

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please note school will be closing on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** and returning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Celebration and Achievements**

In Class achievement assemblies were held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The following children received awards:

Reception – Jack D and Jack S

Year 1 – Elise and Sophie

Year 2 – Benji and Poppy

Year 3 – Isabella and Kendal

Year 4 – Ethan and Francesca

Year 5 - Rayhan and Emilia

Year 6 – Imogen and Noah

### **Home school reading update**

Just to clarify the system for home school reading in Reception class.

Families who would like their children to take books home must return them on Friday, new books that have been in quarantine will be sent back on the same day.

If you are happy for the reading record to go between home and school please return it each week. You need to write the names of the books that your child has read in it.

If you are not happy for the reading record to be passed between home and school, please put a slip of paper in your child's reading book with their name on it and the books that they have read that week. If you are not comfortable with your child taking books home from school please read the sentences posted on Seesaw. If for any reason you are unable to access Seesaw please email [dsidebottom@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:dsidebottom@ipmat.co.uk) For any other enquires about reading email [pgill@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:pgill@ipmat.co.uk)

### **Christmas lunch – Wednesday 16 December.**

There has been a slight amendment to the school lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a choice of a turkey and stuffing baguette or a vegetable parcel. **Your order may have been cancelled due to the change of menu by schoolgrid.** Please ensure your child's meal is ordered for Wednesday via the schoolgrid.

### **Christmas celebration – Wednesday 16 December**

Each class will come to school in the following clothing. There will be no PE on this day.

Reception – party clothes

Year 2 – pyjamas

Year 4 – party will be in the New Year

Year 6 - party clothes

Year 1 – party clothes

Year 3 – pyjamas

Year 5 – party clothes

Nursery – party clothes

During next week each class will be recording a performance.

The recordings will be shared with each class and we will look at trying to make the performances available for parents. More details to follow.

Nursery will be performing a mini concert, Nursery will be having Christmas parties in the morning and afternoon, Reception children will be performing Christmas songs with ribbon sticks, Year 1 children will be performing a Nativity, Year 2 children will be performing a Spanish Christmas, Year 3 children will be performing 'Twas the night before Christmas, Year 4 children will be performing an Alternative Christmas, Year 5 children will be having a Christmas party, Year 6 children will be singing carols outside

### **School Milk – SPRING TERM**

For those parents who pay for their child's milk termly, please ensure you have signed on to Fresh Pastures to order your child's milk no later than Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to ensure your child receives their milk on the first day back Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Information available on our website under Parents, School meals and school milk.

Reception parents, firstly if you paid for your child's milk in the Autumn term, you are now required to pay for the Spring Term, please go onto your Fresh Pastures account and order your child's milk for the Spring term. If your child turns 5 during the Spring term, 19.12.20 – 26.03.21, you will need to pay for your child's milk using the Fresh Pastures online system. Please see information on our website, Parents, Schools meal and milk information. If your child no longer requires milk, please email [gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) so we can keep our records up-to-date. For those children turning 5 in the Spring term an email will be sent out to you. Fresh Pastures will report to us those parents who have paid for their child to receive milk. Parents must pay by the Wednesday for their child to receive milk on the following Monday.

Children eligible for free school meals or that do not turn 5 in the current term will still receive milk free of charge and this will still be ordered via school.

### **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**

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](mailto:gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk)

### **Will Your Child be 4 by 31 August 2021?**

Please see attached poster to register your child for school. Closing date 15 January 2021.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccinations in School	Reception and Year 1 Plus any children who were absent on the 11.11.20
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Event	Everyone in Nursery and School Events in all classes
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	INSET Day	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Return to school	



# Picture News

7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

What's going on this week?



7th-13th December

**How can we keep our memories alive?**



## 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

**Will NOT** park on single yellow lines during the hours stated with the exception of a displayed valid Blue Badge

**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)