

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 13th December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the final catch-up of the year. It's been a really busy week!

Panto

What a great time the children had yesterday. They enjoyed Jack and The Beanstalk in typical panto style. Thanks to the PTFA for supporting the funding of this and the snacks too.

Nativity

What an amazing Nativity by Puffins on Tuesday. Thank you for returning your child to the evening performance. We are truly in the Christmas spirit after such a wonderful event.

Clubs

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.

Family Library dates are 16th January & 13th February.

Puddle Suits & Wellies

We would really like all the children in Puffins to have Puddle Suits and wellies for after Christmas. We are buying some to have in school as spares but if you have your own it would be great to have one that can be left in school. If you have any wellies at home that are no longer needed, and you are happy to donate that would be great too.

Aylmerton Information Evening

Thank you to those who were able to attend the information evening. For those who couldn't attend, a kit list will be coming out by Parentmail. Some of the key information given was that children can't bring electronics, money or phones. They do need to learn to make a bed before they go as they will need to put their own duvet cover on when we arrive. Staff are looking forward to it.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party at Shepeau Stow is on Wednesday 18th December. We are hoping to have a special visitor in school 😊. Children can wear party clothes that are appropriate for school and going outside. They will still need to bring lunch as normal if one has not been ordered through A Country Kitchen.

Early Birds and Night Owls

These are up and running at both schools. We are 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 \(shepeaustowschool.co.uk\)](http://shepeaustowschool.co.uk)

PTFA

Preloved Uniform - Please get in touch if you are in need of any uniform. We have lots of good quality items available in a range of sizes. Contact us via info@ghssptfa.co.uk for more information.

Christmas Raffle - Our Christmas Raffle is quickly approaching, so please ensure raffle tickets, along with any cash payments and unsold tickets are returned to either school office by Monday 16th December.

With Christmas nearly upon us, Santa's PTFA Elves have been hard at work wrapping some special gifts, we look forward to your little ones receiving them.

Diary Dates and Reminders

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,

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Shepeau Stow School