

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival at Gedney Hill is on Wednesday 16th October at 2pm. Children can go straight home with parents after the Harvest Festival finishes. This year our new Worship Council of older pupils will be taking a lead at the event.

We will be collecting for Holbeach Community Larder – please avoid sending fresh food as we are unable to distribute it as easily. Any tinned or packaged items gratefully received. Products can be brought into school from Monday and left in the conservatory.

Robins

Robins are really enjoying working on their motor skills and enjoying drawing club. This is supporting their fine motor skills in class. I am sure if you ask your child, you will get some interesting responses! Children also do dough disco in school to develop those skills necessary to become good writers, developing muscle tone in their fingers. Here is a link to an online resource you can do at home. [I like to' playdough action song \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Information Events

We are holding a Phonics & Reading information evening for parents on the 14th November at 5pm, this will be hosted at Shepeau Stow. There will also be a Maths information evening for parents on the 16th January at 5pm, this will be hosted at Gedney Hill.

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.

Term dates & Absences

Term dates are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. Absences for holidays will not be authorised and will result in a fine. The attendance policy is on the federation website on the following link. [Attendance Policy \(shepeaustowschool.co.uk\)](https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk). This is the link for both schools. 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.

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PTFA AGM

Golden Ticket Chocolate Bars - Thankyou to everyone who ordered a Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar, we will let you know in the next few days when you will receive them

Christmas Artwork - We were excited to receive the orders of all your beautiful pieces of artwork, they will be coming home in your book bags soon

EYFS and KS1 Disco - The disco is next Friday 18th October, if a require fancy dress costume from our preloved stock or have any items to donate please email info@ghsptfa.co.uk

PTFA AGM - This is being held on Tuesday 29th October at 3.45pm in Gedney Hill CofE Primary School. Please come along and show your support.

Diary Dates and Reminders

14 October	Website photographer in School	
16 October	Harvest Festival	
18 October	EYFS/KS1 School Disco	6pm
29 October	PTFA AGM	3.45pm – Gedney Hill School
1 November	KS2 Disco	6pm
4 November	NFER Assessments taking place Monday - Friday	
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