# **Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School**



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## Catch-up Friday 8th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Christmas

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Gedney Hill. Robins seem to have a mischievous elf in the room who has been up to lots of interesting things after school each day! All the children in school are very excited to have advent calendars in their classrooms.

Robins put on an excellent Nativity this week. Thank you all for supporting your children learning the songs and coming along to watch. To safeguard all our children in school we cannot give out name lists for Christmas cards.

#### Christmas Jumpers & Party Day

Children can come in Christmas jumpers on Tuesday, the day of our Christmas lunch for those who have ordered one. On Thursday children can come to school in party clothes for the party in the afternoon. They still need lunch as normal.

#### **Robins Book Bags**

Mrs Ward has asked if book bags can be brought in daily. The books will then be changed when we have adults available to do so as it is not always possible to do them on the two days allocated currently.

#### **Swallows Spalding Trip**

On Tuesday Swallows will be going into Spalding to carry out a survey in the town. This is linked to their current Geography topic looking at changes in our local area over time.

#### **Parking**

Thank you for supporting us with the car park changes. Even if the gate is open at the end of the day, please avoid parking on site.

#### Clothing

The weather is getting much colder now. Please ensure your child comes to school with their coat as we go out to play every day, some children are still coming without one.

#### Primary school admissions

Applications for new intake Reception children in September 2024 opened on 15<sup>th</sup> November and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If you have a child who is starting Reception in September 2024, you will need to make your application via the Lincolnshire County Council online system. <a href="https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school">https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school</a>

### PTFA

Christmas Raffle- We would like to thank everyone who has already purchased raffle tickets ahead of our Christmas Draw on Thursday. If you have yet to get them in, you don't have long. Please return the counterfoils (stubs) and payment on Monday at the very latest to be in with a chance of winning. Good Luck!

Please remember the raffle will take place at Gedney Hill Schools Children's Christmas Party; this is an in-school event that is closed to parents. Winners will be contacted via the PTFA to claim their prize.

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For more info about upcoming events:

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

# **Diary Dates and Reminders**

12 December	Swallows' geography trip to Spalding	
12 December	School Christmas Dinner	Children can wear Christmas Jumpers
14 December	Party day & PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	Children can wear Party Clothes Raffle winners will be contacted via the PTFA to claim their prize.
20 December	Last day of Term 2	
3 Jan <b>2024</b>	Term 3	
12 January	Learn to ride Bikeability	
9 February	End of Term 3	
19 Feb -28 March	Term 4	
19 March	Swallows trip to Wroxeter Roman City	
23 April	Robins trip to Ferry Meadows	
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	
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
10 June	Class Photographs	
18 June	Robins trip to Burghley House	
18 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	

Kind regards,

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