

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Information

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the phonics and reading evening yesterday. The power point etc will go on the phonics tab on the school website.

Kingfishers Trip

The children enjoyed their visit to the Mandir in Peterborough this week, linking it to their learning in RE and our core Church School Values. They showed respect for the beliefs of others and were able to see the community aspect of the temple too with people using it for all sorts of activities. They also enjoyed the biscuits.

Year 6 Trip

Year 6 children enjoyed visiting Spalding Baptist Church at the beginning of the week to take part in festive activities, including biscuit making during the 'Christmas Unwrapped' session.

Changing Reading Books

From Year 2 up we do encourage independence in taking responsibility for children changing their books in school. The children at Gedney Hill in Kingfishers begin this journey by putting the book to be changed on their desk at the start of the day so that their teacher can see it is ready to be changed. If you find your child's book isn't being changed regularly, please speak to the class teacher.

Children in Need

Children enjoyed dressing down last Friday for Children in Need. Thank you for your donations, we raised £65.20.

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. **Night Owls will finish at 5pm on the last day of term.**

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

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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.

Diary Dates

Dates for the coming term are on the school calendar on our website. Please ensure you check for the correct school as they are slightly different.

PTFA

AGM- Just under a week to go until our General Annual Meeting on Monday 25th November 6-6:30 PM at Gedney Hill. We hope to see you there.

Christmas Bingo- Calling All Volunteers who would like to help us set up on the day. Please contact us on info@ghsspfa.co.uk or on our face book page for more information.

Bags2School- Tuesday 26th November. If any extra bags are needed please go to Reception. The bags need to be in school before 9AM

Christmas Raffle- Tickets are still available for purchase, any extras needed are in School, we would be grateful if any spares could be returned to the office for re-sale. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets.

Diary Dates and Reminders

25 November	PTFA Annual General Meeting	6 – 630pm – Gedney Hill School
26 November	Bags2School Collection Day	9am collection
3 December	Eagles & Swallows Trip to Duxford	
4 December	PTFA Christmas Bingo	Doors open 6pm – Eyes down 7pm
5 December	Flu Immunisation Team Return Date	
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	Please order via A County Kitchen
17 December	Christmas Party Day	
13 January	Family Library	

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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	
19 June	Sports Day	

Yours sincerely
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