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November Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers, welcome back to our new term. We have lots of updates for you.

Phonics & Early Reading

We are very pleased to say that the changes we have made to our phonics & reading scheme are having a really positive impact on progress across the school. Mrs Barmby and I are working hard to have our library projects complete by Christmas.

Class Structure and Staffing

We have made some changes to class structure at Gedney Hill due to an increase in numbers over the last half term. Mr Dullaghan has joined us in Year 5/6 whilst we advertise for a permanent member of staff at Gedney Hill and Mrs Cropley now teaches Y4. The class will continue to be called Swallows as a whole: Swallows Y4 and Swallows 5/6.

At Shepeau Stow we are very happy to have Mrs Inch back with us full time from her maternity leave and that Mrs Beale has accepted a permanent post with us. From January Mrs Beale will become phonics lead for the federation.

Changes to Federation Teaching Staff Responsibilities

We are extremely pleased to say we have a strong teaching team who will be taking on many of the middle leadership responsibilities that Mrs Barmby and I have been doing over the last few years. I have listed the changes below.

Mrs Inch – Puffins class teacher & Maths Lead

Mrs Ward – Robins class teacher & EYFS lead

Mrs Mann – Eagles class teacher & Art & DT lead

Mrs Farrer – Kingfishers class teacher & Science lead (also undertaking SENCo qualification)

Mrs Beale – Woodpeckers class teacher & Phonics lead from January

Mrs Barmby will remain as English & Reading, History and Geography Lead and I will remain as Phonics lead and SENCo.

Dates for your diary

12th November Children in Need – Wear Wacky clothes for a donation

18th November Dress Down Day for PTFA hamper donation (donation suitable for a child's prize)

22nd November Assessment week – Y2 – Y6

Christmas productions at both schools will involve children in Reception to Y3 only. The older children will go to the afternoon performance to watch.

8th December Gedney Hill Church of England Christmas performance in church 2pm and 5.30pm

9th December Shepeau Stow Christmas performance in church 2pm and 5.30pm

3rd February Leicester Space Centre trip (Swallows and Eagles)

24th February Burghley House (Kingfishers & Woodpeckers)

Christmas party dates will be sent out on a separate cover.

Yours sincerely

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