

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evening consultations

A guide on how to book your parent consultation which will include an individual booking code will be coming home next week. Bookings will open on Wednesday 6th March. Please use this link to book yourself in. <https://gedneyhill.schoolcloud.co.uk> We are also offering online appointments on the same day as it is not possible to allocate additional after school appointments this term due to the number of other meetings etc teachers have in school.

Drop Off

Could we also ask that if you have messages for the class teacher, please could you take them to the school office in the mornings and they will be passed on. Lessons begin promptly at 8.55am and the teacher needs to be in the classroom. If you need to speak directly to your child's class teacher the office will arrange for them to contact, you.

School Lunches

We would also ask that when ordering school meals, you speak to your child about what they like. There is a lot of food being left on plates. Please remember that our caterers must abide by food standards and therefore the food will often taste very different to a similar dish they have eaten at home.

Trips

You will be receiving information about up and coming trips over the next week. Year 6 pupils will be travelling to Spalding Baptist Church on Monday 18th March for Easter Cracked and Swallows & Eagles will be going to Wroxeter Roman City on Tuesday 19th March. Both these trips will be leaving before the start of the school day and therefore you will need to arrange transport to school if your child normally travels in by coach or taxi. If you have any difficulty with this, please contact the school office.

School Website

Please have a look on our school website for a wealth of information including school term times, opening hours, uniform including PE, policies and curriculum subjects.

Healthy Schools

Please provide water in children's bottles for school. Children have access to water throughout the day. We promote the drinking of water to ensure children are properly hydrated and as a healthier option to fruit juice.

World Book Day Reminder

Next week the children will be involved in lots of activities to celebrate World Book Day on 7th March. On Monday children can bring in clues from their favourite book for their friends to guess which character the children will dress up as. We are looking forward to seeing some amazing ideas once again.

TT Rockstars

At home TT Rockstars can be accessed using a tablet, pc laptop and phone. If you are having difficulty finding the school, please remember we are registered as the Federation, not just one school.

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 they are not always monitored as some office staff are 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.

PTFA update

Bag2School - Thank you very much for once again supporting our Bag2School collection, keep an eye on our Facebook page for how much we have raised from this collection. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghssptfa>

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Pre-loved uniform - If you are in need of school uniform for your little ones, please consider our pre-loved uniform collection. We have an excellent selection of very good quality items. Check out the stock list of available items. <https://tinyurl.com/PrelovedStock>

NEW to your PTFA we have introduced a Pre-loved Fancy Dress shop too! We are now accepting donations. As you dig out items for World Book Day, you might have items that no longer fit your little one, please email us and we can take them off your hands for you info@ghsspta.co.uk.

Diary Dates and Reminders

7 March	World Book Day	
11 March	Assessment Week	
12 March	Kingfishers Trip to Burghley House	Consent forms due back by Tuesday 5 March
18 March	Easter Cracked, Spalding Baptist Church - Year 6	
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	
13 - 16 May	KS2 Sats – Monday to Thursday	Year 6 pupils only
15 May	Swallows trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village	
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,

Alison Buddle,
Executive Headteacher