

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Visit to Holbeach Hospital

Children from Swallows visited Holbeach Hospital on 22nd November and provided some entertainment for the residents. The visit was a real success for everyone. The children had a really lovely time whilst we were there.

Clubs

Next week will be the last week for after school clubs run by members of staff. 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.

Family Library

Family Library dates are as follows:

9th December

13th January

10th February

This year family library will be open solely to select a book to take home. As we now have wrap around care in school, we will not be providing tea, coffee and craft activities.

Coats & Wellies

We have several children who are arriving at school without a coat. It really is needed. We go outside in all weathers at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Children in Robins class should have wellies in school too. If you are struggling to buy any of this, please contact me directly and I will help where I can.

Duxford Trip

Children in Swallows will need to be in school for 8am on Tuesday 3rd December for the Duxford Trip. The coach will be back at around 4.30pm. We will update you if there is a change to this.

Aylmerton Information Evening

Parents of Y5 and 6 pupils are invited to the information evening for the residential. This will be held at 5pm at Gedney Hill school. Please can I also remind parents that we do have some payments outstanding. If you are struggling to pay please contact me directly on alison.buddle@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk

Christmas & Christmas Jumper Day

Post boxes will be put out ready for Christmas cards to come in to school from Monday. The School Council at both schools will be our post people for the weeks ahead.

We will have our Christmas Jumper Day on the same day as the Christmas Dinner in school. This is on the 13th December.

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

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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. We have sent out further information on the changes to fines for absences in line with new government guidance. 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 \(shepeaustowschool.co.uk\)](https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk)

PTFA

PTFA fund raising bingo is being held at Gedney Hill Memorial Hall on Wednesday 4th December. There will be lots of lovely prizes to be won. Doors open at 6pm ready for eyes down at 7pm.

Diary Dates and Reminders

3 December	Eagles & Swallows Trip to Duxford	
4 December	PTFA Christmas Bingo	Doors open 6pm – Eyes down 7pm
5 December	Flu Immunisation Team Mop up Session	
5 December	Aylmerton Residential Information evening for Y5 & Y6 Parents	5pm – Gedney Hill School
9 December	Family Library	
11 December	School Nativity	
12 December	School Pantomime	
13 December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	
17 December	Christmas Party & Christmas Jumper Day	
13 January	Family Library	
16 January	Maths Information Evening	5pm at Gedney Hill School
10 February	Family Library	
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
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