

Thursday 8th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Collection of children

In line with our risk assessment for leaving the school premises, it states that where you have more than one child in school you should not arrive on site **until the latest pick up time and collect that child first**. You then go to pick up your other child/children at their collection point. This is to ensure that children are not crossing bubbles on the school premises indoors or outdoors.

Please note with everyone now wearing masks, it is sometimes difficult to recognise those who are collecting the children. The children will stay with the teacher until they see the parent/carer.

### Remote Learning

Children have been issued with their new login details for Seesaw and Mathematics. If your child is absent, a home learning pack can be arranged and collected from school. Children complete the work and then it should be submitted on Seesaw by 2.30pm for teacher feedback. The following day, work will be uploaded onto Seesaw in the morning to mirror work in school.

### Celebration and Achievements

In Class achievement assemblies were held on Friday of last week. The following children received awards:

Reception – Ethan and Sidney  
Year 1 – Zoey and Ethan  
Year 2 – Amelia and Billy  
Year 3 – Noah and Ruby  
Year 4 – Sonnie and Honor  
Year 5 - Maddie and Rayhan  
Year 6 – Harley and Zoe

### P.E. Tops

Every child in school has now received a free P.E. top. Thank you to Miss Sidebottom for organising this. Please note that on P.E. days only the school jumper can be worn over the P.E. top. All trainers, leggings and joggers for P.E. to be plain navy or black.

### Miss Sidebottom

We wish to congratulate Miss Sidebottom, our Year 4 teacher who appeared in the Guardian last weekend. The article celebrated alternative world champions and featured a double page spread of Miss Sidebottom running up Killer Hill with a sack of coal. Miss Sidebottom explained what motivated her to take part initially and then how her determination has driven her to continually improve her performance. At the centre of this is her underlying commitment to the children of Gawthorpe and how she can inspire the community. Please see below the article.

### Harvest Festival – Wednesday 14 October

Please see attached information for this years Harvest Festival. We will be collecting in the morning and afternoon on Wednesday 14 October. Please place items in boxes available in the top and bottom playground. **Only bring items on this day only.**

Items required are as follows: coffee/tea/sugar/biscuits/tinned – fruits, vegetables, meats, fish/beans/soups/spaghetti/pasta/rice/cereals/pasta sauces and noodles.

### Nursery

Until further notice Nursery news, information will now be posted on the school newsletter.

### Reception

Reception class P.E. sessions will take place on Fridays starting **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. Children come to school in their P.E. kit. If your child wears a tracksuit over their P.E. shirt it needs to be in line with the P.E. policy as does footwear. Tracksuits are optional, they can wear their school jumper.

As part of our learning in Reception class, the children need to know about the things that make them unique and to talk about similarities and differences between themselves and other communities and their traditions. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to invite parents into class to talk to the children about this. If you would like to share any family traditions or customs or those of relatives from other countries, please email [pgill@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:pgill@ipmat.co.uk) with photographs, no more than 4 and an explanation to go with them. Thank you.

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a very exciting week completing their Bikeability course. The children have shown excellent awareness and safety when cycling on the road. They have developed their navigation skills; are now able to signal using their arms; and can confidently perform u-turns. It has been wonderful to see the children's pride upon the completion of Bikeability and to see how excited they are to now be able to cycle to school safely.

Message from Ossett Academy.

This year, Ossett Academy's Open Evening is going virtual! It will feature a tour of the academy, a welcome speech from our principal, some student and staff soundbites, FAQs, our online prospectus and much more. This virtual experience will be live from 5pm on Tuesday 13 October on a bespoke microsite, linked from <https://ossett.accordmat.org>.... so stay tuned!! Please see below for more information.

### Home Reading Books

Please could we ask that all home school reading books are returned to school. There will be a box in the playground for you to put the books into so they can be put into quarantine.

### Message from the Governors

*This is our first message of the new school year and we hope that you and your families are safe and well.*

*We know that the staff at Gawthorpe have worked very hard to create a safe and positive environment for the return of the children and their integration back into school after such a prolonged period at home. The children have now been back at school for a month and we understand from Mrs Harris and her team that it has been a very successful time and that the children have made a great start to the new school year. We hear that they are coping extremely well with the systems which are in place for everyone's safety. So well done everyone!*

*We have welcomed two new governors to the governance board this September, Mr Robert Oldroyd and Mr Duncan Smith.*

*We held our first governors' meeting, virtually, last week. We discussed the school's development priorities for the coming academic year and also those of the governing board. Mrs Harris presented her headteacher's report informing us of all that is happening in school. Governors have also attended one of the staff training days in September where the focuses were Safeguarding and the School's Vision. It was good to be able to join the staff and be together as a team.*

*Please take care and stay safe.*

Jan North  
Chair of Governors

### **Free School Meals**

Applications for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding are available from the school office. If your joint family income is £16,190 or under and you receive any of the following benefits: Income Support, Income based Job Seeker's Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit without **Working Tax Credit** and an annual household income of less than £16,190, Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit), Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Universal Credit, provided you have an annual earned income of no more than £7,400, your child may be entitled to free school milk and school meals. Also some clubs are free of charge for FSM children.

