



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

13th February 2020

Dates for your diary

13th February End of Term 3
24th February Start of Term 4
27th February Disco HSM Village Hall
5th March World Book Day
31st March Easter Service St Marks Church
2nd April End of Term 4

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 2nd March.
Please send completed forms and payment by
Monday. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you
still need to return the completed form.

Dear Parents,

School Transport

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2020 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

EYFS & KS1 Reading Update

As we are continually working to make our provision the very best it can be, some changes are needed along the way. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will receive two home reading books at any one time. They will have a book which contains the sound they are currently working on in phonics. This book is considered their challenge book (marked with a C in their reading record) and will be changed three times per week. They will also receive a book once per week which contains a sound they have learned previously. This will be their ability book, marked with an A in their reading record. It will be changed weekly with the aim of them reading it several times to practice reading it fluently. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating our love of books this year on Thursday 5th March. We would like the children and staff to come to school dressed in their Pyjamas and bring in their favourite book to share with the class. The children will have the opportunity to work with other classes and teachers during the day and participate in fun, book-related activities and quizzes. We would also like to invite you into school for story time at the end of every day during this week (3:00-3:15). If you have more than one child, we hope that this will enable you to visit each of their classes. It would also be lovely if some of you would like to come and read a story to their class. If you would like to do this, let the teacher know. We look forward to seeing you all there during the week.

School Disco

We will be holding a disco at Holbeach St Marks Village Hall on Thursday 27th February, 3.45pm to 5.15pm. This is open to children from both schools and will be supervised by school staff. Tickets will be £2.00 with which children will receive sweets and a drink. Tickets can be bought in the office. No tickets will be on sale at the event.

Are you interested in Teacher Training?

If you, or anyone you know, has a degree and is interested in gaining their teaching qualification, you can do this with our Schools Direct Initial Teacher Training network. Please speak to, or email sally.massey@griffinederation.co.uk for further details.

Toys in School

We would like to remind parents that children should not bring in toys from home into school.

Snack Term 4

Only fruit is available at break time which 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 the term will be £3.00. Please return the permission slip with your payment.

After school clubs

All after school clubs will remain the same after half term except for Miss Ashby's club which is cancelled.

Swimming Term 4

Swimming lessons will start again on Monday 24th February. Holbeach St Marks will be the first to swim and Gedney Drove End first swim will be on the 9th March due to the topic day. 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, £2 for GDE and £3 for HSM. Swimming dates are as follows;

Gedney Drove End – 9th March, 23rd March

Holbeach St Marks – 24th February, 16th March, 30th March

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

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	Traditional tales	Number
Sweden	Stories with historical settings	Measurement; perimeter and length
Norway	Non-chronological reports	Fractions and ratio
Cuba	Letter writing	Addition & subtraction
Barbados	Non-chronological reports	Measurement and area
St Lucia	Non-chronological reports	Ratio

Norway, St Lucia and Barbados Topic Day

On Monday 2nd March there will be an Awesome Arctic topic day at Gedney Drove End School. St Lucia and Barbados classes will be transported over by coach and will be back by the end of the school day. As this is a federated event we already have permission to transport your child but should you have any concerns please speak to the class teacher. Children should wear their PE kit as usual but must have a warm outdoor coat, gloves and hat as part of the workshop will be outside.

Library Van HSM

The next library van visit is on Thursday 12th March 2020.



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Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Emmett for growing in confidence and being a shining star.

Sweden – Kyle for his excellent work in maths this week.

Norway – Sam for excellent research on the biomes of the North and South Pole.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Riley for applying design and technology skills.

Barbados – Grace for applying design and technology skills.

St Lucia – Jasmine for applying design and technology skills.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

Swimming Term 4

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)to attend swimming lessons in Term 4.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of **£2 per child for GDE and £3 per child for HSM.**

Signed Date.....

Snack Term 4

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

I enclose £3.00 for the term (year 3 -6 only).

Signed Date