



## The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools

**Our Vision** is to ignite imagination and curiosity which builds an enduring passion for life-long learning

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a super half-term holiday and enjoyed the extended Bank Holiday, including any Jubilee events you were involved with. What an amazing weekend it was!

At the end of last term, the children took part in marvellous 'street party' teas. There was a tremendous feeling of community, with the older children helping the younger children and everyone enjoying the amazing food they had all worked hard to prepare that morning.

This feeling of community was also exemplified by the wonderful contributions of our PTFA to local Jubilee events over the weekend. I would like to thank them for their abounding energy and commitment in supporting the Federation and the amazing fundraising they achieve for the benefit of our children. There will be a 'Summer Fete' meeting on Monday 13 June at Gedney Hill School starting at 6 pm. All are welcome.

Now we are looking forward. The last half term of the year is with us, and what a busy and exciting time it will be!

### **Botanic Gardens Trips**

We start the term with the Federation visits to the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens: Swallows, Eagles and Woodpecker Year 3 are going on Wednesday 8 June and Robins, Puffins, Kingfishers and Woodpeckers Year 2 are going on Friday 10 June.

On the days of the trips, for those children travelling, the gates at each school will be open from 7.50am.

They must be in school by 8am. The children will be in school uniform and will need sunhats, sun-cream, lunch, and refillable water bottles and raincoats. The weather can be so changeable.

Please make sure that the children are wearing comfortable, sturdy shoes as they will be on their feet and walking for a considerable time each day.

On Wednesday we expect to be back about 4.45pm and on Friday around 4pm.

### **Healthy Snacks In School**

All children in EYFS and KS1 are offered a piece of fruit or vegetables every day as a healthy snack. This is funded by the government 'School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme'.

Following on from this, in KS2 we encourage our children to have a healthy snack during the morning break. This is a snack they bring in from home. It still needs to be fruit or vegetables.

Examples of what would be suitable are: fruit or vegetables either whole, cut up, fresh or dried, but not processed foods such as Fruit Winders. We would suggest dried fruit only once a week, and we also ask that grapes are not sent in as they can be a choking hazard.

Fresh water is available all day, and the children are offered milk to drink once a day too.

### **Keeping Safe In The Sun**

The hot weather is now with us, even though intermittently.

The children need to have sunhats in school every day now please.

We will encourage the children to drink water throughout the day too.

## Sports Days

We would like to invite families to come and support the children at our School Sports Days – always very exciting events!

Due to the growing numbers of children in both Federation schools, it has been decided to change the arrangements for Sports Days this year. These changes will allow the children in all year groups to support and cheer on siblings and other teammates from across the different Key Stages in their own school. The tea parties at the end of last term illustrated so clearly how the children love to be together on these special days.

We also hope it will help the many parents who have children in both Key Stages. Parents will only need to arrange for one afternoon away from work, or other commitments, to be able to support all their own children. Hopefully, the afternoons will be super, fun, family and community events!

### Sports Day Dates:

Shepeau Stow Sports Day - Monday 20 June, starting at 1.15pm

Gedney Hill Sports Day - Tuesday 21 June starting at 1.15pm

## Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

We would also like to invite parents and families of our Year 6 children to join the staff and all the children in a celebration of our Year 6's journey through their time with us. Individual invitations will be sent out soon to help us with the organisation. We hope you will be able to join us as we look back with joy and pride and forward with excitement to the next stage of their life's journeys.

The Assemblies will be on the last day of term: Friday 22 July.

Gedney Hill at 11am

Shepeau Stow at 2pm

## Other Key Dates

Monday 6 June	Gedney Hill School Year 6	What's in the box?
Wednesday 8 June	Swallows, Eagles and Woodpeckers Year 3	Botanic Gardens - in school by 8am
Friday 10 June	Robins, Puffins, Kingfishers and Woodpeckers Year 2	Botanic Gardens—in school by 8am
6 – 10 June	<b>No Early Learners at either school</b>	
6 – 10 June	Year 1	Phonics Screening Checks
13 – 17 June	Year 4	Multiplication Checks
Monday 13 June	All welcome	Summer Fete Meeting 6pm at Gedney Hill
Friday 17 June	All year groups	School class photos
Monday 20 June	Shepeau Stow	Sports Day
Tuesday 21 June	Gedney Hill	Sports Day
Thursday 23 & Friday 24 June	Year 6 Taster Days: Holbeach	
27 June – 30 June	Years 1, 3, 4 and 5	Assessment Week
Thursday 30 June	Swallows' and Eagles' parents	Alymerton Residential Meeting
Thursday 30 June	All children	Dress Down Day for Fete

## Other Key Dates

Friday 1 July	Year 6 Taster Day: Spalding Schools	
Monday 4 July	Shepeau Stow School Year 6	What's in the box?
Sunday 10 July	Whole Federation at Gedney Hill	Federation Fete
Tuesday 12 July	Year 6 Taster Day: The Deepings	
Wednesday 13 July	Whole Federation at Gedney Hill School	Federation Performances: afternoon and evening
Thursday 14 July	Whole Federation at Gedney Hill School	Federation Performance: afternoon and evening.
Wednesday 20 July	Year 6 Leavers' Trip	
Friday 22 July	Leavers' Assemblies	End of Term

\* New Intake Evenings: dates and times to be confirmed.

### **Mrs Buddle's Compassionate Leave**

As you may be aware Mrs Buddle's husband is very ill and had been expecting major surgery during the half term break. Unfortunately, this had to be postponed. Because of this, Mrs Buddle's return to work is also delayed. I will continue as Acting Executive Headteacher in Mrs Buddle's absence and will keep you updated about her return to work.

Should you need to contact school please continue to use the following details:

Absences, school collection, school meals and general enquiries should go to either

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Thank you,

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