

## 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 25th September – Weekly Catch up

Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to welcome Mr Bell as our full-time Interim Executive Headteacher working across both Shepeau Stow and Gedney Hill. He is looking forward to getting to know all the children across both schools. If you wish to contact him then you can email [interimhead@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:interimhead@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk).

#### **Celebrating Success!**

It has been a delight to award certificates to our stars of the week. They are...

Puffins – Nola & Henri

Woodpeckers – Arthur, Jack G, William, Bethany, Neil, Havana, Maddison, Dylan, Tilly, Amelia, Jack R, Niall, Kasper, Dexter & Ivy

Eagles – Scarlett & Aston

**If your child has achieved a medal, certificate or trophy for success outside of school, your child can bring it in on a Wednesday and we would love to celebrate their achievement in our assembly!**



## **Happy Circus**



South View (Crowland) have a circus visiting in October. If you think your family would enjoy an evening at the circus, tickets can be found via this QR code:



## **Wraparound Childcare**

Our Early Birds and Night Owls wraparound care is open to all children. If you are looking for childcare, please book via Arbor, or for last minute bookings, please email [enquiries@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk). Bookable hours can be of your choosing.

**Early Birds** – 8:00am-8:45am

**Night Owls** – 3:30pm-6pm

We have cookery on Wednesday nights and last week children enjoyed making “Fifteens” which tasted amazing. Next week children will be making Pizzas.

## **Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for an After School Assistant at Night Owls. The post will be for 10 hours per week from 3.30pm – 5.30pm with the occasional 6pm. Please see the attachment for details of our vacancy.

## **Dyslexia Outreach Events – Save the Dates 2026–2027** *1x attachment*

The Dyslexia Outreach Team are pleased to be offering a range of workshops throughout the academic year designed to support parents and professionals in developing their understanding of dyslexia and effective strategies to support children and young people.

The workshops include:

- Supporting Your Child at Home
- Working with Your Child's School
- Study Skills and Revision Strategies
- Primary to Secondary Transition

(Workshops marked with an asterisk (\*) are delivered in partnership with the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum and can be booked through their website. Information about the remaining workshops will be shared nearer the time.)

## **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 would 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'.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA**



Firstly, please ensure all completed Class Fundraising Christmas Card templates are returned to school by Wednesday 30th September. We've had some fabulous designs handed in so far, we can't wait to see the final products.

We have a date in the diary for our very popular Silent Disco event. We will get information and permission slips out soon.

Christmas will soon be upon us. We have started organising this year's Christmas Raffle. If you know of any businesses that may be able to offer us a prize, we would be very grateful if you could ask on our behalf.

Also, we are really excited to share with you our new fundraiser - 'Elfridges'. Details of this will be coming out soon, so keep your eyes peeled!

## Diary Dates

| <b>Dates</b>   | <b>Activity</b>                               | <b>Further information</b>                            |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 13.10.26       | 2pm Harvest Festival                          |                                                       |
| 20.10.26       | Parent Consultations                          |                                                       |
| 22.10.26       | PTFA Annual General Meeting                   | 4pm - Shepeau Stow                                    |
| 5.11.26        | Flu Vaccinations                              |                                                       |
| WC 9.11.26     | Assessment week                               |                                                       |
| 10.11.26       | School Photographer                           | Individual and Sibling photographs                    |
| 13.11.26       | Children in Need Dress Down Day               |                                                       |
| 16.11.26       | Odd Socks Day for Antibullying week           |                                                       |
| 27.11.26       | Crazy Hair Day                                | In return for a donation to the PTFA Christmas raffle |
| 30.11.26       | PTFA Committee Meeting                        | 6pm - Shepeau Stow                                    |
| 1.12.26        | Christmas unwrapped                           | Year 6 – Spalding Baptist Church                      |
| 3.12.26        | Flu Immunisation mop up session               |                                                       |
| 9.12.26        | Nativity at Shepeau Stow (Puffins Class only) | 2pm & 5pm                                             |
| 16.12.26       | Christmas Party at Shepeau Stow               |                                                       |
| 2.3.27         | Class Photographs                             |                                                       |
| 7.3.27-10.3.27 | Aylmerton Residential Trip                    | Year 5 & Year 6                                       |

Warm Regards

Jenny Beale (Head of School)

Shepeau Stow Primary School