### **Picture News**

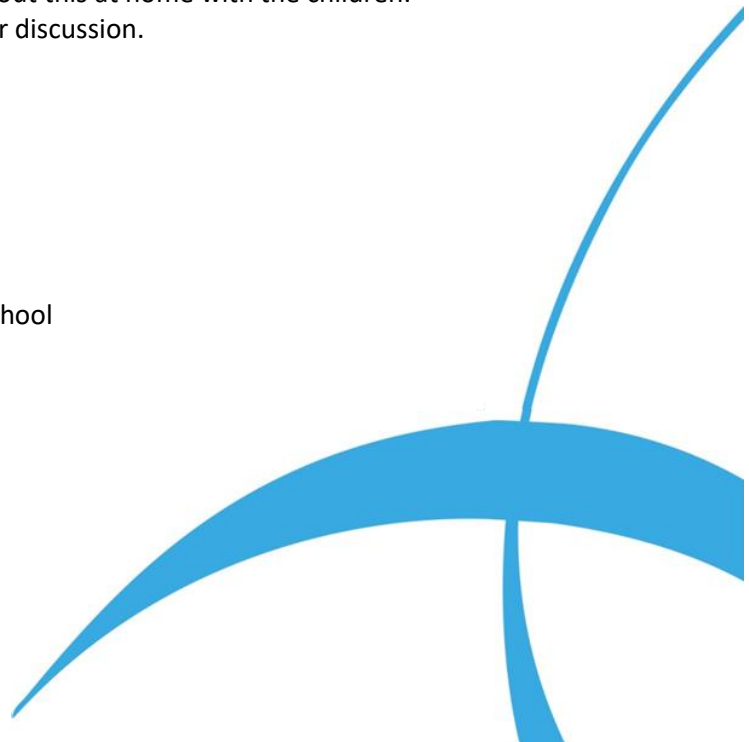
Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or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



Mrs C Harris  
Head of School



Mrs P Gill  
Deputy Head of School



Upcoming Diary Dates		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Break up for half term	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Return to school	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas	

Gawthorpe Community Academy  
Drop Off and Pick up times from September 2020

Date	Drop Off Time	Group	Entrance	Zone	Pick Up Time	Pick up Zone
08.09	8.35 am	Year 6	Y6 Door		3.05 pm	Bottom Playground
08.09	8.35 am	Year 4	Y4/5 Door		3.05pm	Bottom Staff Car Park
08.09	8.45 am	Year 5	Y4/5 Door		3.15pm	Bottom Staff Car Park
08.09	8.40 am	Year 1	Y1 Door		3.10pm	Outside Band room
See Letter from Mrs Gill	8.50 am	Reception	Reception Door		3.20pm	Slope
08.09	8.45 am	Year 2	Front Door		3.15 pm	Top Car Park
08.09	8.35 am	Year 3	Front Door		3.05 pm	Top Car Park

**Please note:** For families with more than one child at the academy, please drop off at the latest time and pick up at the latest time.

