

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Town Hall concert. We hope you enjoyed it. It was a wonderful opportunity for children to perform on such a large stage. We intend to make this an annual event with the two schools.

Photographs of the event can be found on our twitter feed <https://twitter.com/GCAGawthorpe>

You can also access the twitter feed from our Gawthorpe Academy website [www.gawthorpeacademy.co.uk](http://www.gawthorpeacademy.co.uk).

We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along to support our Maypole dancers in Ossett on Saturday. We always get very positive feedback from the community which makes it worthwhile.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April our football team had a match against Holy Trinity school. The result was Holy Trinity 4 Gawthorpe 2. Well done to all our footballers who battled to the end.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May some of our Year 5 children were chosen to represent Gawthorpe in a handball tournament at Ossett Academy. The children chosen were Thomas Baker, Jemima Djamba, Bailey Goodlad, Suzie Prochwicz, Scarlet Reeve, Jackson Walker, Grace Welburn and Jacob Whittell. Well done to these children who came 4<sup>th</sup> out of all the schools participating.

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Immediately after celebration assembly tomorrow, our Maypole plaiters will dance for all the school and for parents on the playground. If we have a wet day the plaiters will dance indoors however, because of limited room in the hall, this will just be for parents.

Children across the school will then take part in making decorations for our Plaiters Float, this is always a fun filled day as children look forward to the Maypole weekend.

### **Key times for the Maypole Weekend**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May -

Float decoration 10:30am

Plaiters to arrive at school 1pm

Parade to set off from Highfield school 2pm

Dancing on the Maypole Green 5:30pm

If anyone can help with 'detrimming' the float immediately after the parade, we would be very grateful.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May -

Plaiters to be at school 5:15pm

Maypole Service at Holy Trinity Church 6pm

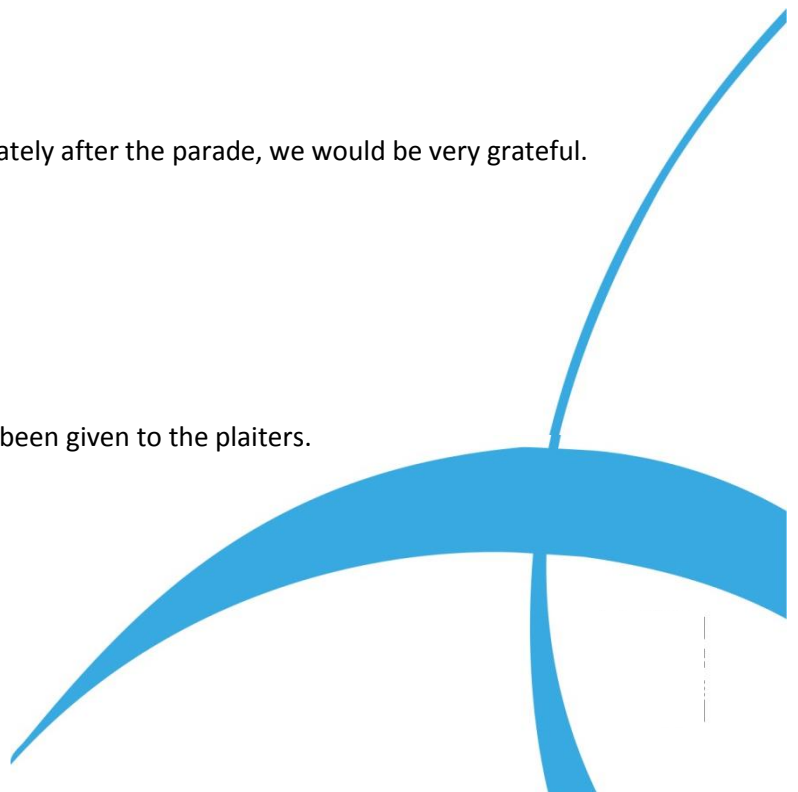
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May -

Plaiters to be at school 4:45pm

Maypole Tea at the Derby and Joan 5pm

Further information about the Maypole Weekend has been given to the plaiters.

Please find attached a poster for the Maypole Parade.



## **Year 6**

Next week Year 6 will take their SATS tests. We invite children in Year 6 to arrive at school at 8:15am and breakfast will be provided. We hope all Year 6 will have breakfast in school with us. Having breakfast with their friend helps to relax the children before taking the tests.

