

Thursday 15th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Celebration and Achievements

In Class achievement assemblies were held on Friday of last week. The following children received awards:

Reception – Lilly and Gracie
Year 1 – Lily and Aoife
Year 2 – Keeva and Muhammad
Year 3 – Oliver and Bella-Rose
Year 4 – Millissa and Oscar
Year 5 - Freya and Luke
Year 6 – Harry and Layla

Innovation Award in the Yorkshire PE 2020

Gawthorpe Community Academy are delighted to announce we have won the West Yorkshire round for Innovation and were crowned joint winners of the Yorkshire round this week – see YouTube presentation.

National experts in education and sport judged the 2020 Awards which celebrated the best uses of the Primary PE and Sport Premium across Yorkshire.

All primary schools in Yorkshire who receive the grant were nominated for one of four prestigious awards:

- Whole school improvement
- Innovation
- Sustainability
- Active School

An excellent result and thank you to Miss Sidebottom and all the Gawthorpe Community Academy staff. The school will receive a plaque in due course.

Parent Consultations

Thank you for submitting your form for a parent consultation. Appointment times will be emailed out to you in the next couple of days.

At the appointment time the teacher will contact the designated phone number. Please make sure you are available, as the appointment times are back to back. The teacher will try 3 times to make contact. If there is no answer we will not be able to call at a later time on that day. Please note the call will be from a “number withheld” phone.

The consultation will be to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and academic progress only.

Any other issues you wish to raise, please contact gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk to make another appointment with the class teacher.

Covid related absence

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.

Re 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.

The email/text message can be used as evidence and you can download a letter from the Isolation Note Service.

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 speak to the Headteacher.

Remote Learning

Seesaw Parents Guide is on our website, Parents, Parents letters.

<https://gawthorpeacademy.co.uk///letters-home>

Passwords and codes have been sent out for Seesaw, Bug Club and KS2 Mathletics.

Please see below the Remote Learning – information for parents in the event of a whole class isolation

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations which we received yesterday. They will be collected by the CGCC Food Bank.

The children took part in a Harvest Festival class assembly this week. They learnt that many different types of food are eaten by people and animals, and how many plants and animals are food to something, somewhere in the world. The message reinforced respect for the environment but also to not be wasteful when it comes to food.

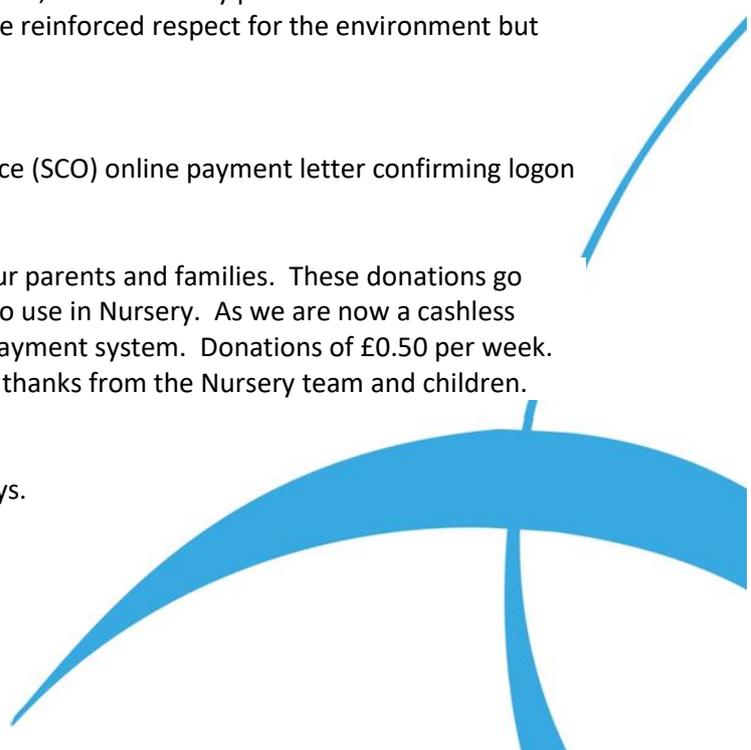
Nursery

All parents have now received their School Cash Office (SCO) online payment letter confirming logon details.

Nursery always greatly appreciate donations from our parents and families. These donations go towards purchasing new resources for our children to use in Nursery. As we are now a cashless school, donations can be made through the online payment system. Donations of £0.50 per week. We really appreciate anything you can spare! Many thanks from the Nursery team and children.

Reception

Reception class P.E. sessions will take place on Fridays.



Home Reading Books

Please could we ask that all home school reading books are returned to school. There will be a box in the playground for you to put the books into so they can be put into quarantine.

