

# Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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## Catch-up Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Parent Consultations

This term we are hoping to trial a new online booking system. Once our School Business Managers have looked at the system and set it up, we will be sending out information to parents about booking online. This will make the process easier, reducing paper copies needing to be brought back to school.

### Wild Walk for Robins

Robins had a lovely time outside this week looking at what is growing around our school. They are learning all about seasonal changes and will be looking out for signs of Spring. You can help your child with this at home when you spot things like flowers beginning to push through as the weather changes, looking at how the leaves on the trees change or trees that keep their leaves.

### Early Years Area

You may have noticed lots of new equipment in the EYFS area. The children have been very excited this week exploring the new equipment! When the children go outside, they have to put on their coat. Some of them get very frustrated when they aren't able to do up their coats. We encourage them to do this themselves. If your child is unable to do this, please practise at home to help them.

### Primary School Admissions

Primary school - late application deadline - Lincolnshire County Council - Children starting school in September 2024.

[https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/5?fbclid=IwSchIR2YHpaJeJBqaI%20closing\\_deadline%20on%2015%20January%202024](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/5?fbclid=IwSchIR2YHpaJeJBqaI%20closing_deadline%20on%2015%20January%202024)

### World Book Day Reminder

This year on World Book Day, 7<sup>th</sup> March, the children will be able to dress up as their favourite character from a book. We are looking forward to seeing some amazing ideas once again.

### TT Rockstars

We are aware that some of our pupils do not have access to the internet at home. For those pupils who do not have access to a computer or tablet at home we do facilitate a TT Rockstar activity session during lunch time. Please let us know if this is the case for you and we will add your child to the rota if they would like us to.

### Absences

Please notify the school on the first day of absence before 9am wherever possible. You can send an email to the school enquiries email address, leave a Parentmail message or call school. **Please do not send absence emails directly to staff members as it they are not always monitored, and some office staff are only part-time.** Where we have not received a reason for absence, we may do a safe and well visit to the house to ensure there are no safeguarding concerns.

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### Diary Dates and Reminders

30 January	Family Library Time	
5 February	Krispy Kreme order deadline	
9 February	End of Term 3	
19 Feb -28 March	Term 4	
23 February	Dress Down Day – Donations for PTFA Easter Bingo	
7 March	World Book Day	
11 March	Assessment Week	
12 March	Kingfishers Trip to Burghley House	
19 March	Swallows trip to Wroxeter Roman City	
20 March	Parent consultations	
28 March	Decorated Egg competition	
16 April – 24 May	Term 5	
23 April	Robins trip to Ferry Meadows	
13-14 May	Reception Balance Bikes with Bikeability	
15 May	KS2 Sats – Monday to Thursday	Year 6 pupils only
20 May	Road Safety – Year 2	
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	
26 June	Sports Day	
18 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	
19 July	Last day of the Summer Term	

Kind regards,

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