

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after to school after a half-term that seems to have whizzed by. We have lots happening in the next few weeks so please keep an eye on your parentmail.

### Clubs

This term we will be running the following clubs from week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November for 4 weeks. There will be no clubs for the last two weeks of term. They will restart with the same children week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs Beale will be running a Lego Club on Mondays for Year 1 and 2 pupils, Ms Mozjeko a Mindfulness Club on Wednesdays for Years 3 & 4 and Mr Collin will be running a Chess Club on Mondays for Years 5 & 6 children.

Gardening Club will run at lunchtimes this term as it is quite dark after school now. This club will be organised within school.

### Library

The Library will be open 3 days per week and run by our school librarians for the younger children to listen to a story or for the free readers to have a quiet place to sit and read.

Family Library dates are as follows:

7<sup>th</sup> November  
5<sup>th</sup> December  
16<sup>th</sup> January  
13<sup>th</sup> February

### TT Rockstars

This year an additional bolt on is needed to access the resources we had access to last academic year. This will be up and running within the next two weeks. In the meantime, the children can still access TT Rockstars and Numbots.

### Trips

Puffins will be visiting Peterborough Museum on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Woodpeckers will be visiting the Mandir in Peterborough on 19<sup>th</sup> November to support their learning in RE this term. Eagles will be visiting Duxford on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### Open Day

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective Reception 2025 parents who wish to visit the school on Monday between 9.30am and 12 noon.

### Panto

We have once again booked a Pantomime in school. The date for this can be found below. The children really enjoyed the experience last year.

### Early Birds and Night Owls

These are up and running at both schools. We are now able to accept Child Tax Care vouchers. The information for this has been sent out. If you need any further information, please speak to Mrs Ladley.

## Term dates next year

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. 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. Please see the link to the school attendance policy for both schools on the federation tab. [Attendance Policy \(shepeaustow-school.co.uk\)](https://shepeaustow-school.co.uk)

## PTFA

PTFA KS2 TONIGHT, please bring small change for the tuck shop.

Bag2School: We have secured a Bag2School collection date for Tuesday 26th November. Check out our Facebook page for more details. Bags can come into school from Friday 22nd November.

This week's AGM was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please accept our apologies for the late notice. A new date will be shared with parents ASAP.

## Diary Dates and Reminders

1 November	KS2 Disco	6pm – 7.30pm
4 November	NFER Assessments taking place Monday - Friday	
4 November	Open Day	9.30 – 12 noon
5 November	Puffins & Robins trip to Peterborough Museum	
7 November	Family Library Time	3.30-4pm
12 November	Individual School Photographs	
18 November	Y6 visit to Spalding Baptist Church – Christmas Unwrapped	
19 November	Woodpeckers & Kingfishers trip to Mandir, Peterborough	
21 November	Reading & Phonics evening (moved from 14 <sup>th</sup> November)	5pm – Shepeau Stow School
26 November	Bag2School Collection	9am collection
3 December	Eagles and Swallows Trip to Duxford	
4 December	PTFA Christmas Bingo	Doors open 6pm Eyes down 7pm
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
16 January	Family Library Time	3.30-4pm
17 January	Eagles visit to Holbeach Hospital	
13 February	Family Library Time	3-30-4pm
17 March	Parent Consultations and opportunity to look at your child's books	
26 June	Sports Day	

Kind regards,

Jenny Beale  
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Shepeau Stow School