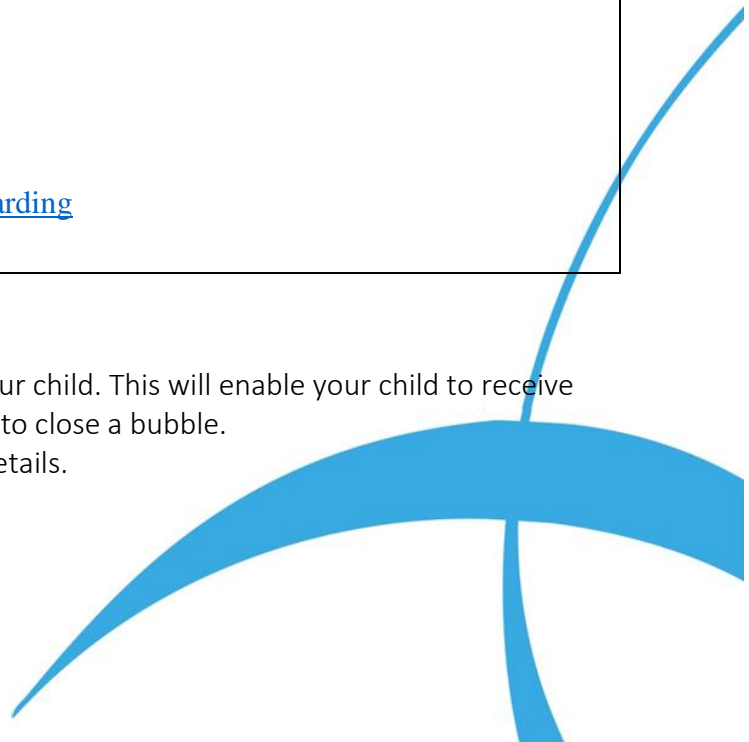


### Remote Learning – information for parents in the event of a whole class isolation

<p><b>How will your child access remote learning?</b></p> <p>We will set work that mirrors the school curriculum. Your child should access this through the see-saw app, each morning.</p>	<p><b>How will your child submit work and receive feedback from their teacher?</b></p> <p>Your child should submit their work by 2pm each day. The teacher can then check the work, provide feedback using the see-saw app, and amend their planning.</p>
<p><b>Appropriate clothing and environment for remote learning</b></p> <p>3 School Rules are respect, safety, learning. Clothing appropriate for school please – no pyjamas. In an appropriate room – not a bedroom or bathroom. Away from distractions (pets, TV) etc. Mute the audio when the teacher is talking please. Teaching staff will be following the Staff Code of Conduct and acceptable use of ICT policy as usual.</p>	<p><b>Registering and attendance</b></p> <p>When the teams platform is available. Each day the teacher will arrange a teams call with the class to register attendance. The time for this will be communicated by the teacher to the class through see-saw. Until this time children will need to send a message on seesaw ‘Here’ Pupils not present without an explanation will receive a phone call from the school office or learning mentor in line with usual attendance procedures. Parents should inform school if pupils are not able to attend remote learning by emailing <a href="mailto:GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk">GCA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Keeping safe online:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The school has a “Remote Learning and safeguarding” document, which sets out how we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Monitor attendance</li> <li>o Report concerns</li> <li>o Ensure continued safe recruitment</li> <li>o Ensure online safety</li> <li>o Support children not in school</li> <li>o Support children in school</li> <li>o Work with parents and carers</li> <li>o Manage peer on peer abuse</li> <li>o Access support from the Local Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>- You can read this on our school website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <a href="https://gawthorpeacademy.co.uk/safeguarding">https://gawthorpeacademy.co.uk/safeguarding</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

#### So, what should you do now to be ready:

- 1) Use the See Saw QR code and register your child. This will enable your child to receive homework and be ready should we have to close a bubble.  
Make sure your child knows their login details.





Two-time coal-carrying world champion Danielle Sidbottom, pictured on her way to the final climb of the uphill road race, in the village of Gawthorpe, Yorkshire

Photograph by Fabio De Paolo from Shogun Photos

## League of their own

Have you got what it takes to be a world champion?  
The woman going for her third coal-carrying crown,  
the Michael Schumacher of lawn-mower racing,  
and a prize-winning peashooter. By Mige Tassell

## 'You need strong legs, and good lungs to cope with the coal dust' Danielle Sidebottom, coal-carrying world champion, 2018 and 2019

The world championships take place in the village of Gawthorpe, near Huddersfield, every Easter Monday. The event was first held in 1963, after two blokes had an argument in the local pub about who could carry a sack of coal the farthest. That's where it all started - the result of some bar-room bragging.

The winner is whoever runs the course fastest: it's three-quarters of a mile (1.2km) and largely uphill. The women's sacks weigh 20kg, which is about the same as a full suitcase. The men's sacks weigh 50kgs. I don't know how they do it; their legs are bowing under the weight.

I got involved when I became a teacher at Gawthorpe academy. The course goes right past the school, on the street that's known as Killer Hill. I want to represent the local community, and motivate the children, but I do feel the nerves and the pressure.

I didn't really do any training the first time. My mum suggested that I run up the hill at least once carrying something heavy, so that I knew I could do it. I think she didn't want me to embarrass myself. So I went down to the local golf club and one of the greenkeepers filled my rucksack with sand from the bunkers. It weighed about 30kg, but I ran the course with it and knew it would be fine. There's a big difference between a bag of sand and a bag of coal, though. Sand moulds itself to

your shoulders and neck, whereas coal is knobbly and unpredictable.

I came fourth that first time, out of around 20 competitors. I surprised myself. Since then, I've run it six or seven times. I came third and second, and was elated when I won in 2018. I was declared the winner again in 2019, so was gutted that it got cancelled this year. I was in really good shape and going for the hat-trick.

The early part of the course is a slight, steady incline, then there's a gentle downhill part before you turn on to Killer Hill. At this point, I'll be thinking about what treats I can have afterwards - maybe a pizza or some chocolate. You make a few sacrifices when you're training, so you can definitely have a bit of a post-race blowout. The crowds tend to be at their thickest at the top of Killer Hill and that spurs you on to the finish, where you throw your bag down at the maypole on the village green.

