

# Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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## Catch-up Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term has begun in full swing with children very busy with their new topics. You should have all received topic letters for your child's class. Various trips and activities are planned. Please keep an eye out for letters for your child's class. All correspondence is sent through the Parentmail app unless you have asked for paper copies.

### Breakfast Club

At the end of last year we had lots of requests for breakfast club to restart. Currently we are running with very few children. Should you wish to use breakfast club we are open from 8am onwards. Children need to arrive by 8.15am to be able to eat breakfast in school.

### Payments

As the world moves more and more to a cashless society it is becoming increasingly harder and time consuming for Mrs Belton to bank cash. Wherever possible please can you pay via Parentmail. This is greatly appreciated.

### Clubs

We will restart clubs after February half term. The first family library this term will be on 30<sup>th</sup> January. We will send out club letters two weeks before they begin. Please ensure that they are returned promptly to ensure we are able to accommodate as many pupils as possible as we do have limited numbers for all clubs.

### Primary school admissions

Applications for new intake Reception children in September 2024 opened on 15<sup>th</sup> November and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Council online system. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/2>

### World Book Day

This year on World Book Day, 7<sup>th</sup> March, the children will be able to dress up as their favourite character from a book. We are looking forward to seeing some amazing ideas once again.

### Swimming

We will not be swimming until after half term with Y4 and Y5 due to the Hulls Drove Road closure. The additional time it would take to get to the pool would mean too much learning time would be lost in school.

### Absences

Please notify the school on the first day of absence before 9am wherever possible. You can send an email to the school enquiries email address, leave a Parentmail message or call school. **Please do not send absence emails directly to staff members as they are not always monitored as some office staff are only part-time.** Where we have not received a reason for absence, we may do a safe and well visit to the house to ensure there are no safeguarding concerns.

### Robins are going for a muddy walk!

On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**, Robins will be having a Winter welly walk around the school as part of our science learning. The children will be spotting signs of Winter. Please ensure your child has some wellington boots to change into, as we expect the ground to be very muddy!

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### PTFA

Once again the PTFA will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts in school. Order forms will be coming out next week and the form will close on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Dress down day in school for donations to the Easter Bingo will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. PTFA event dates are on the school calendar and on the PTFA facebook page.

### Diary Dates and Reminders

12 January	Learn to ride Bikeability	
16 January	Robins Winter Walk around School	Please bring in Wellington boots
30 January	Family Library Time	
5 February	Krispy Kreme order deadline	
9 February	End of Term 3	
19 Feb -28 March	Term 4	
23 February	Dress Down Day – Donations for PTFA Easter Bingo	
7 March	World Book Day	
11 March	Assessment Week	
12 March	Kingfishers Trip to Burghley House	
19 March	Swallows trip to Wroxeter Roman City	
20 March	Parent consultations	
28 March	Decorated Egg competition	
16 April – 24 May	Term 5	
23 April	Robins trip to Ferry Meadows	
13-14 May	Reception Balance Bikes with Bikeability	
15 May	KS2 Sats – Monday to Thursday	Year 6 pupils only
20 May	Road Safety – Year 2	
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	Robins trip to Burghley House	
26 June	Sports Day	
18 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	
19 July	Last day of the Summer Term	

Kind regards,

Alison Buddle  
Executive Headteacher