

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 10th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather is turning much colder, please ensure the children have clothing appropriate to the weather. We do go outside at breaktime and lunchtime, so they need to wrap up warm.

Numbots

Children should now have their login for Numbots. For the year 2 children it is the same as their TT Rockstar password and login.

Swimming

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum, and all pupils should be taking part unless there is a valid reason. Children who arrive at school without kit will need to stay on site with the Y6 Maths lesson as it is not suitable for them to attend and sit pool side due to supervision. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school every Monday if they are in Y4 or Y5. The expectation of pupils in primary school is as listed below. This is taken from the National Curriculum.

Pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently, and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke, and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that parents do need to book in. On days where we think we may have no children attending we will not have an adult available, so it is essential to book. Please contact Mrs Belton if you need adding to the register for booking in.

Flu immunisation

The team will be back to do a "mop up" of any children who were absent or late registering consent.

Attendance Letters

We will send out letters to inform you if your child's attendance has dropped into the red this term. We do completely understand that sickness absences are unavoidable, but it is important that we keep you up to date throughout the year. Holidays should not be booked in term time and do incur a fine.

Trips

Robins trip letter will be coming out on Tuesday. This is being funded but we do still need to consent forms returning please.

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Clothing

We have lots of uniform that has been left in school that is not named. We will put it out on a table over the next week. Please check to see if anything belongs to your child.

PTFA

Annual General Meeting: the PTFA AGM will be held at Shepeau Stow Primary School after school on Monday, 13th November. We need at least 11 attendees to meet quorum.

Christmas Card Fundraiser: items have come home with your child this week. For queries, please reach us on info@ghssptfa.co.uk.

Bag2School: We raised £120 from our collection last half term! Thank you!

For more info about upcoming events:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghssptfa>

Diary Dates and Reminders

13 November	PTFA Annual General Meeting – All Welcome at Shepeau Stow School	3.45pm-4.15pm
14 November	Individual and family photos	Younger siblings can come in at 8.30am if you would like a family photograph
17 November	Children In Need event	Dress in yellow or spots
20 November	Y6 trip to Spalding Baptist Church for Christmas unwrapped	
22 November	PTFA Bingo	Gedney Hill Memorial Hall
28 November	Robins trip to Baytree Garden Centre	
6 December	Nativity	2pm and 5.30pm
11 December	School Christmas Dinner (please order from A Country Kitchen)	
14 December	PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	
20 December	Last day of Term 2	
3 Jan 2024	Term 3	
12 January	Learn to ride Bikeability	
9 February	End of Term 3	
19 Feb -28 March	Term 4	
16 April – 24 May	Term 5	
13-14 May	Reception Balance Bikes with Bikeability	
15 May	KS2 Sats – Monday to Thursday	Year 6 pupils only
3 June – 19 July	Term 6	

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3 June	Multiplication check will take place during the 2 weeks beginning 3 June	Year 4 pupils only
10 June	Phonics Screening will take place during this week	Year 1 pupils and any Y2 pupils who did not meet the threshold last year
18 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	

Kind regards,

Alison Buddle
Executive Headteacher