

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Yesterday our choir visited Sheffield Arena to take part in Young Voices. They greatly enjoyed this experience. Here are some photographs of children at the arena and comments made by them.



Polly Year 5: "Young Voices is amazing because you see everybody having fun, you see beat boxers and it's an indescribable thing."

Leigh Year 5: "I liked it when everyone was dancing about having fun and the singing as well!"

Lilei Year 5: "It was really exciting!"

### Reception Class Parents

Thank you to all parents who came along to the phonics workshop. We hope you feel you are now more able to support your child.

Two more workshops will take place for parents/grandparents of Reception children. These will take place next Tuesday. Again, we will hold two workshops. One will start at 9am and will be repeated at 2:30pm.

Everyone is welcome along, even if you weren't able to attend the first workshop.

### Parking

Once again we have had a number of complaints about parents parking on double yellow lines. Please, for the safety of all our children, do not park on these lines.

### Year 6 and Year 2 Parents

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January we will hold an information evening for parents of Year 2. The class teacher will explain how you can support your child in the lead up to the assessments. The meeting starts at 6pm and will last no longer than an hour. You are welcome to bring your child along with you.

Mrs Mitchell has made appointments to see all Year 6 parents for 1:1 meetings to discuss the assessments.

If you are a parent of a child who has an older sibling who has already taken the tests we do urge you to come along to the meetings. The assessments have changed considerably and we would like to explain these changes to you.

### Space Day Dinner

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January our school lunch provider are having a special 'Space Day' themed lunch. On this day the choices for lunch will be:

Red - Sausage Space Ships (Yorkshire Puddings) with Meteor Mash or

Blue – Flying Saucer Pizza (V) with Comet Chips.

The pudding will be Crater Cake with Chocolate Sauce or Intergalactic Jelly and Ice Cream.

**This is open to all children whether they are usually school dinners or sandwiches. If your child usually brings sandwiches and would like a school dinner on this day and then please contact the office on 01924 679680.**

We will also still have the purple option of Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans and the yellow option of Ham Sandwich with Tomato Soup.

### Nursery Closure Day

Please be aware that Nursery will be closed for home visits on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Nursery staff will visit the homes of children who will start nursery after Easter. The nursery will still be open for wrap around care.

### Friends of the School Association

Please remember that we are holding a meeting tomorrow morning for parents/Carers who are interested in starting our Friends of the School Association using the Maypole Centre as a base. This will take place at 9:30am in the Maypole Centre, after celebration assembly. Mrs Underhill and Mrs Pyrah will be attending. If you are interested but cannot attend please get in touch with Mrs Underhill or Mrs Pyrah or email Mrs Gill at [pgill@gawthorpeacademy.co.uk](mailto:pgill@gawthorpeacademy.co.uk).

### Family Learning Course

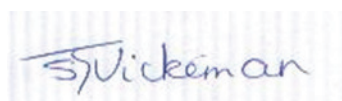
Wakefield Council are holding a Family Learning Course at Gawthorpe Community Academy starting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January in the Maypole Centre. It is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your child doing fun art activities together and is free to attend. The course will be from 1pm to 3:30pm and will run every Thursday for 5 weeks. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend.

### Priory Players

Today your child will bring home a leaflet regarding the Priory Players annual pantomime at Ossett Town Hall which is showing from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The children have been offered tickets for the Wednesday and Thursday performances at a discounted price of £5.00 each. If you want to take up this offer or go to the other performances then you can buy tickets from C&J Armitage in the Wellgate Centre in Ossett. We were offered the discount by Bob Webb from the Priory Players.

Regards,

The Leadership Team



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