You need strong legs, but you also need good lungs. Your throat gets so dry from inhaling the coal dust. I have a sack of coal at home that I practise with, but every time I use it I get covered in dust. So I've started using a rucksack filled with water bottles wrapped in towels, to replicate the lumpiness of coal.

Thanks to endurance competitions, such as Total Warrior and Tough Mudder, people want to try these extreme events, to push themselves to the limit. The coal race is getting more and more popular. We now have three races for men, two for women and two for veterans aged 40 and

over, as well as kids' fun races without:

I don't think about the other competition time I just try to beat my performance of previous year and get as close as possible to world record time, which is 4 minutes 28 seconds, set by Catherine Fenton in 2017. I'm good 20 seconds off it at the moment.

PHOTOGRAPH BY DANIELA SIDEBOTTOM FOR THE GUARDIAN





# Picture News

at *blablabla*

5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

What's going on this week?



5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October  
**Should you always try to win?**

ITV STUDIOS LONDON

BILBAO

MADRID

**ITV SPORT**  
**TRUE SHOW OF SPORTSMANSHIP**  
Spanish triathlete steps aside for British rival who made a wrong turn

A Spanish triathlete has received praise from all around the world for letting his opponent win third place in a race after he took a wrong turn. Diego Mentriga allowed Britain's James Teagle to finish ahead of him in the Santander Triathlon, after he made the wrong turn towards spectators less than 100 metres from the finish line. Teagle threw his hands in the air in agony as Mentriga overtook him. Realising his opponent's error, the 21-year-old slowed down and stopped short of the finish line. Teagle finished third by a fraction of a second.

*Things to talk about at home...*

- 🌱 Can you remember a time you've taken part in a competition or sports event? What was it? How did you feel before the event? After the event?
- 🌱 Have you ever won or lost a competition or event that was important to you? How did you feel?

*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](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)*





## CGCC FOOD BANK

### ARE LOOKING FOR FOOD DONATIONS

We are looking for coffee, tea, sugar, biscuits, tinned fruits / vegetables / meats / fish / beans / soups  
beans / spaghetti, pasta, rice, cereals, pasta sauces & noodles.

### 🏠 DROP OFF LOCATIONS 🏠

#### CALDER GROVE CRICKET CLUB

Denby Dale Road,  
Calder Grove, WF4 3DP  
Saturdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm

#### STRADA 77

2 Standbridge Lane,  
Wakefield, WF2 7DY  
Mondays from 9:00am to 8:00pm,  
Wednesdays to Fridays  
from 9:00am to 6:00pm  
Saturdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm

#### SQUIRES FAMILY DELI

16 Bank Street, Ossett, WF5 8NL  
Tues to Sat 9:00am to 3:00pm

#### DEBONAIRE DOGS

Highfield Road, Horbury, WF4 5LH  
Tuesdays to Sundays  
from 8:30am to 5:00pm

#### THE RECYCLE YARD

76a Healey Road, Ossett, WF5 8LH  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
10:00am to 2:00pm, Saturdays  
10:00am to 12:00pm - check  
Facebook for any changes

#### JJ'S MINI MART

1 Parkthorpe Lane, Hall Green,  
Wakefield WF4 3JU  
Mon to Sat 10:00am to 11:00pm  
Sun 11:00am to 8:00pm

#### SERENDIPITY

16 Holin Lane,  
Calder Grove, WF4 3DC  
Opening hours are appointment  
based so please call ahead  
on 07947 512776

#### GAWTHORPE COMMUNITY ACADEMY

High Street, Gawthorpe WF5 9QP  
Monday to Friday  
9:00am to 2:00pm

#### FIGHTING FIT

74 Church Street, Ossett, WF5 9DP  
Monday to Thursday  
8:00am to 5:00pm





# Get a test to check if you have coronavirus

**Live in the Wakefield district? You can now get a free test to check if your symptoms are signs of coronavirus.**



- A high temperature.
- **Feel hot** to touch on your chest or back.
- A **loss or change** in what you can normally **smell or taste**.



- A new **continuous cough**.  
This means **coughing** a lot for more than one hour or 3 or more coughs in a day.  
If you usually have a cough then this might be worse at this time.

**Even if you think the symptoms are mild, you should get a test as soon as possible.**

**If you or anyone you live with has any of these signs of Coronavirus then you must all stay at home.**

## If you have coronavirus symptoms, do not wait.

Tests are quick and easy to do and are one of the best ways to protect your family and your community.

Tests can be taken at one of the local drive-in test sites located around the district if you have a car.

If you cannot drive or travel for whatever reason, we can deliver a test for you to do at home.



### Book your own test online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

**OR**



### If you need help to book a test

call 01924 22 44 97

For more information about self isolating when you get your result please visit.

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/)

For general information about coronavirus and how to get help go to:  
[www.wakefield.gov.uk](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk)

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## Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
  1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
  2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
  3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/)
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor Viv Bennett CBE**

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