

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all parents who came along to watch our annual sports day. Individual winners in each class are below, well done to all the children.

Class	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Reception	Elias Wright Peter Bates Millissa Barnes	Ava Costello	Logan Watson Ivy-Rose Massey
Year 1	Kaiden Watson Summer Xu	Henley Howden Kacey Bates	Jayden Ellis Lacey Hubbard
Year 2	James Stevenson Drew Gardiner	Ashton Lee Maisie Norris	Jacob Bucknell Emily Reape
Year 3	Jude Mitchell J-Lex Pitarka Leah Wilby	Hannah Tunncliffe	Jack Shires Isobel Wilson
Year 4	Theo Dudding Zara ASquith	Jack Schofield Jessica Whittell	Ryan Gill Marisa Massey
Year 5	Jacob Whittell Jemima Djamba	Bailey Goodlad Leigh Armitage	Harry Driver Scarlet Reeve
Year 6	Ashton Gawthorpe Ella Wraithmell	Kyle Newton Lyla Hodson	Ledion Pitarka Maisie-Ella Baker Ella Schofield

### Gawthorpes Got Talent

The winners of Gawthorpes Got Talent were...

1<sup>st</sup> place Patrick Sam

2<sup>nd</sup> place Zara Asquith

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Leigh Armitage, Grace Welburn, Lydia Hudson and Melissa Snowden

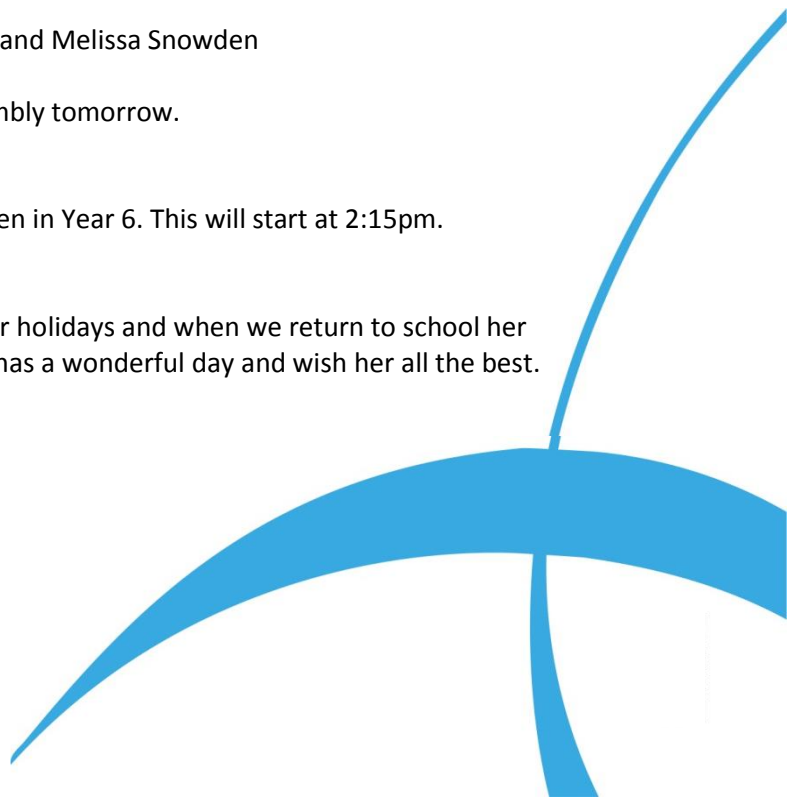
These children will perform for you in celebration assembly tomorrow.

### Leavers Assembly

Tomorrow is our leaver's assembly for parents of children in Year 6. This will start at 2:15pm.

### Name Change

Miss Julienne will be getting married during the summer holidays and when we return to school her married name will be Mrs Beaumont. We all hope she has a wonderful day and wish her all the best.



## **Promotion**

We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Jaques has been promoted to be a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Jaques will have specific responsibility for our school to school support work. She will also take responsibility for our ICT curriculum.

Our Leadership Team in September will be:

Mrs Vickerman – Executive Principal. Mrs Vickerman will, as this year, be at Gawthorpe 25% of the working week and work for Inspire Partnership Multi-Academy Trust as CEO for 75% of the week.

Mrs Mitchell – Head of School. Curriculum responsibility maths.

Mrs Clark – Deputy Head of School. Special Educational Needs Manager. Curriculum responsibility literacy.

Miss Sidebottom – Responsible for PE across Gawthorpe, developing PE across the Ossett community and the Multi-Academy Trust.

Mrs Jaques – School to school support work and, in addition, responsible for ICT curriculum at Gawthorpe.

Although Mrs Gill will no longer be Vice Principal, she will continue to be the Early Years Leader and in this role will attend leadership meetings when early years is discussed.

Bringing new staff onto our Leadership Team is part of our succession planning, ensuring that we maintain our outstanding provision for all our children.

## **Inspire Partnership Multi-Academy Trust**

We now have six schools within our Trust.

- Gawthorpe Community Academy
- Towngate Primary Academy
- Half Acres Primary Academy in Castleford
- Ackton Pastures Academy in Castleford
- Girnhill Infant School in Featherstone
- Fitzwilliam Primary School

A seventh school, South Hiendley Primary School has an application with the Academies Regional School Commissioner to join our trust next term.

As a group of schools, staff in these schools have worked closely together and excellent opportunities have been provided for staff development.

In turn this has had a positive impact on all our schools.

In the overwhelming majority of our schools standards have risen. The standards at Gawthorpe are excellent this year, some of the best we have ever had. We know therefore that being a founder academy of the trust has had a positive impact for ourselves.

As we expand our central team, we receive additional support for financial management, building management, HR etc which frees us as school leaders to concentrate on our core business of ensuring high quality teaching and learning.

We have wider plans to develop the Trust for children next academic year. One of the aims for us is to promote additional competition in our schools by holding a Trust wide mini Olympics in summer 2018.

## **Social Media**

As most of you are aware we have our own twitter page and you can follow us at

<https://twitter.com/GCAGawthorpe> for updates on what is happening around school and to see photographs of school events. We have specific permission from parents to be able to do this and we are aware of who can appear on these photographs.

With this in mind, can we please remind parents that we ask you not to put photographs you have taken at school events on Facebook and other social media pages. There are parents who prefer their children not to be on these sites and you may have, unknowingly, caught these children in the background of your photographs. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Dates for Your Diary:**

During the first two weeks back we have open evenings for parents. These evenings are held immediately after school and last for about 30 minutes. The purpose of these meetings is to explain to parents the new class routines for next academic year.

Year 1 - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Year's 5 and 6 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Year's 2 and 4 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Reception Class have had their meeting this half term.

Children are welcome to come along to these meetings.

Thank you very much for all your support during this academic year, staff join me in wishing you a lovely summer holiday.

Children return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Regards,

The Leadership Team



Mrs S J Vickerman  
Executive Principal



Mrs P M Gill  
Executive Vice Principal



Mrs A M Mitchell  
Head of School