

# Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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## Catch-up Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Harvest Festival

A big thank you for all the produce sent to the Harvest Festivals this year. We will be delivering them to Holbeach Community Larder. The children did a fantastic job with a special thank you to the Worship Council for leading the event this year.

### Homework

You will have seen that many of the children have brought home common exception words to read and learn to spell. We ask that you practise a few of these every week across the year, revisiting to reinforce them. We suggest no more than 10 per week. Children who find the physical process of writing difficult can do this with magnetic letters etc to support their writing.

### Reading Diaries

Please sign your child's reading diary every time you hear them read. This is particularly important with Read, Write, Inc as we only change the books when they have read three times with an adult at home.

### 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. 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)

### 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.

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## Half Term

I would like to wish you all a good half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

## PTFA

We have had a busy start to the term with lots of fundraising, thank you to everyone who has supported us and to our team of volunteers who are very busy behind the scenes making it all happen!

EYFS & KS1: Disco TONIGHT, please bring small change for the tuck shop. KS2 Disco – information is coming out today. This will need returning after half-term.

Golden Ticket Bars: Well Done to our lucky winners, please share a picture of your winner via our FB page!

## Diary Dates and Reminders

18 October	EYFS/KS1 School Disco	6pm - 7.30pm
29 October	PTFA AGM	3.45pm – Gedney Hill School
1 November	KS2 Disco	6pm – 7.30pm
4 November	NFER Assessments taking place Monday -	
5 November	Puffins & Robins trip to Peterborough Museum	
12 November	Individual School Photographs	
14 November	Phonics & Reading information evening	5pm at Shepeau Stow School
18 November	Year 6 visit to Spalding Baptist Church – Christmas Unwrapped	
11 December	School Nativity	
12 December	School Pantomime	
17 December	Christmas Party Day	
16 January	Maths information evening	5 pm at Gedney Hill School

Kind regards,

Alison Buddle,  
Executive Headteacher