

# The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



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**Our Vision is** to provide all members of the school community with the opportunities to engage with 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) by igniting imagination and curiosity which builds an enduring passion for life-long learning.



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## Catch-up Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

### School Council Elections

The children have had a very busy week preparing and delivering speeches in class as well as voting for candidates in our school councillor elections. Elections were held earlier in the week and we have ended the week congratulating our newly elected Councillors. They are all looking forward to fulfilling their new role and responsibilities in school.

### School pet

All of the children have been watching the fish carefully this week as they were excited to learn that many baby fish were hiding amongst the plants and reeds in the tank!

### Clubs & Trips

Letters containing details of opportunities for children to come to after school clubs will be sent out for year's 1 to 6. Once we have details of the number of children who are interested in joining clubs we will let children know of spaces available. Children in selected year groups can choose to join gardening, singing or strategy clubs.

Puffins will be visiting the church later on this month and details of trips later in the term will be sent out in the near future.

### Reception Baseline

All reception children are continuing to be assessed using the reception baseline materials. This is a statutory assessment that takes place every year for pupils when they start school. Please be reassured that this is a very informal process for the children, and you will receive feedback from us when we have completed the assessments. The following link gives further information for parents.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1182374/2023\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_reception\\_baseline\\_assessment\\_WEBHO.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1182374/2023_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment_WEBHO.pdf)

## **Puffins – Topic work**

The children in Puffins love photographs of themselves and we would like to share, in class, a photo of your child as a baby, toddler and one of them now as part of their ongoing topic work. Please also send in a picture of them with the family too! Thank you.

## **Maths**

Eagles have started Rockstars times tables and maths rhymes. Please encourage the children to enjoy maths at home by continuing with these activities.

## **Party invitations**

We are very happy for parents to give out party invitations in the playground after school. Please refrain from sending children into school with party invitations or passing them to staff in school to distribute.

## **PTFA – Christmas Cards**

The PTFA are launching the Christmas fundraiser. Members of our PTFA work tirelessly all year round to raise vital funds for our school. The Christmas fundraiser event is an opportunity for you to purchase cards and other merchandise designed and made by your children for Christmas. It is a really lovely keepsake and the items make ideal Christmas gifts. The Christmas fundraiser letter will come out on Monday with further details.

## **Contact details**

Please ensure we have your most up to date contact information to ensure we are able to reach you in an emergency.

Emails for classroom based issues or a concern should go to [jenny.beale@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:jenny.beale@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk)

## **Diary Dates and Reminders**

18 Sept	Reception baseline continuing	
25 Sept	Puffins visiting the Church	
28 Sept	Parent consultations	
28 Sept	MacMillan Coffee Event	2.30pm – 3pm
2-5 Oct	Bikeability Training	Y5 & Y6 Pupils which have registered
11 Oct	Harvest Festival	2pm in school
20 Oct	Last day of Term 1	
31 Oct	Term 2	
14 Nov	Individual and family photos	
17 Nov	Children In Need event	Dress in yellow or spots
13 Dec	Nativity	2pm and 5.30pm
20 Dec	Last day of Term 2	

3 Jan	Term 3	
8 Jan	Reception Balance Bikes with Bikeability	
9 Jan	Reception Balance Bikes with Bikeability	
9 Feb	End of Term 3	
19 Feb	Term 4	
28 March	End of Term 4	
16 April	Term 5	
	KS2 Sats	Year 6 pupils only
24 May	End of Term 5	
3 June	Term 6	
3 June	Multiplication check will take place during the 2 weeks beginning 3 June	Year 4 pupils only
10 June	Phonics Screening will take place during this week	Year 1 pupils and any Y2 pupils who did not meet the threshold last year
17 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	
19 July	Last day of the Summer Term	

Kind regards,

Mrs J Beale  
Head of School  
Shepeau Stow Primary School