



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

16th March 2018

Dear Parents

Dates for your diary

20th – 22nd March KS2 Young Americans Workshop
23rd Sport Relief & Kinetic Theatre
27th March HSM Parents Evening
28th March Easter Service
28th March GDE Parents Evening
28th March End of Term 4
16th April Start of Term 5

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for the week commencing 26th March.
Should you wish to order a meal, please return the form, with payment by Monday 19th March.
If your child is entitled to a free lunch, please send a completed form back to school.

Gedney Drove End Staffing Changes

Mrs Richardson will be going on maternity leave at Easter. When we return after the holiday Mr Massey will be teaching in Norway class, he will visit the class before the end of term to meet the children.

NSPCC

Thank you to everyone who raised money for the NSPCC, at HSM we raised £488.97 and at GDE we raised £259 giving a grand total of £747.97. The representative from the NSPCC was very impressed that our two small schools had managed to raise so much money.

Sport Relief

Children will be taking part in some sport activities on the morning of 23rd March to celebrate Sport Relief but we are not asking for donations this year.

Kinetic Theatre Science Workshop

In the afternoon of Friday 23rd March we will be having a science workshop at Holbeach St Marks village hall, children from Gedney Drove End will travel over by coach and should be back by 3.20pm. As this is a federated event we already have permission to transport the children, if you have any concerns please speak to the class teacher.

Holbeach St Marks Disco

We would like to say a big thank you to all the children for their excellent behaviour at the disco, it was a huge success. We would particularly like to thank the year 6 pupils who ran and organised it.

Holbeach St Marks After School Clubs

Sports club, games and Japanese clubs at Holbeach St Marks will be cancelled next week due to the Young Americans and the science workshop visit, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Gedney Drove End Clubs

Next week Mr Timmins table tennis club will be on as normal, Miss Ashby's recorder club will not be after school but will be held at lunchtime instead, please ensure your child has their recorder in school. Friday's Japanese and sports club will not take place due to the science workshop.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place at Holbeach St Marks church at 1.30pm on Wednesday 28th March. Everyone is welcome to attend and you may take your children home directly from the church. Children from Gedney Drove End will be transported over by coach. Any children not collected from the church will return to school.

Swimming Term 4

Remaining swimming dates for this term are as follows:

Gedney Drove End

26th March.

Holbeach St Marks, 19th March.

Holbeach St Marks Indian food tasting

On Monday 19th March KS2 years 3, 4, 5, 6 at Holbeach St Marks will be tasting a selection of Indian food, popadoms, samosas, onion bhajis etc. If you do not wish your child to take part please let Mr McKay or Mrs Lane know.

Parent's Evenings

Our parent's evenings will be on Tuesday 27th March at Holbeach St Marks and Wednesday 28th March at Gedney Drove End. The sessions will run from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Please return the attached slip with your first and second choice of time. If you are unable to attend on this date please speak to the class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Phonics & Spelling

We would like to invite parents to come into their child's class from 9.00am until 9.30am on Monday 19th March to see how a phonics and spelling session is run.

Young Americans

If you haven't done so already please could you return the Young Americans permission slip on Monday. The workshop that takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday is a part of the curriculum and all children will be required to take part. Also, a reminder of the departure times: children from Holbeach St Marks need to be at school at 8.30am on the Tuesday and Wednesday to be ready in time to get the coach to Westmere. The coach is leaving Gedney Drove End at 8.50am. If you haven't ordered tickets for the show already, they will be available to purchase on the door.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Children are now able to download the TT Rock Star app, free of charge, on their own ipad or smart phone. If your child has any problems with the login, please see their class teacher.

KS2 SATs

The SATs tests for all Y6 pupils will run from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May .

Swimming Term 5

Swimming lessons will start again on Monday 16th April, Holbeach St Marks will be the first to swim and Gedney Drove End will go the following week. Lessons are for years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. 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. Please would you complete the attached permission slip and return. Swimming dates are as follows;

Gedney Drove End. 23rd April, 14th May

Holbeach St Marks. 16th April, 30th April, 21st May

Snack Term 5

We will continue to offer a break time snack. All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to free fruit each day. Children in KS1 do not have to pay for their snack if they wish to have fruit; however if they would like toast for 3 days then the cost will be 30p per week. For children in years 3 – 6 the cost is 50p per week which pays for 2 days of fruit and 3 days of toast. Please sign the attached permission slip and enclose the appropriate monies.



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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 after school. Please find below the information for next week.

	English	Maths
Finland	Non-fiction animal research and reports	Shape, space and measure
Sweden	Recount	Number
Norway	Young Americans & Discussion	Young Americans & Fractions, decimals and percentages
Cuba	The tiger who came to tea	Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
Barbados	Writing about experiences	Fractions Y2, Lengths Y3
St Lucia	Young Americans	Young Americans

Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Emmett for fantastic work solving halving and doubling problems.

Sweden – Rebekka for having a hard working attitude.

Norway – Tara for always being cheerful and helpful with great school spirit.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Rebecca for great effort all week.

Barbados – Harry for excellent growth mind set.

St Lucia – All of Y6 for organising and running the school disco.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

Parents Evening Appointment Request

Holbeach St Marks Tuesday 27th March

Gedney Drove End Wednesday 28th March

Childs Name

	First Choice	Second Choice
3.30pm – 4pm		
4pm – 4.30pm		
4.30pm – 5pm		
5pm – 5.30pm		
5.30pm – 6pm		
6pm – 6.30pm		

Please tick this box if you would like an appointment with the headteacher

Snack Term 5

I would like my child(ren) to have the following breaktime snack;

Reception, year 1, year 2 Free Fruit only

Reception, year 1, year 2 Free Fruit 2 days, toast 3 days £1.80 .

Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Fruit 2 days, toast 3 days £3.00

SignedDate.....

Swimming Term 5

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)to attend swimming lessons in Term 5.

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

Signed Date.....