

The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



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Our vision is to foster a community of lifelong learners who are confident, resilient, and equipped with the necessary skills to thrive in an ever-changing world. We believe in the importance of inclusivity, respect, and mutual understanding, ensuring that our whole community feel a sense of belonging.

Respect—Responsibility—Service—Wisdom—Perseverance

Tuesday 10th February Catch-up

Dear Parents & Carers,

Peterborough United

Pupils enjoyed a visit yesterday from Peter Burrow, the mascot from Peterborough United Football club. They were very excited to see a giant rabbit arrive in the hall. All pupils and an accompanying adult are now eligible for free tickets to their Sky Bet League One fixture against Exeter City on Saturday 21st February (3pm). To obtain the tickets, click on the link <https://forms.gle/5nufTccyj91RwdP96>, you will then be sent a code via email which will hold the instructions to how to obtain the tickets via their ticketing site.

Forest School

Mrs Barmby ran her first forest school session with the children in Puffins this week. They had a great time outside. The outdoor area for Puffins is undergoing some improvement works over the next few weeks and Mrs Barmby has great plans for its use 😊 Please make sure that the children have appropriate clothing in school as it can be very muddy out there.

Our Core Values

From next week children will receive stickers if they are spotted by staff demonstrating one of our core values. If your child comes home with a sticker please ask them what they got it for. We will be uploading to the website how the children in our federation can demonstrate the values in each year group and what to look out for. Please send in photos if your child is doing something outside of school that you feel could be celebrated on our values board and website. 😊

Trips

If you are finding it difficult to make a contribution to a school trip please let us know and we can help. School do try to keep the cost of the trips down by paying part and the PTFA also support us. We feel it is an important part of our school life to give the children these experiences.

Weather conditions

It has been very cold recently. Please ensure children always have coats in school.

Parent Consultations

These will be held on Tuesday 10th March at Shepeau Stow and will be online and face to face.

Term dates next year and beyond.

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. 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) If your child is absent, please contact the school office or email the enquiries email address. If we don't hear from you we will do safe and well checks. These checks take up lots of time and take staff away from what they should be doing in school with the pupils.

Message from the PTFA

Golden Ticket Bars - Thank you to those of you that ordered and paid for golden ticket bars, they will be handed out a day early (Thursday 12th) to ensure our lucky winners have time to exchange their golden ticket for their prize before half term.

Silent Disco - Remember if you haven't yet got your disco permission slips back to us or made payment, please do so by Friday. This will ensure we have enough time to ensure we have enough headsets for all our attendees.

Diary Dates

27 th February	PTFA Federation Silent Disco – Gedney Hill School Hall	Reception–Year 6 - 6-7.30pm
2 nd March	World Book Week (Dress up on 5 th March)	
9 th March	Science Week	
10 th March	Puffins trip to Ferry Meadows	
10 th March	Parent Consultations	
11 th March	Level 1 Bikeability – Years 5 & 6	
12 th March	Level 2 Bikeability – Years 5 & 6	
16 th March	PTFA Meeting	
20 th March	Level 1 Bikeability – Years 3 & 4	
24 th March	Eagles trip to Leicester Space Centre	
26 th March	Easter Cracked – Year 6	Spalding Baptist Church
19 th May	PTFA Meeting	
8 th June	Farming & Countryside Day -Year 6	Lambert Hall Farm, Weston
11 th June	Sports Day	
28 th June	PTFA Summer Fete	Gedney Hill School 12-4
6 th July	PTFA Meeting	
21 st July	Leavers Assembly	

Yours sincerely

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