

# Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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## Catch-up Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### New play equipment

The climbing wall has now been installed at Gedney Hill and the children should be able to use it from Monday. They will need appropriate shoes on to climb – trainers or sturdy school shoes.

### Staffing

We are sad to say that at the end of this academic year Mrs Cropley will be leaving us to spend more time with her family. She has been a great asset to Gedney Hill and we will all miss her.

We have successfully appointed a teacher to Swallows class and she will be in school to meet the children after half term. Mrs Waterston is an experienced KS2 teacher and is looking forward to joining us.

### PE

PE takes place on a Friday for all children at Gedney Hill 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 telephone or Parentmail message. **Please do not send absence emails directly to staff members as they are not always monitored as some office staff work 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 [alison.buddle@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:alison.buddle@gedney-hill.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.

### PTFA

KS1 Disco: Thank you to everyone who was involved with this event! The children had an amazing time! Already looking ahead to our older children's disco!

KS2 Disco: Date for the diaries, 17th May. Payment and permission slips due back into school before 13th May to secure your child's place.

Dress down day: Please note the date for our upcoming dress down day; Friday 24th May. We ask that you please bring a donation to our upcoming Summer Fete. Either bring a bottle or an item for the tombola.

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### Diary Dates and Reminders

|                  |  |   |
|------------------|--|---|
| 13-14 May        | Reception Balance Bikes with Bikeability                                 |   |
| 13 - 16 May      | KS2 Sats   | Year 6 pupils only  |
| 15 May           | Kingfishers trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village                        | Please return permission slips by Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May.          |
| 17 May           | KS2 Disco – 6PM – Ticket price £3  | Please return permission slips by Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May             |
| 20 May           | Road Safety – Year 2   |   |
| 22 May           | Church Schools Festival – Year 6   |   |
| 24 May           | Dress down day – Donations for Summer Fete Tombola                       |   |
| 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   |   |
| 27 June          | Year 6 leavers trip  | Non uniform   |
| 2 – 3 July       | Summer Production  | More details to follow  |
| 14 July          | Federation Summer Fete   | Taking place at Gedney Hill C of E Primary School                         |
| 18 July          | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly   |   |
| 19 July          | Last day of the Summer Term  |   |

Kind regards,

Alison Buddle,  
Executive Headteacher