

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



**Gedney Hill CoE Primary School**

**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 22nd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Clubs & Parent Consultations

Children who have been allocated a club will find out today. The appointments for parent consultations will also be sent home today with your child. If you are unable to make your appointment, please ensure you let us know. Any parents who are not able to attend on the day will be allocated a TEAMS slot when the class teacher is available.

### Trips

Puffins are very excited to be visiting the church on Monday. This term Woodpeckers will be visiting Baytree linked to their science topic and Eagles will be going to Nene Valley to learn more about Victorian railways. Puffins will also be joining Robins from Gedney Hill to go and see a special person in a red suit at the end of November 😊. More information will follow for all the trips. Please ensure you return the consent letters promptly Please also ensure any money that is sent into school for trips or activities that need payment are placed into an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and the amount you are sending into school.

### Jumpers & Coats

Some children are still coming to school without jumpers and coats. The weather can be quite cold now and the children do go outside every day. Please ensure they have both items with them every day.

### PTFA

Our PTFA Christmas template went home this week, please can we ask that these are returns no later than Monday 25th September. Our first PTFA meeting of the year is on 3rd October 6pm, we look forward to discussing fundraising opportunities for the year ahead! Finally, we have secured a date for Bag2School, donations will be collected on 19th October. For more information on our fundraising efforts please check our Facebook Group or school website via the following links:-

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

<https://www.shepeaustow.school.co.uk/ghssptfa>

## Topic work

Puffins have been looking at the amazing family photographs that have been posted onto the Tapestry Journal and sent into school. The children have found out lots about similarities and differences as they grow. The children have really enjoyed sharing their special pictures this week.

Puffins have also been busy completing the Daily Mile. The Daily Mile is a popular, simple and free initiative that sees children run or jog for 15 minutes every day in primary school. The activity promotes health and well-being and the children do not need any additional clothing or footwear in school to take part. Further information can be found on the Daily Mile website.

Woodpeckers have been sorting living things from things that were once alive and were never alive. They have been learning about what an evacuee is and where children were evacuated to. Woodpeckers have also enjoyed developing their colour mixing skills in Art.

This week Eagles are exploring the importance of the railway during the Industrial Revolution in their Victorians topic work. They have also learned about human rights.

## End of day collections

Please let the office know if your child is to be collected by someone other than you. Staff will need to see parents and carers before your child leaves the classroom. Please make yourselves visible and we will get your child to you as quickly as we can. Thank you for your patience at the end of the day.

## Diary Dates and Reminders

25 Sept	Puffins visiting Gedney Hill Church	
28 Sept	MacMillan Coffee Event	1.30pm – 3pm
28 Sept	Parent consultations	
2 & 3 Oct	Year 5 & 6 Bike ability	
11 Oct	Harvest Festival	2pm in school
18 Oct	Woodpeckers trip to Baytree Garden Centre	
20 Oct	Last day of Term 1	
31 Oct	Term 2	
1 Nov	Eagles trip to Nene Valley Railway	
14 Nov	Individual and family photos	
17 Nov	Children In Need event	Dress in yellow or spots
28 Nov	Puffins trip to Baytree Garden Centre	
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,

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Shepeau Stow Primary School