Gawthorpe Community Academy

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Thursday 11th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be closing for the half term holiday on Friday 12th February. School will reopen for vulnerable children and children whose parents are critical workers on Tuesday 23rd February. We await a government announcement about the return to school for all pupils which we understand will be shortly after the holiday.

Reception
All children in reception have been issued with a log in for Bug Club. Parents/carers were asked to read the notifications on Seesaw and acknowledge that they have read it. If you have not done so please do so. This notification is for all parents/carers and children, both in school and working at home. The system will remain in place until children can take reading books home again. You do not need to post reading on Seesaw as the uptake of each individual child can be monitored on Bug Club. If you have difficulty accessing this please contact pgill@ipmat.co.uk

Risk Assessment updated 08.02.21
Please follow the link for an updated copy of the Risk Assessment.
https://gawthorpeacademy.co.uk/covid19

Staff self-testing
As you may have seen in the press, primary schools have been issued with lateral flow tests for staff. Testing in our school has commenced this week. The tests are designed to recognised asymptomatic cases of COVID 19 so that transmission can be reduced. Tests are taken twice a week (every 3-4 days). We have asked staff who opt in, to do their tests on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. If staff report a positive result this may lead to bubble closure, depending upon recent contact in school.
Please ensure you check your emails on Sunday and Wednesday evenings for any 'bubble' closures.

Safer Internet Day
Safer Internet day was on Tuesday 9th February. Children took part in activities in school to revisit learning about staying safe on line. The theme this year was "Express Yourself". Please see the information attached.

Website
We will be launching our new website in the next few weeks. Consequently, you may experience some difficulty accessing information. Any important announcements will be sent by email. Our Twitter feed and Facebook page will be regularly updated with any important updates.

TTRS – TimeTables Rockstar
Years 1 – Year 6 children IDs have been emailed out to parents.
Please keep this information safe and we look forward to your child signing onto the program and enjoying the many tasks they can use.

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Interventions
We are putting together a programme of interventions within school and inviting children remotely. If your child is part of an intervention group you will be contacted by email to invite them to join and a teams invite will be sent.

The invite will come from either the learning mentor, Diane Croisdale, 07789286870 or the school phone number not an unknown mobile.

Reporting Covid Cases
Please make sure you let us know immediately if your child has tested positive as we need to act quickly to inform Public Health England as well as inform parents and staff of any necessary closures and isolation requirements. Please email gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk.

Positive Covid Tests and Self Isolation
The government recommend that the NHS COVID 19 App is downloaded. If you test positive or are identified as a contact of someone who has recently tested positive for COVID-19, you will receive an email/text alert from the NHS Test and Trace Service advising that you must now self-isolate as soon as possible and stay at home. The message will advise the date of the isolation period and it is a legal duty to comply with this.
Schools will be asking staff and parents to provide evidence of the need to self-isolate so that an accurate record can be kept in school.
If you have any issues providing this information, please email gca-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

Picture News
Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is a forum for discussion.

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Upcoming Diary Dates		
Dates	**Event**	**Who is it for?**
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Friday 12th February	Break up for half term	All children
Monday 22 February	INSET	
Tuesday 23 February	School returns	
Thursday 4 March	**World Book Day**	
Friday 19 March	**Comic Relief Day**	
w/c 21st March	**Celebrating World Poetry**	

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Picture News at Home

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What's going on this week?

Tree planting is a good solution to tackle climate change and protect biodiversity but planting trees in the wrong place can do more harm than good experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew have explained. Scientists have outlined 10 rules for tree-planting, which they say must be a top priority for all nations this decade.

Things to talk about at home...

- Talk about what you already know about trees? Do you know about different types and what we need them for?
- Are there many trees near where you live?
- Scientists have said that it is important that places where new trees are planted need to be carefully planned, why do you think this may be the case?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

*Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: **www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss***