

Thursday 5th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after our half term break. We hope you have an enjoyable holiday.

Please see our upcoming diary dates below and please check for updates every week. All new updates will be highlighted in blue.

Celebration and Achievements

In Class achievement assemblies were held on Friday 23rd October. The following children received awards:

Reception – Charlotte and Lilly-Rose
Year 1 – Zain and Peyton
Year 2 – Sienna and Aliza
Year 3 – Brandon and Lily
Year 4 – Charlie and Blake
Year 5 - Georjie and Erin
Year 6 – Lily and William

Children in Need

Friday 13th November, we will celebrate Children in Need day. This will be a non-uniform day for the children and the theme is 'Be Unique', come as yourself in your own choice of clothes.

Any contributions towards the collection for the charity are welcomed.

The children will design Pudsey Bear face masks. Reception class to do a Pudsey themed PE lesson.

National Anti-bully week – w/c 16th November

This is a great opportunity to highlight issues around this topic. The theme is "united against bullying". The children will continue the 'be unique' theme, discussing the difference between bullying and falling out.

Uniform

The new MAT risk assessment has been published, please go to the link <https://www.gawthorpeacademy.co.uk/policies> Risk Assessment Review.

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.

Christmas

Instead of parties this year, we are going to have a Christmas event in each class on **Wednesday 16th December**. We would like to provide children with a drink, some crisps and treats. As we cannot ask you to donate food this year instead we are going to hold a **Dress Up Day** on Friday 4th December.

We suggest a 50p donation to be handed into the class teacher which will be used to provide refreshments on Wednesday 16th December.

Each class is going to organise their own event but they will all be on the same afternoon.

Reception

Reception class have got enough books to collect and change them on the same day without having to quarantine them. Reception children will take books home on a **Friday** and bring them back on the following **Friday**. If you forget to return your books you will have to keep them until the following Friday. The children will be given 2 books in their hand and will need to bring them back to class in the same way. No book bags.

The letter sounds that the children have worked on during the week will also be posted on Seesaw on a Friday. This is just for your information, it will not be marked or commented on.

Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Children will be bringing reading books home on Monday, they will return them to school on Thursday so that the books can quarantine over the weekend. Reading comments can be posted on Seesaw.

There will be a box in the classrooms on **Thursdays** for the children to put the books in so they can be put into quarantine.

Learning Mentor

Please note Mrs Pyrah will now be known as Miss Diane Croisdale. Her contact mobile number remains the same.

School Calendar

Please find an amendment to the school calendar. School will be closed on Monday 4th January for an INSET day. Children will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Please find attached school calendar for 2021/2022. This is also available on our website.

Will your child be 4 by 31 August 2021?

Please see attached poster to register your child for school.

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

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?
Wednesday 11 th November	Flu vaccination	
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need Day	Everyone in Nursery and School <u>NON UNIFORM DAY</u>
w/c 16 th November	Anti-bullying week	
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Dress Up Day	Everyone in Nursery and School – donation of 50p
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	

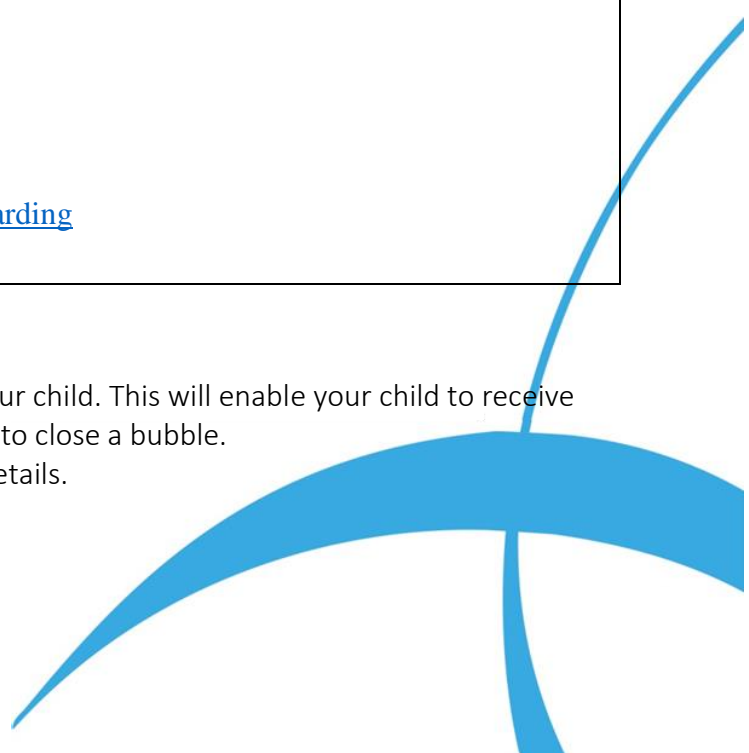


Remote Learning – information for parents in the event of a whole class isolation

<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

2nd November 2020

What's going on this week?



England footballer, Marcus Rashford has said “I could not be more proud to call myself British” after many authorities went against the Government’s refusal to fund meals over the recent half-term break for many children. The 23-year-old said he is “truly overwhelmed” by the support his campaign has received after Parliament rejected proposals to provide free meals to children during the school holidays.

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you know who Marcus Rashford is? Do you know why he is famous?
- Talk about what you think of his campaign. Do you know if local cafes or restaurants near you offer/have offered free meals during school holidays?
- Do you think famous people should all speak out about issues that matter to them?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

Gawthorpe Community Academy

2021-2022 School Calendar

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Bank Holidays



School Holidays



INSET Days



Closure Day for Building Work



**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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