

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thursday 15th December 2016

Thank you for all your support at the concerts and over the last term. We hope you will join us tomorrow at our carol service.

Miss Skipworth

Tomorrow we are saying goodbye to our student teacher Miss Skipworth who has been in nursery this term. The nursery staff and children will all miss her and we wish her luck in the future.

Christmas Tree Festival

Trinity Church are holding a Christmas Tree Festival on the 17th and 18th December in which different groups, schools, individuals and businesses have been invited to display a decorated Christmas tree. Gawthorpe Community Academy are taking part in the festival so will have a tree on display there. Our tree will be called 'Christmas Maypole'.

The festival is open to the public so you can wonder through the forest of trees and also have refreshments. We have selected some Year 6 children who have shown a flair in design and technology to decorate our tree. We hope to see you there.

Holidays

Please find attached our academy holidays for 2017/2018. As usual we have the 2 weeks Spring Bank holiday. We know that holidays in the second week of Spring Bank, 2nd June to 9th June, are often less expensive than in the main holiday period. If you are considering a family break, when prices are a little less expensive, please take the opportunity to book holidays during this time rather than take your child/children out of school during term time.

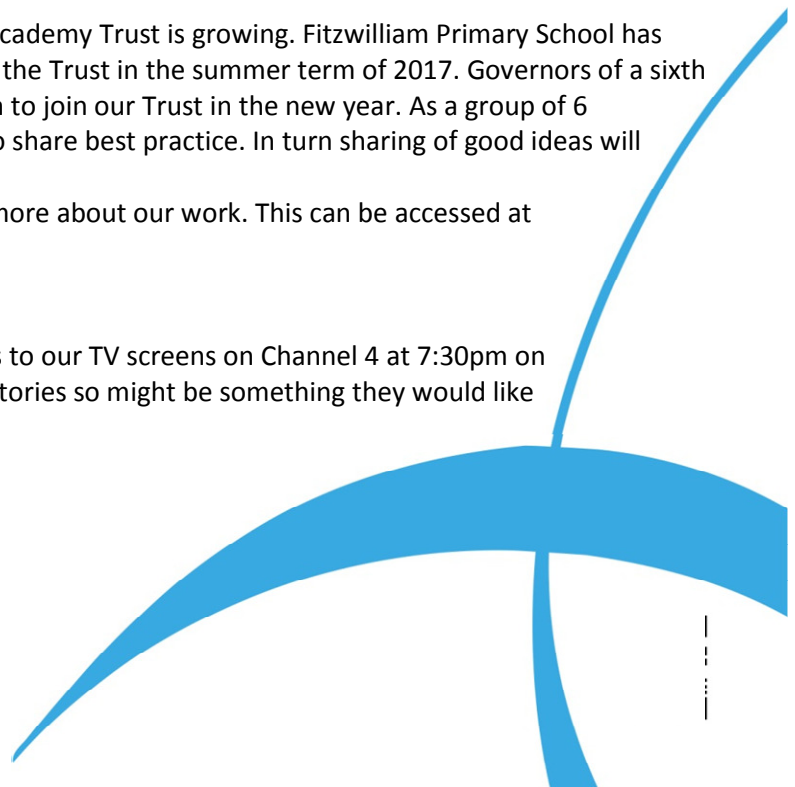
Multi Academy Trust

We are pleased to inform you that our Inspire Multi Academy Trust is growing. Fitzwilliam Primary School has recently been granted an academy order and will join the Trust in the summer term of 2017. Governors of a sixth school have made the decision to make an application to join our Trust in the new year. As a group of 6 schools/academies we are closely working together to share best practice. In turn sharing of good ideas will have a positive impact on the children at Gawthorpe.

We have a new website for the Trust which explains more about our work. This can be accessed at www.ipmat.co.uk.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

The animation of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' comes to our TV screens on Channel 4 at 7:30pm on Christmas Eve. This is one of the children's favourite stories so might be something they would like to watch.



Head Lice

We have some unwanted guests for Christmas! Please ensure you are checking your child's hair on a regular basis and continuing to do so even after treatment as they have a life span of 3 weeks. If you check hair regularly, by combing through after washing and checking the comb, then the problem can be detected before it spreads.

Staff join me in wishing you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light blue grid background. The signature reads "S J Vickerman".

Mrs S J Vickerman

Executive Principal