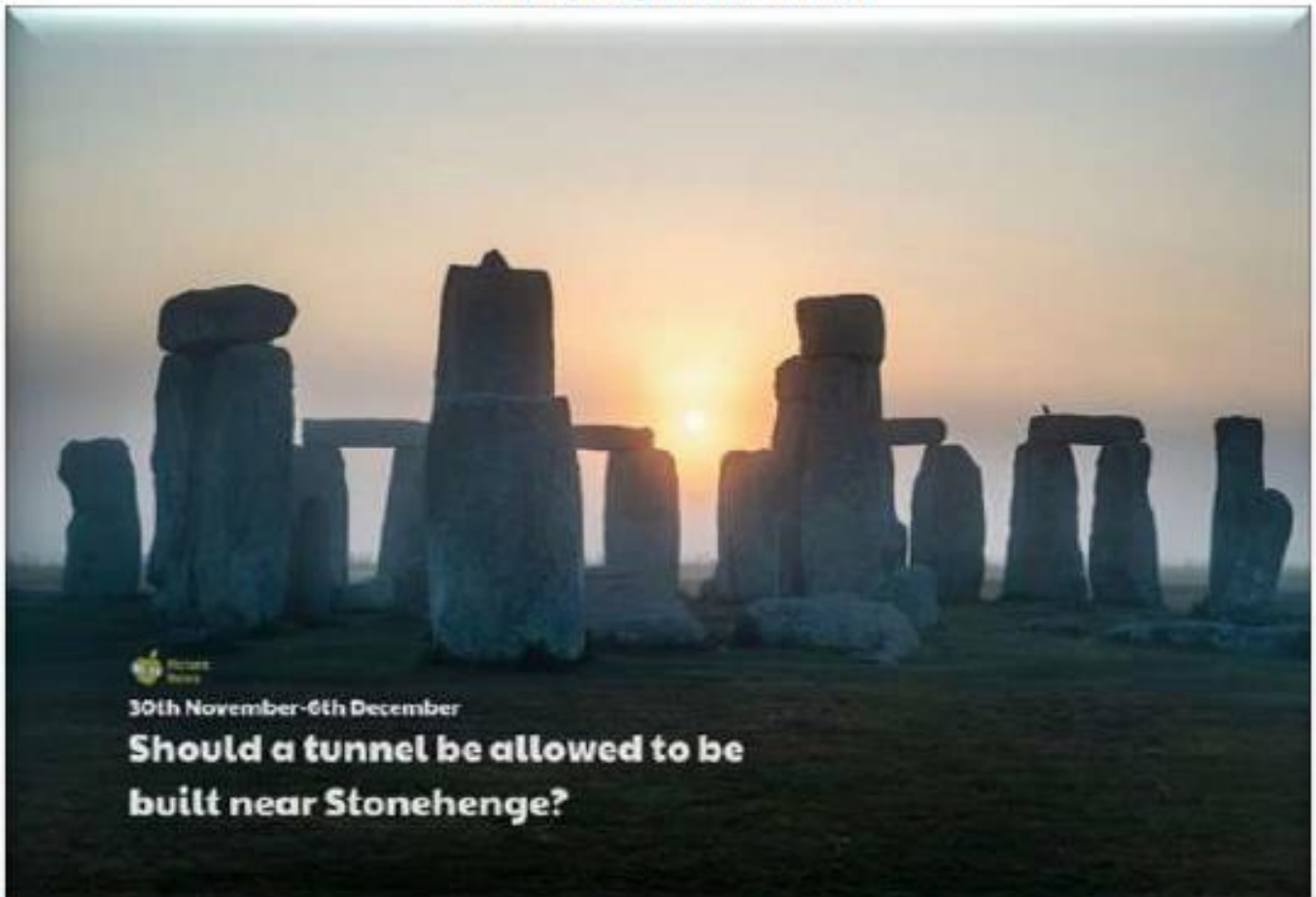


Picture News

at Home




30th November 2020

What's going on this week?



Plans to dig a road tunnel, near the ancient monument site of Stonehenge in Salisbury, have been approved by the Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps. A two-mile tunnel out of sight of the monument will be built even though it went against the recommendations of planning officials. It is estimated that the tunnel will cost £1.7 billion to create.

Things to talk about at home...

-  Look at the poster showing Stonehenge. What do you think of the World Heritage Site? Would you like to visit? If you have been, what was it like?
-  Do you think the underground tunnel to replace the road sounds like a good idea?
-  Are there any ancient monuments near to where you live? Have you visited them before?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Parents' Parking Promise

Parents/Carers

***Please note** that if you do not drive you can still support the initiative by completing the slip below and ticking the box; then return to school by

Congestion on the roads around school in the morning and afternoon poses a risk to children and their families, as they travel to and from school.

It is a parent's responsibility to see their children safely to and from school but, in doing so, they should not create dangers to others. This can be reduced by more children walking to school.

However, we recognise that there are circumstances when travelling to school via car is the only option. If this is the case, then we would ask you to please park with care and consideration.

By signing the parking promise, I am agreeing that I:

Will NOT park or stop on the 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR markings during the hours stated
Will NOT park on double yellow lines with the exception of a displayed valid Blue Badge
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Will NOT block the school entrances

AND

Will make sure children get out of the car safely on the same side as the pavement

Will park some distance away from the school, walking a short journey, even in bad weather conditions

Upon signing this Contract, I accept my responsibilities as a caring driver and I will also make sure that I park my car in a responsible manner in the area surrounding school.

Please join us in supporting this initiative, by signing below and returning it to school as soon as possible.

Parents' Parking Promise - THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUED SUPPORT

I commit to safe parking at Gawthorpe Academy School.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parent/Carer Name _____ (PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS)

I do not drive my children to school, however I still support your School Gate Parking initiative