

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 6th December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Clubs

After school clubs run by members of staff have now finished. They will restart with the same children week beginning 13th January.

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.

Duxford Trip

Children in Eagles enjoyed their day trip to Duxford which linked to their topic work.

Aylmerton Residential Trip

Please can I remind parents that we do have some payments outstanding. If you are struggling to pay, please contact Mrs Buddle directly on alison.buddle@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk

Puffins Christmas Nativity

Puffins Class have been busy practising their Nativity 'We Three Kings' ready to perform on Tuesday afternoon at 2pm and in the evening at 5.30pm. We welcome all parents and relatives of Puffins class to come and enjoy this annual event. Thank you to all parents who have provided the clothes requested for the Nativity. This has been very helpful.

Christmas & Christmas Jumper Day

The post box is ready for Christmas cards to come in to school. The box is located in the Reception area. School Council at both schools will be our post people for the weeks ahead.

We will have our Christmas Jumper Day on the same day as our Christmas Lunch. This is on Monday 9th December.

For the Christmas Party children can come to school in party clothes but they do need to still be appropriate for school and for going outside.

Children will be treated to a Pantomime later on in the week to give some welcome festivities in amongst all of the hard work children continue during this busy time of the year.

Swimming

Swimming has now finished for the year and will start again on Monday 6th January.

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 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 \(shepeaustow-school.co.uk\)](http://shepeaustow-school.co.uk)

PTFA

Christmas Bingo- Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Bingo event, it was wonderful to see so many of our school community turn out to support the PTFA and its fundraising efforts!

Congratulations to all our winners and the wonderful team of volunteers who put the event together as a fantastic community event!

Christmas Raffle - Deadline coming up, please have ticket stubbs and payments into school on Monday 16th December at the latest. We request that any unsold tickets please be returned to school so we can redistribute for sales.

Diary Dates and Reminders

9 December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day	
10 December	Shepeau Stow Nativity	2pm & 5.30pm
12 December	School Pantomime	
18 December	Christmas Party Day	Party clothes can be worn
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 child's books	
31 March	Easter Cracked – Y6 Visit to Spalding Baptist Church	
29 April	Puffins Trip to Flag Fen	
17 June	Puffins Trip to Hamerton Zoo	
26 June	Sports Day	

Kind regards,

Jenny Beale
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Shepeau Stow School