

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 8 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots happening in the next few weeks so please keep an eye on your parentmail.

Children In Need

On Friday 15th November we will be having a 'dress down' day for a donation to the Children In Need appeal. Please ensure that clothing worn is appropriate for school and PE.

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

Robins had a fantastic time visiting Peterborough Museum. They learned about the life and work of Edith Cavell.

Panto

We have once again booked a Pantomime in school. The date for this can be found below. The children really enjoyed the experience last year.

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 will be sending 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.

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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

AGM- We have set a new date for our AGM, we hope you are able to attend on Monday 25th November 6:00pm-6:30pm

Christmas Bingo- thank you for all the very generous donations from dress down day last week towards our Christmas Bingo Night. We look forward to seeing lots of our school community on Wednesday 4th December, Doors Open 6pm, Eyes Down at 7pm.

Christmas Class Fundraising- Pre-ordered items should have made their way home with the children this week. Lots of lovely items heading home with your little one's creations on them!

Christmas Raffle- Our annual Christmas Raffle is back! We have some wonderful prizes on offer. What we ask of you is to please sell the raffle tickets coming home in your child(rens) book bags to your friends and family. They are £1 a ticket, more information on the leaflet coming home with the tickets.

Diary Dates and Reminders

12 November	Individual School Photographs	
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	

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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	
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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