



Gedney Hill Primary School -September Newsletter

Welcome back!

It has been fantastic today to see the children return, to hear their news, and see them 'catch-up' with friends and start to make more friends as they settle into their new classes.

This first week back we will be busy listening the views and 'voice' of our children as we think about the upcoming elections for our School Council: Why do we have a school council? Who would like to stand for election and why? Who will we vote for? Why will we vote for that person?

The elections will take place next week, and the Council's first project will be to plan and run our school Macmillan coffee afternoon. They will update you with news and arrangements for this.

Communication

School Newsletters will be sent home at the start of every month. In addition, updates will be sent weekly on a Friday. Please look out for these on the 'Parentmail' platform and on the Website.

<https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=153>

Mrs Belton will be sending class newsletters today. They can also be found on the school website.

<https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk/ghsourlearning>

Should you need to contact school about absences, school collection, school meals or general enquiries please continue to use the following details:

enquiries@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk.

You are welcome to call into the office to see Mrs Belton at drop off or collection time, if this is more convenient, or phone in. the phone number is 01406 330258.

Any other questions or concerns should come to me at Julie.barmby@gedneyhill.lincs.sch.uk .

Clubs

Gardening (Mrs Baker):

Monday 3.20pm - 4.30pm

Year 3 and 4

Hogwarts Battle Challenge (Mrs Barmby):

Year 5 and 6

Monday 3.20pm - 4.30pm

Board Games (Mrs Ward):

Year 1 and 2

Tuesday 3.20pm - 4.15pm

Cooking (Mrs Cropley):

Year 5 and 6

Tuesday 3.20pm - 4.30pm

Drama (Mrs Manghan):

Tuesday 3.20pm - 4.30pm

Year 3 and 4

Choir (Mrs Farrer):

Year 2 - 6

Thursday 3.20pm - 4.30pm

Lunchtime Library Time

Children who would like to read and enjoy books will be able to use the library during the lunchtime break.

Family Library Time (Mrs Barmby):

For the whole school community - no need to book

3.20pm - 4.00pm

This will take place once every month starting in October and will be an opportunity for families to come together and share the library facilities.

Thursday 6 October 22

Thursday 10 November 22

Thursday 8 December 22

Thursday 19 January 23

There will be:

- Time to share and borrow books to read at home
- Story Time for the EYFS and KS1
- Computers will be available for the children to use for homework, research etc (normal school internet safety rules will apply)
- A book swap for adults - bring books that you have finished reading at home and swap them for a new book to take home and enjoy
- Free tea and coffee

Mrs Belton will be sending out letters with more information about the clubs. They will start the week commencing Monday 19 September.

PE

On PE days the children need to come to school in their PE kit. For safety, long hair must be completely tied back; children must remove their earrings; and tops should not have hoods. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please send them in without them in on PE days. Thank you.

Year 4 and 5 will also be going swimming on Tuesdays. The children need to wear normal school uniform and bring their swimming kit with them. No 'Bermuda' style trunks or bikinis please - this is a rule from the staff at the pool.

PE Days:

Swallows - Thursday

Kingfishers - Friday

Robins - Friday

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed recently your child may be eligible for free school meals. Your child / children could have a free hot meal everyday if they wish and the school receives additional funding for each child who is entitled. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits you

could qualify:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

It only takes a few minutes to apply using the following link

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

Diary Dates

Term dates are on the website:

<https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk/page/?title=Term+dates&pid=105>

There is a calendar of events on the website too. This can be found through the News and Events tab and under Upcoming Events

<https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=4,5&pid=18&viewid=5>

15 September	Phonics and Reading Meeting	6.30pm - 7.30pm
22 September	Parent Consultations	4.30pm - 7.30pm
28 September	Alymerton Parent Information Evening at Gedney Hill	6.30pm
30 September	Macmillan Coffee	2pm - 3pm
7 October	Harvest Festival Assembly	2.30pm
18 October	School open day for prospective parents	
20 October	Race for Life	
14 November	Federation Assessment Week	
18 November	Children in Need	
20 November - 23 November	Year 5 and 6 Residential at Alymerton Field Study Centre	

14 December	Nativity Play at Church of The Holy Trinity	2pm and 5.30pm
26 January	Parent Maths Information Evening	6.30pm
2 March	World Book Day	
6 March	Federation Assessment Week	
31 March	School Spring Fayre (children's enterprise event)	1.30pm
During May	KS1 SATs	
8 May - 12 May	KS2 SATs	
16 May	Early Learners to start	1.30pm - 2.45pm
5 June - 19 June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks	
12 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
15 June	Sports Afternoon	
26 June	Federation Assessment Week	

New dates will be highlighted as they're added to this calendar. Information, updates, and reply-slips (when needed) for the events will be sent via Parentmail. Reply slips will also be sent out on paper copies of letters. These can be returned to the school office or with emailed consent to:

julie.belton@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk

Race for Life

The children and Staff will be taking part in Race for Life on 20 October 2022.

Cancer is happening right now, which is why our school is taking part in this event to raise money and save lives. All of us can support the research that will beat it. Cancer Research UK's determination to beat cancer hasn't faltered and they're more focussed than ever on seeing 3 in 4 people survive their cancer by 2034, so please sponsor us now and help fund life-saving research.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/gedney-hill-church-of-england-school>

Thank you.
Kind regards,

Mrs Barmby
Head of School
Gedney Hill C of E Primary School