

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.



Shepeau Stow Primary School

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Catch-up Friday 8th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has arrived at Shepeau Stow!

The children have noticed that our Christmas tree has arrived in the playground within the last week and festive decorations around school have been put up in the classrooms. Advent calendars in each class caused much excitement at the end of last week! Puffins also have their special elf to help them in the classroom who the children have proudly named 'Candy Cane'. To safeguard all our children in school we cannot give out name lists for Christmas cards.

Time keeping

The children will continue to be very busy right up until they leave for the Christmas break on 20th December. Unfortunately, an increasing number of children are arriving late into school and this will ultimately impact on their learning and opportunities to complete projects and tasks. Punctuality is crucial in helping children prepare for the learning day ahead. Please make sure you support your child by arriving on time each day. School starts at 8.55am but the gate is always opened at 8.45am.

Christmas Jumpers & Party Day

Children can come in Christmas jumpers on Friday, the day of our Christmas lunch for those who have ordered one. Friday is also our Christmas party day so they can wear party clothes for the party in the afternoon if they want to.

Ongoing Drainage Works

Thank you for your patience during the continuing drainage works in and around site. Parking remains limited for staff and parents therefore I would ask that consideration is taken when parking near school during this time.

Clothing

The weather is getting much colder now. Please ensure your child comes to school with their coat as we go out to play every day, some children are still coming to school without one.

Primary school admissions

Applications for new intake Reception children in September 2024 opened on 15th November and will close on 15th January 2024. If you have a child who is starting Reception in September 2024, you will need to make your application via the Lincolnshire County. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school>

PTFA

Christmas Raffle- We would like to thank everyone who has already purchased raffle tickets ahead of our Christmas Draw on Thursday. If you have yet to get them in, you don't have long. Please return the counterfoils (stubs) and payment on Monday at the very latest to be in with a chance of winning. Good Luck!

Please remember the raffle will take place at Gedney Hill Schools Children's Christmas Party; this is an in-school event that is closed to parents. Winners will be contacted via the PTFA to claim their prize.

For more info about upcoming events:

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

Diary Dates and Reminders

13 December	Nativity – For families of Puffins class only.	2pm and 5.30pm – Performances in the School Hall.
14 December	PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	Winners will be contacted via the PTFA to claim their prize.
15 December	School Christmas Dinner & Party Day	Children can wear Christmas Jumpers/Party clothes
19 December	Eagles Geography trip to Spalding	
20 December	Last day of Term 2	
3 January 2024	Term 3	
8 - 9 January	Reception Balance Bikes with Bikeability	
9 January	Learn to ride Bikeability	
9 February	End of Term 3	
19 February – 28 March	Term 4	
19 March	Eagles trip to Wroxeter Roman City	
16 April – 24 May	Term 5	
23 April	Puffins trip to Ferry Meadows	
May	KS2 Sats	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
10 June	Class Photographs	
18 June	Puffins trip to Burghley House	
17 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	
19 July	Last day of the Summer Term	

Kind regards,

Mrs J Beale
Head of School
Shepeau Stow School