

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Clubs

After school clubs run by members of staff have now finished. They will restart with the same children week beginning 13th January.

The Library will be open 3 days per week and run by our school librarians for the younger children to listen to a story or for the free readers to have a quiet place to sit and read.

Duxford Trip

Children in Swallows enjoyed their day trip to Duxford which linked to their topic work.

Aylmerton Residential Trip

Please can I remind parents that we do have some payments outstanding. If you are struggling to pay please contact Mrs Buddle directly on alison.buddle@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk

Robins Christmas Nativity

Robins Class have been busy practising their Nativity ready to perform on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm and in the evening at 5.30pm. We welcome all parents and relatives of Robins class to come and enjoy this annual event. Thank you to all parents who have provided the clothes requested for the Nativity. This has been very helpful.

Christmas & Christmas Jumper Day

The post box is ready for Christmas cards to come in to school. The box is located in the Reception area. School Council at both schools will be our post people for the weeks ahead.

Children will be able to enjoy a pantomime in school again this year as part of our build up to Christmas. It is on 12th December.

We will have our Christmas Jumper Day on the same day as Christmas Lunch. This is on Friday 13th December.

For the Christmas Party on Tuesday 17th December children can come to school in party clothes but they do need to still be appropriate for school and for going outside.

Swimming

Swimming has now finished for the year and will start again on Monday 6th January.

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Early Birds and Night Owls

These are up and running at both schools. We are now able to accept Child Tax Care vouchers. The information for this has been sent out. If you need any further information, please speak to Mrs Belton.

Term dates next year

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. It should be noted that these are now on an increasing scale. Requests for authorised absences must be made in advance. Please see the link to the school attendance policy for both schools on the federation tab. [Attendance Policy \(shepeaustowschool.co.uk\)](http://shepeaustowschool.co.uk)

PTFA

Christmas Bingo - Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Bingo event, it was wonderful to see so many of our school community turn out to support the PTFA and its fundraising efforts! Congratulations to all our winners and the wonderful team of volunteers who put the event together as a fantastic community event!

Christmas Raffle - Deadline coming up, please have ticket stubbs and payments into school on Monday 16th December at the latest. We request that any unsold tickets please be returned to school so we can redistribute for sales.

Diary Dates and Reminders

9 December	Family Library	3.30-4pm
11 December	School Nativity	2pm & 5.30pm
12 December	School Pantomime	
13 December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	
17 December	Christmas Party	Party Clothes can be worn
13 January	Family Library	3.30-4pm
16 January	Maths Information Evening	5pm at Gedney Hill School
10 February	Family Library	3.30-4pm
23 February – 26 February	Aylmerton Residential Trip – Y5 & Y6 Pupils	
18 March	Parent Consultations and opportunity to look at your child's books	
31 March	Easter Cracked – Y6 Visit to Spalding Baptist Church	
29 April	Robins Trip to Flag Fen	
17 June	Robins Trip to Hamerton Zoo	
19 June	Sports Day	

Yours sincerely
Alison Buddle
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