

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 13th January

Collective Worship

This term in Collective Worship we will be focusing on our Values: Responsibility, Trust and Creativity. Reverend Sivers will be joining us fortnightly and will lead us in our reflections around Peace and Forgiveness.

Whether we are people of Christian faith or not, Collective Worship is an important part of our school day as we come together to be calm and thoughtful, to be still and reflect. The children continue to enjoy taking a more active role in helping to lead Collective Worship.

However, there is never a compulsion to 'do anything'. Rather, worship provides the opportunity to engage whilst allowing the freedom of those of different faiths and those who profess no religious faith to be present and to engage with integrity.

PE

Thank you for your support with the change of routine on PE days.

The day for PE has not changed for any of the children. However, we have asked that children come in their normal school uniform on PE days this term and bring their PE kit in a bag ready to change into. All classes will be doing their PE lessons outside whenever possible (weather dependant). Lesson will be on the field and the children could get muddy.

As always named belongings helps us to locate and return any misplaced clothes.

Kingfishers' Trip to Stibbington: Monday 23 January

The children will be enjoying their delayed Victorian Day on Monday 23 January. The children will be given names that were common during Victorian times and experience some of the lessons and playtime activities that were common at the time.

They will go for a walk around the village to see some of the Victorian buildings and will have a lesson in the Victorian Classroom.

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To get in the spirit of the day, it would be great if the children could come in the Victorian outfits they wore for our in-school Victorian day, but this is not compulsory. They will need a packed lunch and a drink in disposable packaging. It would also be great if the packed lunch could be as authentic to the time-period as possible – sandwiches (cheese, spam or jam), spice cake, an apple and blackcurrant cordial - all typical of the time. However, this also isn't compulsory.

Parent Consultation Evening

There will be an opportunity to come into school to meet your children's class teachers at a parent consultation evening on Wednesday 15 March. We will send out further details nearer to the time including reply slips to book appointments.

After-School Clubs

We are happy that we can offer a great selection of clubs for our children - board games, cookery, drama, choir, and chess. All free for the children to attend, and over 50% of our children are enjoying after school clubs this term!

Most clubs will start again next week; Boardgames Club will start on Tuesday 24 January due to Staff training.

Our afterschool clubs are extremely popular so unfortunately not everyone can attend all of the clubs they would like to. However, all children who would like to attend a club will be able to join one of their choices.

Family Library Time

The junior Librarians are looking forward to welcoming all families to Library Time. There is no need to book!

Thursday 19 January
Tuesday 21 February

More dates to follow.

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Easter Fayre: Friday 31 March

This term the children will be undertaking a mini-enterprise project. This project will have teamwork and taking action for others at its core.

The children in Swallows will work in groups to set up small 'businesses' with the aim of designing and making products to sell in support of charities of their choice. They will design, construct and mass produce their products for sale at our Easter fayre. Along the way they will undertake, working to a set budget using their maths skills and applying their English with persuasive writing for 'marketing' their products at the Fayre itself.

The children in the Kingfishers and Robins will also work in teams in support of the event. They will be using their maths and English skills as they produce delicious food items to tempt visitors to our Fayre.

Maths Information Evening Thursday 26 January

Miss Cropley, our Maths lead, will be delivering a maths information evening for all parents in the Federation on Thursday 26th January at Shepeau Stow. Further details will follow with timings etc.

PTFA News

An incredible £1232.03 has been raised through our Christmas raffle this year. Keep an eye out for how school are going to spend this very soon. Thanks to everyone who supported this.

Bags to School collection is fast approaching – check out the link below for further information.

New to You uniform is available. A full list can be found on our facebook page or the link on the school website.

Our Krispy Kreme donut sale is back. *Orders and payment due in by 6th February with a school collection date of 19th February (last day of term).* Order via [this Google Form](#) or email us on info@ghssptfa.co.uk for more info.

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For full information on the PTFA updates please see the links below;

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1981517735317883>

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

Other Diary Dates and Reminders

New dates are highlighted in yellow.

23 January	Kingfisher Trip to Stibbington	
26 January	Parent Maths Information Evening	6.30pm
2 March	World Book Day	
6 March	Federation Assessment Week	
15 March	Parent Consultation Evening	TBC
31 March	School Easter Fayre (children's Enterprise Event)	1.30pm
During May	KS1 SATs	
9 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	

Kind regards,

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