

Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

School will be closing tomorrow **Friday 18th December** and returning on Tuesday 5th January 2021. We have had a very challenging half term and we are grateful for all the support you have given. Staff, children and parents have adapted to a different way of learning using different online platforms. This has been one of the successes in the last few weeks. Christmas in school has been different too. The children have made the best of the situation and yesterday the Christmas events were enjoyed by everyone. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Celebration and Achievements

In Class achievement assemblies were held on Friday 11th December. The following children received awards:

Reception – James and Edie

Year 1 – Harrison and Jonathan

Year 2 – Eva and Elena

Year 3 – Layla and Joey

Year 4 – All of year 4

Year 5 – Luke and Abbie

Year 6 – James and Gemma

Message from governors

After such a difficult term I'm sure everyone is ready for the Christmas break. Mrs Harris and all the team at Gawthorpe have worked tirelessly to provide the best possible education for the children in such challenging circumstances and are now in need of rest, relaxation and time to spend with their families. We thank them again for their enthusiasm, dedication and hard work.

This is still a very worrying time and we are all struggling with what to do for the best. We hope that you and your families have a wonderful Christmas, stay safe and are ready to face whatever the New Year brings.

Christmas holiday

Over the holiday period, Public Health England have asked us to be contactable for 6 days after the last day of teaching so that we can help report any positive cases and notify any contacts within our community. The following arrangements are in place should any pupils or staff receive a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test after the end of term:

- for the first 6 days after teaching ends (up to and including 24 December), if a pupil or staff member show symptoms of coronavirus (on Saturday 19th December or Sunday 20th December) and then tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) please inform gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk immediately so that we can identify close contacts and let them know if they need to self-isolate. Contacts will only need to self-isolate if the pupil or staff member showed symptoms within 48 hours of Friday 18th December.
- where a pupil or staff member test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in School, (that is from Monday 21st December) the School should not be contacted.

Risk Assessment

An updated version of the Risk Assessment is available on our school website **Risk Assessment 17.12.20**

Christmas Performances

Class performances link will be put onto class seesaw page for you to view.

Parent Questionnaire

Please could parents please complete the Parent Questionnaire

- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhahpMJRrPXBGopt-ElbdHTdUODhSNUVYTkowWkRBSTVVR1ZIMDNUMVpCUy4u>

Home school reading update for Reception Class

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 Fridays. 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 For any other enquiries about reading email pgill@ipmat.co.uk

Headlice

We have cases of headlice again in school. Could we please ask that all parents check their child's hair over the Christmas holiday and treat if necessary. Headlice Information leaflet is attached.

Social Media

Recently, there have been more incidents with children name calling, falling out and being unkind on social media platforms. This is having an impact on class relationships and learning attitudes as these exchanges continue during to cause problems during the school day. Please could I remind parents of the need to monitor these exchanges particularly on group chats. Further support and advice can be found at: [Net Aware: Your guide to social networks, apps and games \(net-aware.org.uk\)](http://net-aware.org.uk)

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 30th December 2020 to ensure your child receives their milk on the first day back Tuesday 5th 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 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.

School meals – Spring Term 1

Please ensure all parents have completed the online ordering service for school meals for next half term. Thank you.

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.

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.

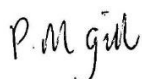
If you have any issues providing this information, please email gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

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.



