

Thursday 9th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful focus week about health and wellbeing. If you have not yet seen all the photographs, please have a look on our twitter feed. A link to our twitter feed can be found on our website www.gawthorpeacademy.co.uk.

Remembrance Service

On Monday, Year 2 will be leading a Remembrance Assembly for children of the Academy only.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week and children will be taking part in discussions about anti-bullying. Please talk to your children about what they have been doing in class as part of this week.

Reception Class Parents Workshop

On Wednesday 15th November, Mrs Gill and Mrs Dearnley will lead a parent's workshop about how phonics, maths and reading are taught. This workshop will start at 4:45pm and last for approximately 1 hour.

We very much hope that if you are a parent/carer of a child in Reception Class, and have been unable to attend the workshops held during the day, you will come along on the 15th. We hope that by explaining how these early skills are taught in school it will help you to be better able to help your child at home.

Christmas Concerts

We know that many of you will want to know when our concerts and carol service will take place. Tickets for the concerts will be available from week commencing 20th November. Concert/dress rehearsal dates are:

Dress Rehearsals – As in previous year's, we ask that parents with pre-school children come along to the dress rehearsals rather than the actual concerts.

Reception and Year 1 – Tuesday 12th December at 11:15am

Year 4, 5 and 6 – Tuesday 12th December at 9:15am.

Year 2 and 3 – Wednesday 13th December at 11:15am

Concerts –

Year 4, 5 and 6 – Wednesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2pm.

Year 4, 5 and 6 – Thursday 14th December at 6pm.

Reception and Year 1 – Thursday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:15pm.

Year 2 and 3 – Monday 18th December at 9:15am and 2:15pm.

Carol Service – Friday 15th December at 9am. All are welcome to join us.

Party Days

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and Nursery – Tuesday 19th December.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 – Wednesday 20th December.

Children in Need Day

Next Friday 17th November, we will celebrate Children in Need Day. As we explained in last week's newsletter, this will be a non-uniform day for children and the theme is 'Get Your Ears On and Wear Your Own Clothes'.

Santa's Grotto

As usual Santa will be visiting the Christmas Fair. Come and buy your ticket for £1 from the office. Santa is always very popular, we therefore ask that you purchase a ticket by Friday 1st December to ensure Santa brings enough presents!! Younger siblings are welcome to come along and see Santa, however they will also need a ticket. Santa has a limited amount of time and therefore he sees the children in small groups to ensure that no one is disappointed.

Discos

The Academy Council are running a 'Strictly Come Gawthorpe' disco for all children in school. Mrs Gill and Miss Sidebottom have volunteered to support them with this.

To gain entry please bring an item for the Christmas Fair, either sweets, chocolates, soft toys, large bottles of water, wine (which must be handed from an adult to an adult) and tombola items.

The 'Friends of Gawthorpe' PTA group have volunteered to serve refreshments at the disco at a cost of 50p per child which will be payable on the night.

Nursery and Reception Class will be on Wednesday 22nd November 3:50pm to 4:50pm.

Year 1 and Year 2 will be on Wednesday 22nd November 5pm – 6pm.

Year 3 and Year 4 will be on Thursday 23rd November 4pm - 5:15pm.

Year 5 and Year 6 will be on Thursday 23rd November 5:30pm – 6:45pm.

Photographs

The photograph orders are being collected tomorrow so if you still have an order to hand in, please do so tomorrow morning at the latest.

Lunchtime Supervisor Position

We have a position available for a Lunchtime Supervisor in Nursery. The position would start in January and would be for 1 hour a day. The candidates would need to be willing to train to NVQ 2 level for the position. Application forms are available from the Academy office.

Regards,

The Leadership Team



Mrs S J Vickerman
Executive Principal



Mrs A M Mitchell
Head of School



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Deputy Head of School