

The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



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

SHEPEAU STOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 4th September – Weekly Catch up

Dear Parents & Carers,



Welcome back! I hope you've had a wonderful summer break with your children, I'm very much looking forward to meeting them!

To introduce myself, I am Joanne Tomlins, and I'm excited to have been asked to support both Shepeau Stow and Gedney Hill Primary schools until Mrs Buddle's return. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a very speedy recovery.

Just to give you a little background about me, so that you know who is wandering around your school and in and out of your playgrounds; I have been a head teacher for over 18 years and have been the headteacher of South View Community Primary School in Crowland for 10 years now. If you see me around school PLEASE introduce yourself to me, it will really help me to get to know you all as soon as possible.

For the foreseeable future, if you would like to speak with me, please contact me via the school office or via my temporary email address interimhead@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk. I won't always be in the building or available to see parents at short notice, but please bear with me and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as I can.

I very much look forward to meeting you and your fabulous children.

J M Tomlins

Who's Who?

INTERIM EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER and Designated Safeguarding Lead		MRS JOANNE TOMLINS	
HEAD OF SCHOOL and SENDCO/Deputy Safeguarding Lead		Mrs Jenny Beale	
SENDCO		Mrs Nicki Maddison (based at Gedney Hill)	
Class Name	Year Groups	Teacher	Support Staff
Puffins	Reception, Year 1, Year 2	Mrs Barmby (Mrs Beale on Fridays)	Mrs Cooper Miss Pilgrim
Woodpeckers	Year 3 and Year 4	Mrs Poppa	Mrs Mahen
Eagles	Year 5 and Year 6	Mr Collin	Mrs Leonard
Mr Barron - PE			

All staff photos for the foyer are currently being updated, so that you know who we all are!

Summer Library Challenge

If your children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library, please let me know. It would be lovely to celebrate this in our weekly assembly.

Attachments

Please find attached annual reminders for parents in relation to:

- Attendance
- Parental Code of Conduct
- And Your child's Class 'Curriculum Coverage' Letters.

Please help!

Do you have any of the following toys (in good condition) that your children have grown out of and you would be happy to donate to our school? If so please drop these into the school office FAO EYF Team. Thank you

- Dinosaurs
- Large Piece Jigsaws
- Pretend Food items (plastic or wooden) and Kitchen Utensils
- Dressing up outfits

Books for our Library

If you have any good quality reading books your child has finished with, we would be very grateful for them. Please can we ask you don't send in phonics specific books as we follow a very prescribed scheme so it would be unlikely, we'd use them.

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. If your child is absent, please contact the school office or email the enquiries email address. If we don't hear from you, we may deem it necessary to undertake a 'safe and well check'.

PTFA



We hope you all had a fantastic summer, we have lots of new ideas and events in the pipeline for this school year's fundraising. We are still in the need of new members to join our committee. If you feel like you could offer your help and join our team, please get in contact with us through email at info@ghssptfa.co.uk.

Mrs Bray

Diary Dates

Dates	Activity	Further information
4.9.26	Term starts	
13.10.26	2pm Harvest Festival	
20.10.26	Parent Consultations	
5.11.26	Flu Vaccinations	
WC 9.11.26	Assessment week	
10.11.26	School Photographer	Individual and Sibling photographs
16.11.26	Antibullying week	
9.12.26	Nativity at Shepeau Stow	
2.3.27	Class Photographs	

Warm Regards

Joanne Tomlins (Interim Executive Head Teacher) and Jenny Beale (Head of School)

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