

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final catch-up of the year. It has been a really busy week!

Panto

What a great time the children had yesterday. They enjoyed Jack and The Beanstalk in typical panto style. Thanks to the PTFA for supporting the funding of this and for the snacks too.

Nativity

What an amazing Nativity by Robins on Wednesday. So many children were absent, but they still managed to do a great job. Huge thanks to the Kingfishers who helped out. We will be repeating the performance on Tuesday 17th December to enable all the children to take part as so many were ill. This will be at 5.30pm. Could children please arrive back to school in their costumes for 5.15pm.

Clubs

They will restart with the same children week beginning 13th January.

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 the 13th January & 10th February

This year family library will be open solely to select a book to take home. As we now have wrap around care in school, we will not be providing the tea, coffee and craft activities.

Puddle Suits & Wellies

We would really like all the children in Robins to have Puddle Suits and wellies for after Christmas. We are buying some to have in school as spares but if you have your own it would be great to have one that can be left in school. If you have any wellies at home that are no longer needed, and you are happy to donate that would be great too.

Aylmerton Information Evening

Thank you to those who were able to attend the information evening. For those who couldn't attend, a kit list will be coming out by Parentmail. Some of the key information given was that children can't bring electronics, money or phones. They do need to learn to make a bed before they go as they will need to put their own duvet cover on when we arrive. Staff are looking forward to it.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party at Gedney Hill is on Tuesday 17th December. We are hoping to have a special visitor in school 😊. Children can wear party clothes that are appropriate for school and going outside. They will still need to bring lunch as normal if one hasn't been ordered through A Country Kitchen.

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Early Birds and Night Owls

These are up and running at both schools. We are 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 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://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk/AttendancePolicy)

PTFA

Preloved Uniform - Please get in touch if you are in need of any uniform. We have lots of good quality items available in a range of sizes. Contact us via info@ghssptfa.co.uk for more information.

Christmas Raffle - Our Christmas Raffle is quickly approaching, so please ensure raffle tickets, along with any cash payments and unsold tickets are returned to either school office by Monday 16th December. With Christmas nearly upon us, Santa's PTFA Elves have been hard at work wrapping some special gifts, we look forward to your little ones receiving them.

Diary Dates and Reminders

17 December	Christmas Party	Party Clothes can be worn
17 December	Evening performance of Robins Nativity – 5.30pm	Children to return at 5.15pm
13 January	Family Library	3.30-4pm
16 January	Maths Information Evening	5pm at Gedney Hill School
10 February	Family Library	3.30-4pm
23 February – 26 February	Aylmerton Residential Trip – Y5 & Y6 Pupils	
18 March	Parent Consultations and opportunity to look at your child's books	
31 March	Easter Cracked – Y6 Visit to Spalding Baptist Church	
29 April	Robins Trip to Flag Fen	
17 June	Robins Trip to Hamerton Zoo	
19 June	Sports Day	

Yours sincerely
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