

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Reception and Year 1 INSPIRE day. We hope you enjoyed your time in school.

### Open Evenings

Immediately after the half term holidays we will hold our parent/teacher consultation evenings. These evenings will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Tonight children will bring home a hard copy of the available times which you can sign up for. Staff will do everything they can to put families on the same night and at a similar time however, time slots will be allocated on a first come basis.

Please make sure your child returns these slips to their class teacher as soon as possible.

### Harvest Festival

Please remember that our Harvest Festival takes place next Wednesday. Parents/Carers and family friends are welcome to come along to this service which starts at 9am. We ask that children bring in a contribution of either tinned or fresh fruit and vegetables or flowers. We will later distribute these harvest gifts to elderly residents. If you know of an elderly or sick person who would welcome a harvest gift, please let us know by sending a note to school or contacting the office or one of the learning mentors.

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October School Photographs – No Celebration Assembly

- All children will have an individual photograph taken on this day unless you tell us otherwise.
- As in previous years, you are welcome to bring pre-school children into school from 8:30am onwards.
- Pre-school children can have photographs taken themselves or with other family members.
- Slips will be sent home today with the children.
- You only need to return these slips if you **do not** want your child to have an individual photograph taken or if you want your child to be photographed with other family members as well.
- If you do not return the slip then your child will just have an individual photograph taken.

### Reception Class Parents Workshops Repeated

For anyone who could not attend the workshops held recently for Reception Class parents there will be a repeat session. The workshops are about how phonics, writing, reading and mathematics are taught and what parents/carers can do to help their child at home. This session will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 4:45pm until 6:00pm. We hope to see you there.

### Bags in School

Several children have keyrings attached to their bags or book bags. We have recently had a few issues with these being lost and then children being upset so could we please request that children enjoy keyrings etc at home and not bring them to school.

### **Old Pound Coins**

Please be aware the old pound coins will no longer be legal tender as of this Sunday so we will no longer accept them as payment in school after this date.

### **Smart Art Course**

We are holding a family learning course in the Maypole Centre every Thursday afternoon for 4 weeks starting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. This will be from 1:15pm – 3:15pm and the course is for children and parents/carers to work together. You would collect your child from the front desk at 1:15pm and then take them down to the Maypole Centre.

Please see attached poster and contact the school office before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October if would like to attend.

### **New Dinner Menus**

We have a new menu starting after the half term holiday which is available on the school website now at [School Menu](#). We will send a paper copy of this menu home with Reception Class and Year 1 children tomorrow so that you can order your child's dinner choice online. If you are not registered to use the online service then please contact the office on 01924 679680 to request instructions.

### **Milk**

Milk for the next half term (30<sup>th</sup> October onwards) will be £7.60. Your child will bring home a slip today. Payment will need to be made by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October otherwise it will be too late to order your child's milk for next half term. Preferred method of payment is online.

Regards,

The Leadership Team



Mrs S J Vickerman  
Executive Principal



Mrs A M Mitchell  
Head of School



Mrs P Clark  
Deputy Head of School



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Family  
Learning

# Smart Art – Family Learning

Gawthorpe Academy

Thursdays 7 November to 30 November



What will I learn?

- Enjoy drawing and painting with your child
- Learn different techniques that you can use at home
- Produce art work or models to take home

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**I would like to attend the Smart Art course 7/11/17 to 30/11/17 1:15pm – 3:15pm**

**School:** Gawthorpe Academy

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carers Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_