

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 11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Night Owls

After half term Night Owls will be changing its finish time on a Friday to 5pm. This is due to staffing.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival at Shepeau Stow School is on Thursday 17th October at 2pm. Children can go straight home with parents after the Harvest Festival finishes.

We will be collecting for Holbeach Community Larder – please avoid sending fresh food as we are unable to distribute it as easily. Any tinned or packaged items gratefully received. Products can be brought into school from Monday and left in the reception area.

Puffins

Puffins are really enjoying working on their motor skills and enjoying drawing club. This is supporting their fine motor skills in class. I am sure if you ask your child you will get some interesting responses! Children also do dough disco in school to develop those skills necessary to become good writers, developing muscle tone in their fingers. Here is a link to an online resource you can do at home. ['I like to' playdough action song \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Information Events

We are holding a Phonics & Reading information evening for parents on the 14th November at 5pm, this will be hosted at Shepeau Stow. There will also be a Maths information evening for parents on the 16th January at 5pm which will be hosted at Gedney Hill.

Diary Dates

Dates for the coming term are on the school calendar on our website. Please ensure you check for the correct school as they are slightly different.

Term dates & Absences

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. Absences for holidays will not be authorised and will result in a fine. The attendance policy is on the federation website on the following link. [Attendance Policy \(shepeaustow-school.co.uk\)](https://www.shepeaustow-school.co.uk/attendance-policy). This is the link for both schools. We will be sending out further information on the changes to fines for absences in line with new government guidance. It should be noted that these are now on an increasing scale. Requests for authorised absences must be made in advance.

PTFA

Golden Ticket Chocolate Bars - Thankyou to everyone who ordered a Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar, we will let you know in the next few days when you will receive them

Christmas Artwork - We were excited to receive the orders of all your beautiful pieces of artwork, they will be coming home in your book bags soon

EYFS and KS1 Disco - The disco is next Friday 18th October, if a require fancy dress costume from our preloved stock or have any items to donate please email info@ghssptfa.co.uk

PTFA AGM - This is being held on Tuesday 29th October at 3.45pm in Gedney Hill CofE Primary School. Please come along and show your support.

Diary Dates and Reminders

14 November	Photographer in School taking photographs for School Website	
17 October	Harvest Festival	2pm
18 October	EYFS/KS1 School Disco	6pm
29 October	PTFA AGM	3.45 – Gedney Hill School
1 November	KS2 Disco	6pm
4 November	NFER Assessments taking place Monday - Friday	
5 November	Puffins & Robins trip to Peterborough Museum	
7 November	Family Library Time	3.30-4pm
12 November	Individual School Photographs	
14 November	Phonics & Reading information evening	5pm – Shepeau Stow School
18 November	Y6 visit to Spalding Baptist Church – Christmas Unwrapped	
5 December	Family Library Time	3.30-4pm
10 December	Shepeau Stow Nativity	
12 December	School Pantomime	
18 December	Christmas Party Day	
16 January	Maths information evening	5pm – Gedney Hill School

Kind regards,

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Shepeau Stow School