

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 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Phonics and Reading

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our phonics and reading event held at Shepeau Stow on Thursday. The event was well attended, and we hope that you found the session helpful.

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 free readers to have a quiet place to sit and read. Family Library dates can be found below.

Weather

Puffins made the most of the snow fall this week and have spent lots of time outside exploring snow and ice. Some of us got very wet too! Puffins do go outside in all weather, so warm layers of clothing and wellie boots are essential at this time of year

Trips

Year 6 children enjoyed visiting Spalding Baptist Church at the beginning of the week to take part in festive activities, including biscuit making during the 'Christmas Unwrapped' session. Woodpeckers experienced a visit to the Mandir in Peterborough on Tuesday as part of their RE studies.

Children in Need

Children enjoyed dressing down last Friday for Children in Need. Thank you for your donations, we raised £99.95.

Christmas Lunch

This years Christmas lunch will take place on Monday 9th December. The deadline for ordering via A Country Kitchen is Wednesday 27th November.

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.

On the last day of time Thursday 19th December Night Owls will finish at 5pm.

Eagles DT

Eagles will be making biscuit boxes in DT. We are asking if children can bring into school any biscuit box packaging for them to explore and find out how they are constructed.

Term dates next year

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. We have sent 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 \(shepeaustowschool.co.uk\)](http://shepeaustowschool.co.uk)

PTFA

AGM- Just under a week to go until our General Annual Meeting on Monday 25th November 6-6:30 PM at Gedney Hill. We hope to see you there.

Christmas Bingo- Calling All Volunteers who would like to help us set up on the day. Please contact us on info@ghsspfta.co.uk or on our face book page for more information.

Bags2School- Tuesday 26th November. If any extra bags are needed please go to Reception. The bags need to be in school before 9AM

Christmas Raffle- Tickets are still available for purchase, any extras needed are in School, we would be grateful if any spares could be returned to the office for re-sale. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets.

Diary Dates and Reminders

25 November	PTFA Annual General Meeting	6 – 6.30pm – Gedney Hill School
26 November	Bag2School Collection	9am collection
3 December	Eagles and Swallows Trip to IWM Duxford	
4 December	PTFA Christmas Bingo	Doors open 6pm Eyes down 7pm
5 December	Family Library Time	3.30-4pm
5 December	Flu immunisations mop up session	
5 December	Aylmerton Residential Information Evening for Y5 & Y6 Parents	5pm at Gedney Hill School
9 December	Christmas Lunch	Please order via A Country Kitchen
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
23 February – 26 February	Aylmerton Residential Trip for Y5 & Y6	
17 March	Parent Consultations and opportunity to look at your childs books	
26 June	Sports Day	

Kind regards,

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Shepeau Stow School