

Dear Parents/Carers,

Monday 24th April 2017

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 25th April – Holy Trinity V Gawthorpe football match to be held at Holy Trinity straight after school. Parents are welcome to watch this match.

Wednesday 26th April – We will join together with Towngate Academy for a concert which will be held at Ossett Town Hall. We ask that the children wear their 1960's outfits on this day. Admission is by ticket only so please remember to bring your tickets.

Saturday 29th April – Our maypole plaiters will dance in Ossett Town Centre at 1pm. Please come along and support our dancers.

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday. The Academy will be closed.

Tuesday 2nd May – Handball competition to be held at Ossett Academy. We will be represented by 8 children chosen from Year 5.

Wednesday 3rd May – Year 3 visit to Croft House.
Fire prevention talk to children in Year 5.

Friday 5th May – Children from across the academy will make decorations for the plaiters Maypole Float. The maypole plaiters will dance, weather permitting, for the rest of the school and for parents immediately after celebration assembly.

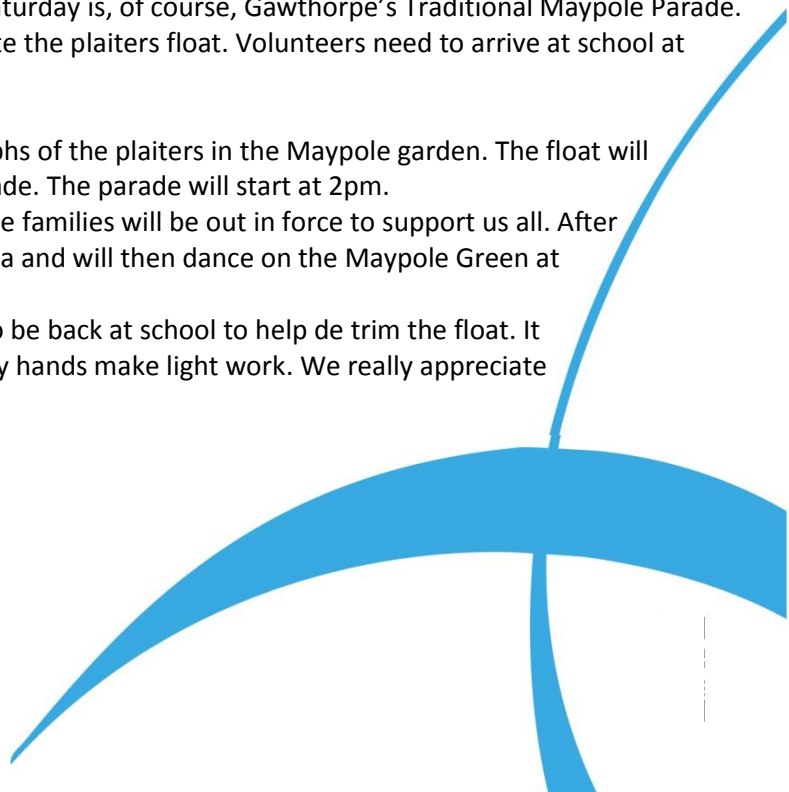
Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th May and Monday 8th May – Saturday is, of course, Gawthorpe's Traditional Maypole Parade. Parents are invited to come along to help staff decorate the plaiters float. Volunteers need to arrive at school at 10:30am.

We ask that our plaiters arrive at school at 12pm.

The official Maypole photographer will take photographs of the plaiters in the Maypole garden. The float will then drive to Highfields school for the start of the parade. The parade will start at 2pm.

The parade takes approximately 2.5 hours and we hope families will be out in force to support us all. After the parade the maypole plaiters will be given a light tea and will then dance on the Maypole Green at 5:30pm.

When the parade has finished we ask for volunteers to be back at school to help de trim the float. It doesn't take too long to do the 'de trimming' but many hands make light work. We really appreciate help at this point in the day.



The plaiters will sing in Holy Trinity church on Sunday 7th May. The short service starts at 6pm and usually lasts approximately 40 minutes. All are welcome to come along to this service.

The plaiters are also invited to sing at the Derby and Joan Maypole Party on Monday 8th May at 5pm. A separate letter will be sent out to the plaiters with further details on these events.

Monday 8th May – The children in Year 6 will take their SAT's tests. It is essential that all Year 6 children are in school this week. If your child is ill on the day of the tests we ask that you ring school as early as possible.

Wednesday 10th May – Year 4 visit to Wakefield Museum.

w/c Monday 15th May – Assessment week for all children across the academy.

Tuesday 16th May – Year 6 More Able Writers Day to be held in the Maypole Centre.

Wednesday 17th May – Year 5 visit to Croft House.

Thursday 18th May – Year 5 More Able Writers Day to be held in the Maypole Centre.

Friday 19th May – Class photographs.

Football match Gawthorpe V Flushdyke to be held at Gawthorpe.

Monday 22nd May – Thursday 25th May – Bikeability for Year 5 children.

Friday 26th May – Break up. We return to school on Monday 12th June.

Books for Malawi

Please see below a message from the 'Warm Hearts Malawi' Team following their visit to Malawi to take all the books that had been donated.

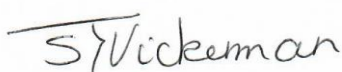
"I just returned from Malawi. Dewsbury Dental Centre ran a hugely successful free dental clinic in Bulala over 5 days led by dentist Nick O'Donovan.

I installed a shelf unit in each of 2 village primary schools at Malinyete and Mutu and delivered books, many of them from Gawthorpe. The books will be used in school, and children will also be allowed to borrow a book to take home over weekends or holidays.

Lessons in village primaries are in Tumbuka for years 1 to 4, and in English in years 5 to 8. Tumbuka is invariably used at home, with many parents having little or no English. The books will give a major boost to the pupils' development and make a significant contribution to raising standards in the schools. Many thanks to all"

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Town Hall Concert.

The Leadership Team



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Executive Principal



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