



The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools

Dear Parents

We are now well on the way to Christmas! The youngest children are all very busy with nativity rehearsals. I would like to thank you all for your support this term and a big thanks to the PTA for all their fund raising efforts.

The older children in the school have enjoyed trips to Uxbridge, Duxford and Stibbington this term; it was a pleasure to be part of these trips. Thank you to the volunteers who come along to help on the day.

Years 3 – 6 also took part in a cross country run last week and every child completed the course.

Representatives from our school council took produce to the food bank and discovered how your donations help families in need. The children who attended will be delivering an assembly to the whole school to update the children about where the food goes and why. This is particularly important at this time of year as we think of those who may find this time of year difficult.

Staffing

As many of you are aware Miss Ulyatt is expecting a baby in February; her maternity leave starts at the beginning of January. Mrs Mann, who is currently covering Robins class, will be working with us during Miss Ulyatt's maternity leave. This will provide continuity for the children who have got to know her well. Mrs Jackson has also joined the staff at Gedney Hill school.

Following a period of absence due to health reasons Mrs Spivey will be retiring this year. Mrs Spivey has been part of Shepeau Stow staff for 13 years and we will be sad to see her leave. Mrs Ladley will be accepting any donations towards a gift for her and we are hoping she can come in before the end of term.

Arrival and collection in school.

Please could I ask that you allow your child to hang up their own coats and bags? The cloakrooms get really filled in the mornings and it slows down the process of getting ready to learn! A big part of the EYFS curriculum is developing independence.

Class teachers need to be in classrooms in the mornings, with the children, from 8.45am. From January a member of staff will be on the door at both schools to encourage good cloakroom habits. Should you wish to speak to a teacher please

can you go round to the office to arrange an appointment or leave a message? Travel arrangements at Shepeau Stow should always go through the school office to be passed on to the staff member who will be with the children at the end of the day. If you would like another adult to be permanently added to your list of people who can collect please let us know.

Christmas dates

Wednesday 11 th December	Bikeability for Y5 & Y6 Shepeau Stow Nativity Production 2pm and 5.30pm at Shepeau Stow School
Thursday 12 th December	Bikeability for Y5 & Y6 Shepeau Stow
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch Shepeau Stow
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party Shepeau Stow
Thursday 19 th December	Last day of term 2
Monday 6th January 2020	First day of Term 3



On Christmas lunch day the children can wear Christmas jumpers and on party day they can wear party clothes.

It just remains for me to say that we break up on Thursday 19th December and return to school on Monday 6th January. Have a lovely festive season when it arrives!