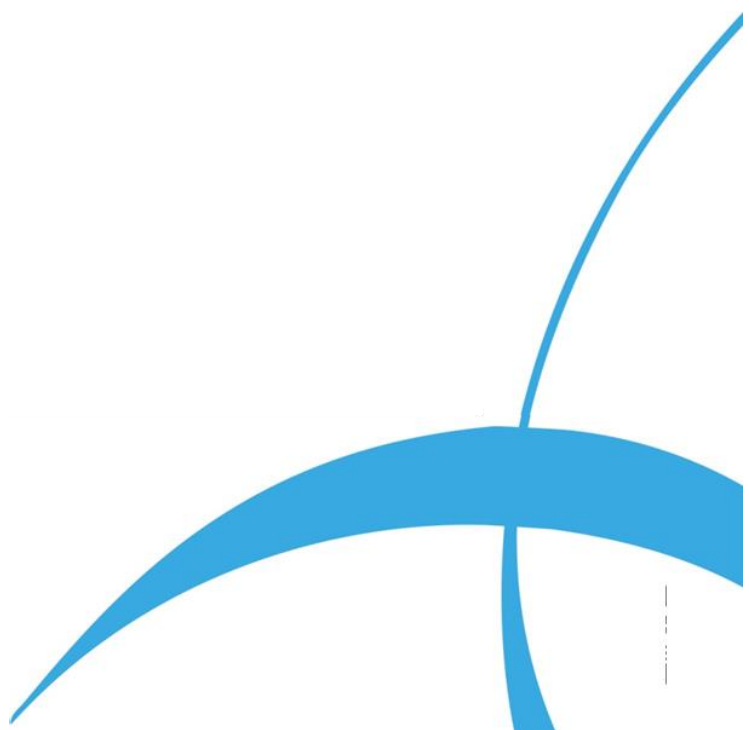
Mrs C Harris
Head of School
School



Mrs P Gill
Deputy Head of

Upcoming Diary Dates

| Dates | Event | Who is it for? |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Friday 18 th December | Break up for Christmas | |
| Monday 4 th January 2021 | INSET Day | |
| Tuesday 5 th January 2021 | Return to school | |





Looking
for
Larry



Headlice
Information
Leaflet

1. I move from head to head often, so it is important that you look for me all the time.
2. You may not realise that I am there because I like playing hide and seek and I don't always make your head itch.
3. I am not easy to find, so mums, dads, grandmas, grandpas, brothers and sisters must look for me at least three times each week.

4. If I am on your head you will find me by following these easy steps.

- Wash your hair with your usual shampoo.
- Apply plenty of conditioner, this makes combing easier.
- Untangle your hair with your usual comb/brush.
- In daylight or a well lit room use a fine tooth comb to examine the hair bit by bit.

- For the best effect ensure that the teeth of the comb remain in contact with your scalp for as long as possible.
- After each stroke carefully check the comb to see if I am there.
- Regular combing is extremely important in detecting headlice and should be done 2-3 times a week.
- Remember to get grown-ups to also check their hair in this way, as this problem can affect everyone!

If live lice are found seek advice from your pharmacist/GP for appropriate treatment

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- Hello my name is Larry and I am a head louse.
- I am a very small insect with no wings.
- I cannot jump or fly.
- I can move very fast.



- I like any type and colour of hair.
- I like long, short, clean or dirty hair.
- The only heads that I can't live on are the ones without any hair at all!



- If I am not found, I will lay 7-8 eggs each night.
- My eggs will hatch 7-10 days later.
- My empty white egg shell will remain glued to your hair.
- These empty shells are called "nits".



- My family grows up very quickly.
- In 7-10 days they too can have babies of their own.



- I often move heads.
- I do this when heads touch.
- I move from head to head very quickly.



RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS



PRE-SCHOOL 3-4 YEARS 45 MINUTE PER SESSION

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

4 M - 4:45 M

SATURDAY

9AM- 9:45AM

EARLY SCHOOL 4-5 YEARS 45 MINUTE PER SESSION

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

4 M - 4:45 M

SATURDAY

9AM- 9:45AM

BASIC GYMNASTICS 5-8+ YEARS 1 HOUR PER SESSION

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

5:15 M - 6:15 M / 6 M - 7 M / 6:30 - 7:30 M

SATURDAY

10AM - 11AM / 11:15AM - 12:15 M / 12:30 M - 1:30 M

ADVANCED GYMNASTICS 5+ YEARS 2 HOURS PER SESSION

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

5:15 M - 7:15 M

SATURDAY

9AM - 11AM / 11:15AM - 1:15 M

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Picture News

at Home

14th December 2020
What's going on this week?



14th-20th December

**How can we
show we care
from afar?**

This year's John Lewis Christmas advert revolves around a theme inspired by the kindness of the British public during the coronavirus pandemic. The famous shop chain said it considered not producing an advert over concerns it may not be appropriate this year, but charity partners persuaded them to go ahead. The advert features people delivering food to an elderly couple and a man extending a Christmas cracker all the way to his lonely neighbour's house so they can maintain social distancing.

Things to talk about at home...

- Can you think of any examples of acts of kindness you've seen this year?
- As this year has been hard for many people for different reasons, do you think it is more important to show kindness to others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

