

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who baked cakes and attended this event. We raised £112.39.

Children In Need

Children enjoyed having a dress down day today. Thank you for the donations for the Children In Need appeal.

Library

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 dates are as follows:

18th November
9th December
13th January
10th February

Trips

Year 6 children will be visiting Spalding Baptist Church on Monday for 'Christmas Unwrapped.' We will be leaving on the coach at 8.30am to arrive in Spalding on time for an exciting morning of activities. Kingfishers are looking forward to visiting the Mandir in Peterborough on Tuesday morning to learn more about RE

Phonics and Reading

On Thursday our phonics and reading evening will take place. Please join us at 5pm for information about how the children learn phonics and reading in school. This will take place at Shepeau Stow.

Swallows DT

Swallows will be making biscuit boxes in DT. We are asking if children can bring into school any biscuit box packaging for children to explore and find out how they are constructed.

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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://shepeaustowschool.co.uk)

PTFA

Bag2School- Bags can start coming into school from today (15/11). Please pop into the school offices if you need some more bags or alternatively use a black bag, or recycling bag. For an update of items which can be included please check out our FB page.

Christmas Raffle - Our Christmas Raffle tickets should now have made it home with your little ones. We are asking that, if you are able, to sell these tickets for £1 each to your friends, family, colleagues etc. Should you require more, please get in touch via info@ghsptfa.co.uk.

AGM- On Monday 25th November, 6pm at Gedney Hill School. We are holding our Annual General Meeting for the PTFA. Should you wish to find out more about our charity, what we do and how to get involved this is the perfect opportunity to do so. We hope to see you there.

Diary Dates and Reminders

15 November	Children in Need – Dress Down Day	
18 November	Year 6 visit to Spalding Baptist Church – Christmas Unwrapped	
18 November	Family Library	
19 November	Kingfishers & Woodpeckers trip to Mandir, Peterborough	
21 November	Reading and Phonics evening (Date moved from 14 November)	5pm at Shepeau Stow School
22 November	Swallows Visit to Holbeach Hospital	
26 November	Bags2School Collection Day	9am collection
3 December	Eagles & Swallows Trip to Duxford	

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4 December	PTFA Christmas Bingo	Doors open 6pm – Eyes down 7pm
5 December	Flu Immunisation Team Return Date	
9 December	Family Library	
11 December	School Nativity	
12 December	School Pantomime	
17 December	Christmas Party Day	
13 January	Family Library	
16 January	Maths Information Evening	5pm at Gedney Hill School
10 February	Family Library	
18 March	Parent Consultations and opportunity to look at your child's books	
19 June	Sports Day	

Yours sincerely
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