

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 20 October

Dear Parents and Carers,

TT Rockstars Day

Well done to all of our children for participating in such a successful day. The rock star look was great! The children really engaged well in multiplication and enjoyed the challenges set. The day finished with a celebratory assembly where all children were recognised for their work during the day.

Numbots

We will be introducing a new app called Numbots to our school. Numbots is a fantastic app that can be used to support our children who are starting their maths journey. It is made by the same company as TT Rockstars so no additional log on details are required by children in year 2 and above. Younger children will be issued with log on details in the next few weeks.

The app is available to use from Reception to Year 3 and uses 'stories' to support children with:

- subitising small numbers
- adding and subtracting 1 & 2 within 20
- adding and subtracting 10
- adding and subtracting within 20
- addition and subtraction with simple 2-digit numbers
- addition and subtraction involving more complex 2-digit numbers

Kingfisher Trip

Kingfishers, together with Woodpecker class had a great day out on Wednesday to the Owl sanctuary to learn about the birds of prey. The children demonstrated super listening skills and exceptionally good behaviour during the day.

Swallows Trip

A reminder that Swallows will be going to Nene Valley on 1 November. If you haven't already returned your consent please do so on the first day of term.

PTFA

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.shepeaustowschool.co.uk/ghssptfa>

Dress Down Day

We will be having a dress down day on Friday 3 November. Please bring a donation for bingo prizes for the PTFA bingo night.

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End of Term

Have a really lovely half-term break and remember we come back on **Tuesday** 31st October!

Diary Dates and Reminders

20 October	Last day of Term 1	
31 October	Term 2	
1 November	Swallows trip to Nene Valley Railway	
2 November	Parent Coffee morning – supporting children with social communication difficulties. This is being run by the Working Together Team.	
3 November	PTFA Disco (Year 3 – Year 6)	
3 November	Dress Down Day	Please bring a donation for bongo prizes for the PTFA bingo
13 November	PTFA Annual General Meeting – All Welcome	
14 November	Individual and family photos	
17 November	Children In Need event	Dress in yellow or spots
20 November	Y6 trip to Spalding Baptist Church for Christmas unwrapped	
28 November	Robins trip to Baytree Garden Centre	
6 December	Nativity	2pm and 5.30pm
11 December	School Christmas Dinner (please order from A Country Kitchen)	
20 December	Last day of Term 2	
3 Jan 2024	Term 3	
9 February	End of Term 3	
19 Feb -28 March	Term 4	
16 April – 24 May	Term 5	
13-14 May	Reception Balance Bikes with Bikeability	
15 May	KS2 Sats – Monday to Thursday	Year 6 pupils only
3 June – 19 July	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
18 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	

Kind regards,

Alison Buddle
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