**It is essential that all Year 6 children are in school next week. If your Year 6 child is ill then please contact school as soon as possible on the morning of the tests.**

## **Year 4 Visit**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May Year 4 will visit Wakefield Museum to take part in a workshop about Anglo Saxons. They will be using public transport to travel to the museum and will need to bring a packed lunch. Please see the letter sent out to Year 4 children for further details.

## **Old £5 Notes**

Please be aware the old-fashioned £5 note will no longer be considered legal tender as of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May so we will no longer accept them in the office after today.

## **P.E**

There are an increasing number of children who, for whatever reason, do not have their P.E kit in school. We do have spare kit in case of emergency however P.E kit is part of the school uniform and must be in school at all times. P.E is a national curriculum subject and therefore is compulsory. If a child repeatedly forgets their kit then parents/carers will be contacted by Mrs Pyrah in the first instance.

## **Grant**

As an academy we are able to bid directly to the Department for Education for additional funding for the upkeep of our buildings.

Over the last few years, as many of you will know, we have had significant funding for our buildings including roofing, new toilets and windows.

This year Mrs Hill, the Chief Finance Officer for the Trust, put in bids for the redecoration of the blue hall and the nursery roof, which is leaking. Unfortunately, we did not receive grant funding for the hall but we received a grant of £31,000 for the Nursery roof.

We have made the decision that we will refurbish both halls out of our own school budget. We are hopeful that this redecoration will take place over the Spring Bank holiday. We are sure you will agree that this is essential refurbishment.

## **Nursery Closure Day**

As usual we will have two Nursery closure days between coming back to school after our Spring Bank Holiday and the end of the academic year. On these days Nursery staff visit the children who will start Nursery in September in their homes.

The first of these closure days will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June. On this day the Nursery will be closed to all children except for the children who access the wraparound provision.

The reason we have made an earlier date for closure this year is because we need to make parents aware that we will be offering the 30 hours free provision to all eligible children as from September.

We do have places in our Nursery for September. If you have friends or relatives who have a Nursery aged child and have not yet registered for Gawthorpe Nursery, please ask them to contact us.

## **Safety**

At our Governing Body meeting, which was held last Thursday, Governors discussed the issues around parking and safety. Despite frequent requests that parents do not park on the double yellow lines, some parents/carers continue to do so. Please, for the safety of all our children do not park on double yellow lines.

### Communication

At the Governing Body meeting we also discussed the effectiveness of communication with parents. Whilst Governors felt our systems are good, we always strive to improve. Therefore we now have the facility for parents/carers to be able to reply to the text messages you receive from school. From now on the text messages will come through from the number 07789 286870 rather than showing as GawthorpeAc. Please ensure that you include your child's name in any replies so that we can follow up accordingly.

### Whitby

Just a reminder that the Whitby Residential should be paid in full by Wednesday 28th June. You can make regular payments towards this balance either online or in the office.

### Attendance

If your child is absent from school you must contact the office first thing in the morning on each day of absence, to give the reason. If leaving a message on the answerphone please ensure you give as much detail as possible to ensure our registers are marked correctly.


If your child is arriving after 9am then they must be brought to the front desk by a parent/carers.

### Sainsbury's

Just a reminder that you have until 30<sup>th</sup> June to hand in your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We really appreciate any vouchers you give us, as it means we can get new sports, cooking and gardening equipment.

We look forward to seeing you all over the Maypole weekend.

The Leadership Team



Mrs S J Vickerman

Executive Principal



Mrs P M Gill

Executive Vice Principal



Mrs A M Mitchell

Head of School

**GAWTHORPE MAYPOLE COMMITTEE**  
**ESTABLISHED 1874**

**PROUDLY PRESENTS THE**

**143rd**

**GAWTHORPE MAYPOLE**  
**PROCESSION AND FEAST**

**Saturday 6th May 2017**

**HEADED BY THE MAY QUEEN ELECT**

**Miss Nicole Ackroyd**

**HER MAIDS OF HONOUR**

**and the**

**Emley Brass Band**

**PROCESSION STARTS AT 2 O'CLOCK**

ENTRIES FOR VEHICLE AND FANCY DRESS CLASSES REPORT TO THE  
MAYPOLE CABIN TO ENTER (NEAR THE MAYPOLE GREEN)

ALL FANCY DRESS CLASSES TO BE JUDGED AT 1:15PM PROMPT ON THE  
MAYPOLE GREEN AND MUST BE ENTERED BY 1:00PM.

FOR DETAILS CONCERNING CLASSES, ENTRIES AND SCHEDULES,  
PLEASE CONTACT: MRS SUSAN WALSHAW ON 01924 260141