The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



Our Vision is to ignite imagination and curiosity which builds an enduring passion for life-long learning

Dear Parents

Arrival and Departure Times

Thank you for continuing to support the changes we are making while Covid -19 restrictions govern our practice. As you have worked with us so brilliantly with the arrival and departure times we feel we can shorten the window. We will be sending out information on the new timings next week. The new timings will start after the half term holiday, not all the groups have changed.

Interim / Short Written Reports

You will be aware, at the beginning of term, our pupils were assessed to identify gaps in missed learning due to lockdown. As we approach half term the children will be reassessed to check how quickly those gaps are closing.

After half term you will receive a short, written update about your child as we are unable to have parent consultations face to face. The intention had been to send these before half term but we feel the reports will be more informative for you if sent out after the latest assessments are completed, marked and analysed by the teachers.

Gifts and Dress Down Day

Many of you have asked about bringing in birthday cake or sweets as you are unable to have parties this year. Unfortunately, we aren't able to accommodate this.

Also, we understand that half term will be very different with limited activities for those who would normally dress up for 31st October. In order for the children to wear their party clothes, fancy dress outfits etc the PTFA have suggested a dress up day on 21st October for a small voluntary donation. The only request we have is that the children don't bring in accessories to costumes. We hope you will support this as the PTFA continue to fund many additional items for school.

PE Kit

A quick reminder that when the children come to school in PE kit they are in it all day. The weather is quite cold now and they are better with track suit bottoms and tops/jumpers. They do also need a coat to wear outside at break times. PE is outside and as the weather gets worse the children do need footwear that is more substantial than plimsolls. Should you be experiencing financial difficulty please contact me and we may be able to offer some support. This will be treated confidentially.

Free School Meals

Even though pupils in KS1 and EYFS receive free school meals you may be entitled through low income. Pupils accessing through low income attract pupil premium funding to school. This supports additional support in class and resources. A full breakdown of how we spend our pupil premium is on the website. If you think that you are entitled to FSM please follow this link. https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals

Yours sincerely Alison Buddle Executive Headteacher

Gedney Hill CoE Primary SchoolNorth Road, Gedney Hill, Lincs. PE12 9NLTel 01406 330258Shepeau Stow Primary SchoolDowsdale Bank, Shepeau Stow, Lincs PE12 0TXTel 01406 330395