

The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



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Our vision is to foster a community of lifelong learners who are confident, resilient, and equipped with the necessary skills to thrive in an ever-changing world. We believe in the importance of inclusivity, respect, and mutual understanding, ensuring that our whole community feel a sense of belonging.

Respect—Responsibility—Service—Wisdom—Perseverance

Tuesday 24th March Catch-up

Dear Parents & Carers,

You will notice this week that we will have a reduced amount of support staff on site towards the end of the week at both schools. This is because they are accessing a very valuable package of training this year with all our local partnership schools. This week the focus is on supporting anxiety, school-based avoidance and mental health in primary aged children.



Every week children from each class are chosen to be our stars of the week. These children are often selected because they have demonstrated one or more of our five core school values - Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect, Service and Wisdom. Our stars of week are celebrated during our weekly celebration assembly.

Our stars this week are...

Eagles – Evie D & Casey
Woodpeckers – All of Woodpeckers
Puffins – Henley & Callie-Mae

Staff Absence

Mrs Barmby will be out of school from Tuesday 24th until we return after Easter due to a planned medical procedure. The class will mainly be covered by Mr Barron and Mrs Beale with Mrs Featherstone, one of our regular supply teachers filling in if necessary.

Bikeability

Year 3 & Year 4 children had the opportunity to take part in the level 1 Bikeability course last week and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

11 plus registration reminder

If you have a child in Year 5 the cut-off date for registering for the 11 plus is March 31st. We do not do this. It is the parent's responsibility.

Trips

Year 6 pupils from both schools will be attending Easter Cracked at Spalding Baptist Church on Thursday.

Activity Club

There will be no activity clubs taking place next week, Night owls will run as usual.

Weather conditions

Although the weather is sunny, it is still really chilly. Please remind your child to bring their coat to school. Children in EYFS do need wellies on site too. If you are unable to buy any please let us know and we can help out.

Term dates next year and beyond.

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. 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) If your child is absent, please contact the school office or email the enquiries email address. If we don't hear from you we will do safe and well checks. These checks take up lots of time and take staff away from what they should be doing in school with the pupils.

Message from the PTFA

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Bingo event last week. We raised an incredible £730.34! With summer around the corner, don't forget about our preloved uniform items. We have lots of lovely items available at a suggested donation of £1. Please get in touch if we can get anything for you.

Diary Dates

24 th March	Eagles trip to Leicester Space Centre	
26 th March	Easter Cracked – Year 6 – Spalding Baptist Church	
2 nd April	Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks	
2 nd April	Last day of Term 4	
21 st April	First day of Term 5	
11 th May – 15 th May	SAT's Week (Year 6)	
19 th May	PTFA Meeting	
1 st – 5 th June	Year 4 Multiplication check	
8 th June	Farming & Countryside Day -Year 6	Lambert Hall Farm, Weston
8 th June - 12 th June	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 Pupils and any Year 2 Pupils who did not achieve a score of 32 or above in Year 1.
11 th June	Sports Day	
28 th June	PTFA Summer Fete	Gedney Hill School 12-4
29 th June	Spalding Academy Year 6 transition day	
29 th & 30 th June	University Academy Long Sutton Year 6 transition days	
2 nd & 3 rd July	University Academy Holbeach Year 6 transition days	
3 rd July	Spalding High School Year 6 transition day	
6 th July	PTFA Meeting	
7 th & 8 th July	Federation Summer Production	Gedney Hill School – More details to follow nearer the time
21 st July	Leavers Assembly	

Yours sincerely

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