

# 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 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome

Welcome back to all of our children and families to what will be another busy term. We are looking forward to some brighter weather and lighter days in which to learn as the Summer term moves forward.

### Playground equipment

The children have enjoyed using new playground toys that were introduced to each class this week. Many thanks to the PTFA who funded the resources that the children are now enjoying.

### Trips

Puffins are looking forward to their trip to Nene Park Outdoors at Ferry Meadows next Tuesday to complete their theme for the Spring term in which the children learned all about great explorers'. They will become explorers themselves and take part in activities such as a mini beast safari, 'We're going on a bear hunt' trail, and sensory games. Please ensure children have the appropriate clothing, lunch if not booked with the school and water bottles. Children will also need to arrive in school promptly.

### PE

PE takes place on a Thursday for all children at Shepeau Stow and it is expected that all children bring a PE kit into school. Children can bring their PE kits into school at the beginning of term in an appropriate PE bag and leave it on their coat pegs to use weekly if parents wish to do so.

Please be reminded that it is crucial that jewellery is removed, and long hair is tied back for the safety of the children before they come into school on PE days. Children should also wear appropriate footwear for school during the summer term and not open toed sandals.

### 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 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.

### Contact school outside of working hours

We do receive a high number of emails over the weekend. Please can I remind parents that we will respond to these on Monday mornings and not before unless they are for a safeguarding concern. Safeguarding emails should be sent directly to me [jenny.beale@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:jenny.beale@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk) or [alison.buddle@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:alison.buddle@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk). We don't respond to breakfast club requests etc over the weekend. These should all be made by Friday. If you do need breakfast club urgently on a Monday morning, please do not just drop and go – you must speak to me to ensure the registers are updated and that we are in ratio for pupil numbers.

### Invitations

We are happy for children to give out party invitations on the playground after school. Unfortunately, staff are not able to give out personal invitations to individuals in school time.

### PTFA update

Easter Bingo; Thank you to everyone who was involved in this event! Not only as much fun as our Christmas Bingo but just as successful at raising more funds to go towards providing so much for all the children in our federation! We raised a fantastic £1253.40!

Disco: For our EYFS, Year 1 and 2 families, you should have received a permission slip in book bags before the Easter break. If your child(ren) would like to attend, please return the slip along with payment by Monday (22nd) by 9am.

### Diary Dates and Reminders

23 April	Puffins trip to Ferry Meadows	
26 April	EYFS & KS1 PTFA Disco – 6PM - Ticket price £3	Please return slips by 9am on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
13 – 16 May	KS2 Sats	Year 6 pupils only
15 May	Woodpeckers Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village	
17 May	KS2 Disco – 6PM – Ticket price £3	
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	Puffins trip to Burghley House	
19 June	Sports Day	
14 July	Federation Summer Fete	Taking place at Gedney Hill C of E Primary School
17 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	
19 July	Last day of the Summer Term	

Kind regards,

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Shepeau Stow School