

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

### What Would We Find On The Farm

The topic this half term is 'What would we find on the farm?' We will be looking at different animals on the farm, thinking about how we can care for them and finding out about the daily role of a farmer. We also have a supermarket role play area in Nursery where we will be looking at products which have come from the farm.

### Farm Visit

As part of our topic we will have a visit from Ian's Mobile Farm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Can you please make sure your child comes to Nursery in suitable outdoor clothing as the farm will be outdoors on the school field. The animals include rabbits, chickens, goats, sheep, donkeys, pigs and alpacas.

### Fund Raising Day

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 11.00am-1.00pm, we will have fund raising activities for you to take part in throughout Nursery. The money raised will go towards covering the cost of the mobile farm.

### 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.

### 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.

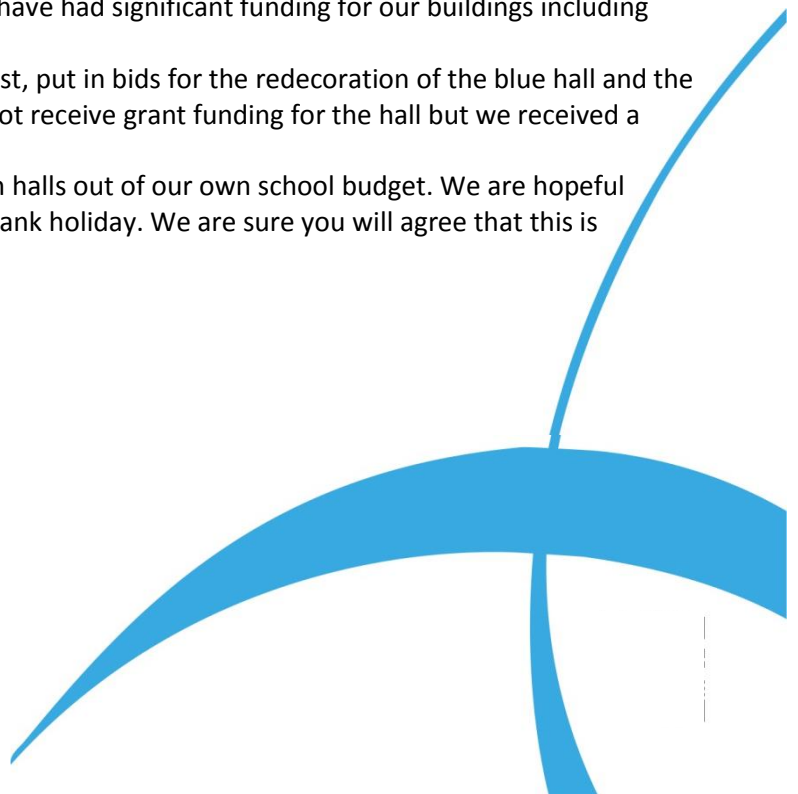
### Grant

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.

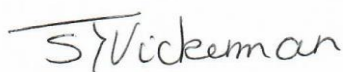
### **Attendance**

If your child is absent from Nursery you must contact us 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.

Please find attached a poster for the Maypole Parade.

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