Coal Race

Please see below a picture of Miss Sidebottom with Keeva and Molly.

School Meals

This is a reminder that ALL parents are responsible for ordering their child's meals. SchoolGrid have now updated their ordering system for after half term.

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

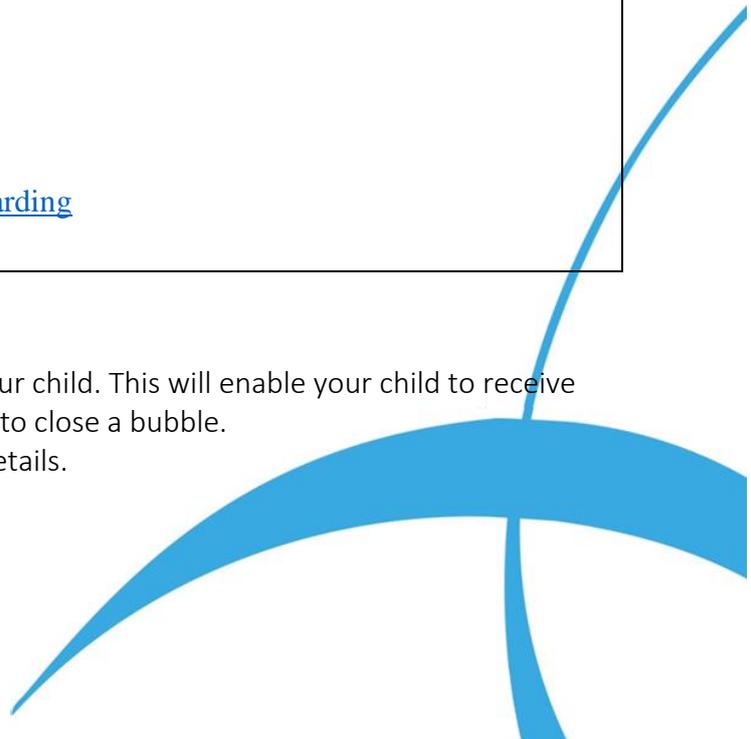
<u>Upcoming Diary Dates</u>		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Monday 19 th October	Parent Consultations	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Tuesday 20 th October	Parent Consultations	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent Consultations	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for half term	
Monday 2 nd November	Return to school	
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas	

Remote Learning – information for parents in the event of a whole class isolation

<p>How will your child access remote learning?</p> <p>We will set work that mirrors the school curriculum. Your child should access this through the see-saw app, each morning.</p>	<p>How will your child submit work and receive feedback from their teacher?</p> <p>Your child should submit their work by 2pm each day. The teacher can then check the work, provide feedback using the see-saw app, and amend their planning.</p>
<p>Appropriate clothing and environment for remote learning</p> <p>3 School Rules are respect, safety, learning. Clothing appropriate for school please – no pyjamas. In an appropriate room – not a bedroom or bathroom. Away from distractions (pets, TV) etc. Mute the audio when the teacher is talking please. Teaching staff will be following the Staff Code of Conduct and acceptable use of ICT policy as usual.</p>	<p>Registering and attendance</p> <p>When the teams platform is available. Each day the teacher will arrange a teams call with the class to register attendance. The time for this will be communicated by the teacher to the class through see-saw. Until this time children will need to send a message on seesaw ‘Here’ Pupils not present without an explanation will receive a phone call from the school office or learning mentor in line with usual attendance procedures. Parents should inform school if pupils are not able to attend remote learning by emailing GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk</p>
<p>Keeping safe online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school has a “Remote Learning and safeguarding” document, which sets out how we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Monitor attendance o Report concerns o Ensure continued safe recruitment o Ensure online safety o Support children not in school o Support children in school o Work with parents and carers o Manage peer on peer abuse o Access support from the Local Authority - You can read this on our school website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o https://gawthorpeacademy.co.uk/safeguarding 	

So, what should you do now to be ready:

- 1) Use the See Saw QR code and register your child. This will enable your child to receive homework and be ready should we have to close a bubble.
Make sure your child knows their login details.





Picture News

at Home

12th October 2020

What's going on this week?



Sir David Attenborough has celebrated the efforts of young people who have “woken up the world to the threat of climate change.” Sir David became the fastest person to have one million followers on Instagram recently after he joined the social media platform to reach out to younger people, many of whom support his message of protecting the natural world.

Things to talk about at home...

- Have you ever watched any of Sir David Attenborough's documentaries? If you have, what were they about? What did you learn? If you haven't, would you like to?
- Why do you think at 94-years-old, David Attenborough has decided to join Instagram? Do you think it is a good way for him to spread his message?
- Do you think it's important for young people to care about the environment and wildlife? Why?

