



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

1st November 2019

Dates for your diary

15th November Children In Need
15th November Flu Immunisations HSM
19th November Flu Immunisations GDE
19th December End of Term

Dear Parents

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 11th November. 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.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We now have poppies in school for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. They will be available to purchase in the office, the suggested donation is £1.

Booster Club – HSM

Unfortunately, Mrs Massey's booster club will be cancelled next week, Tuesday 5th November.

Remembrance Service HSM only

There will be a Remembrance Service held at the village hall on Friday 8th November at 10.45am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available after the service. We would welcome donations of cakes for the children's refreshments as currently Mrs Savoury bakes them all herself. If you are able to kindly donate cakes, please let us know beforehand. Please bring cakes into the school office that morning. Thank you.

Community Day Holbeach St Marks Village Hall

As well as the Remembrance service on the 8th November, we are having a community 'improvement' day at the village hall. Parents, Mr Tarrant (Will the Tree Man) and Mr Corden, from MARS at Kings Lynn, are giving their services, along with their colleagues, from their respective companies. All are welcome to come along and join in.

Gedney Drove End School Piano

We have an upright piano in school that is no longer used and needs a good home, it is usable but probably needs tuning and you would need to arrange to collect it. Please contact Mrs Lintott in the office or email enquiries@gedneydroveend.lincs.sch.uk if you are interested.

Gedney Drove End – Topic homework presentations

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

Sweden	Wednesday 6 th October 2.45pm
Norway	Thursday 7 th November 2.50pm

Flu Immunisations

The flu immunisations are fast approaching, if you would like your child to be immunised and haven't yet completed the online form please go to <https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk> and use the correct school code below;

Gedney Drove End EE120410

Holbeach St Marks EE120549

As at 30th October 22 forms have been completed for GDE and 14 for HSM.

Japanese Club HSM & GDE

Please note when this club starts again:

Gedney Drove End Friday 8th November (then Wednesday 13th November)

Holbeach St Marks Wednesday 6th November

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, £3 for GDE and £3 for HSM. Swimming dates are as follows;

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

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

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

Amendment to the above – the swimming pool have sent an email today saying that the pool will be closed from Monday 16th December for maintenance so Gedney Drove End will not be able to have a lesson that day. If you have already paid then you will be refunded, if you are yet to pay please send £3 for the term not £4.

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?

Library Van Holbeach St Marks

The next library van visit will be on Thursday 21st November at Holbeach St Marks.

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.**

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	Narrative - Goldilocks	Addition and subtraction
Sweden	Biographies	Number and place value
Norway	Biography	Addition and subtraction
Cuba	Poetry	Addition and Subtraction
Barbados	Myths	Addition and Subtraction
St Lucia	Historical narrative	Multiplication and Division



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Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Chelsea for writing her letters beautifully.

Sweden – Kyle for being enthusiastic and wanting to go the extra mile.

Norway – Isaac for working quickly but carefully.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Paddy for being a fantastic role model to the new children.

Barbados – Brooke for reading and bringing her book in everyday.

St Lucia – Tiger-Lilly for being very helpful and supportive all week.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

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 **£3 per child**

Signed Date.....