



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

18th October 2019

Dates for your diary

18th October End of Term 1
29th October (Tuesday) Start of Term 2
31st October Halloween Disco HSM Village Hall
1st November Individual Photos

Dear Parents

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 4th November. Please send completed forms and payment by Tuesday 29th October. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you still need to return the completed form.

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be taking individual and family photos on Friday 1st November, if you would like preschool children to have their photograph taken with their siblings please bring them to school at the following times;

Gedney Drove End 9am Holbeach St Marks 11am

These times are approximate and you should be prepared for a wait. Parents at Holbeach St Marks who wish to bring siblings may want to ring the office mid-morning to check on timings.

Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Harvest Service, the Agapecare Foodbank were very grateful to receive your donations.

Reading Books

You will have noticed that your child now has two books, one aimed at their reading level and one that will provide them with a challenge. You will find an A in their reading record to symbolise their ability book and a C next to their challenge book. You may find that your child used to be a free reader and has now moved onto the reading scheme; you may also find that they have gone backwards on the reading scheme. Please don't worry about this: the reason we have done this is to improve fluency (the speed and ease that children are reading that text). Last year, in the year 6 SATs, children were expected to read 100 words per minute to be able to access the text and answer the questions in the allotted time. Fluency of reading is as important as being able to decode the words as without this, the meaning of what they are reading is often lost. We would like to encourage parents to read with their children daily; school staff check reading records daily – children are rewarded each week with extra playtime if they have read three times in a week. Could we please ask that you ensure your child brings their books and reading records into school every day?

Safety Week

The first week back after the holiday is safety week. We have arranged for the children to take part in a variety of safety workshops and will be discussing many aspects of keeping ourselves safe, including road safety and internet safety.

Water Bottles

We have water bottles in stock, the price is £1.10; we also have replacement lids that can be purchased at 20p each.

Gedney Drove End – Topic homework presentations

We would like to invite parents in at the following times to view the topic homework.

Finland	Thursday 31 st October 2.45pm
Sweden	Wednesday 30 th October 2.45pm
Norway	Thursday 7 th November 2.50pm

Japanese Club HSM & GDE

There will be no Japanese club at Gedney Drove End this week due to the Harvest Service. Club will start again after the holiday on the following dates and then every other week;

Gedney Drove End Wednesday 30th October

Holbeach St Marks Wednesday 6th November

Snack Term 2

Only fruit is available at break time, this will be provided free for all those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in key stage 2 will be able to purchase fruit at a cost of 50p per week: the cost for this term will be £4.00. Please return the permission slip with your payment.

Swimming Term 2

Swimming lessons will start again on Monday 4th November. Gedney Drove End will be the first to swim and Holbeach St Marks will go the following week. At Holbeach St Marks lessons are for St Lucia and Barbados classes and at Gedney Drove End they are for Norway and Sweden. We will only be charging for the pool entry, as the school pays the cost of swimming teachers and transport. The cost is a voluntary contribution of £1 a week, £4 for GDE and £3 for HSM. Swimming dates are as follows;

Gedney Drove End – 4th November, 18th November, 2nd December, 16th December

Holbeach St Marks – 11th November, 25th November, 9th December

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

Library Van Holbeach St Marks

The next library van visit will be on Thursday 24th October at Holbeach St Marks.

Holbeach St Marks' Poppy Appeal

We now have poppies and other items in school for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. They will be available to purchase in school after half term, the suggested donation is £1.

Jewellery

No jewellery can be worn on PE or swimming days; long hair must be tied back for both. Children may wear a watch and **stud** earrings at all other times. **NO HOOP earrings.**

Halloween Disco

Holbeach St Marks village hall is holding a Halloween disco on Thursday 31st October, 4pm to 5.30pm this is open to children from both schools and will be staffed by school members. Tickets will be £1.50 with which children will receive a slice of pizza and a drink. Tickets are now on sale. All tickets will need to be bought prior to the disco so we know how many children to cater for. There will be no tickets available on the evening.

Head Lice

Please find attached some information about head lice.

Topics for next week

We would like to encourage parents to support their child with their learning at home. Should you want more information, please speak to your child's class teacher. Please find below the information for next week.

	English	Maths
Finland	Safety week	Addition and subtraction
Sweden	Safety week	Place value
Norway	Safety week	Addition and subtraction
Cuba	Safety week	Addition and subtraction
Barbados	Safety week	Subtraction
St Lucia	Safety week	Multiplication and division



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Year 6 – Secondary Application Deadline

All children in Year 6 should have brought home a letter detailing the process for applying for secondary school places. If you have not received a copy, please check the newsletter section of the website or ask at the office. The deadline for applications is 31st October; if you have not applied by this deadline, you may not get your first choice of school. For children who took the 11+ test, the Grammar and High School will post out a letter on 11th October which will tell you whether your child has achieved the pass mark, you can then make your application. If you wish to make a telephone application please phone 01522 782030.

Stars of the week

Well done to the following children for their amazing achievements this week.

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Stanley for working hard and following instructions.

Sweden – Ollie for excellent teamwork.

Norway – Jayden for his excellent reading in church.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Harry for amazing participation in shared sessions.

Barbados – Lily for using new vocabulary.

St Lucia – Lillie for being a fantastic role model to all of the pupils.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

Snack Term 2

My child(ren) Would like fruit at break time.

I enclose £4.00 for the remainder of this term (year 3 -6 only).

Signed Date

Swimming Term 2

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)to attend swimming lessons in Term 2.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of **£4 per child GDE and £3 HSM**

Signed Date.....