



# Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

22nd November 2019

## **Dates for your diary**

5<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fayre GDE  
6<sup>th</sup> December Christingle  
6<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fayre HSM  
10<sup>th</sup> December Pantomime  
11<sup>th</sup> December HSM School Play  
16<sup>th</sup> December GDE School Play  
18<sup>th</sup> December Pyjama Day HSM  
19<sup>th</sup> December End of Term  
6<sup>th</sup> January Start of term 3

## **Hot Meals**

Please find attached the menu for w.c 2nd December. 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

## **Non-Uniform Day – Gedney Drove End**

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. We ask for donations of chocolate for the Christmas Fayre, in return.

## **Christingle**

This year's Christingle will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm at Holbeach St Marks Church. Children from Gedney Drove End will be transported over by coach. Everyone is welcome to attend and you may collect your children from the church. Due to Health and Safety, and there being candles lit during this service, can we please ask all children with long hair to have it tied back. As usual we are raising money for the Children's Society and will send home a donation envelope with each child. Should you wish to make a donation, you could either return it to school or take it to the service.

## **Pantomime –Tuesday 10th December**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school will be going to watch the pantomime 'Aladdin' at King's Lynn Corn Exchange. We will be leaving school at 8.45am and should return to school at approximately 1.00pm. **All children will need a packed lunch on this day** which they will eat on their return to school. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would like them to be provided with a packed lunch then please tick the box on the reply slip. There is no charge for this trip but we must have all permission slips returned by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Holbeach St Marks Christmas Fayre**

Holbeach St Marks Christmas Fayre will follow the Christingle service on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm until 4.30pm at the village hall. If anyone would like to kindly donate raffle prizes, wine, chocolates, smellies, or any unwanted gifts, we would greatly appreciate these.

## **Gedney Drove End Christmas Fayre**

We will be having a Christmas Fayre at Gedney Drove End on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, it will take place in school from 3.15pm – 4.30pm.

## **Reading at home**

We welcome parents / grandparents who would be willing to come in and read with children in school. Please let the office know if you are available to come in.

### **Family support worker**

Just a small note to introduce myself. My name is Miss Amanda Cooke (please call me Amanda not Miss Cooke!). I started at the federation in September and have been busy since day one. I have had lots of big smiles from the children all wanting to tell me their names! My role is to support children and families as and when needed. I hope to meet you all sometime soon.



### **Gedney Drove End Midday Supervisor Vacancy**

After Christmas, we will have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor two days a week; Monday and Tuesday 12.15-1.15 except on swimming Mondays when it would be 11.30-12.30. Please contact Mrs Lintott in the office for an application pack if you are interested, the closing date for applications is noon on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Primary School Admissions for September 2020**

Children born between the dates of 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016 will start primary school in September 2020. You can apply using the online application system, which can be found on the Lincolnshire County Council web site: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) The online application is now open there is telephone support available to help with your online application. The phone number is 01522 782030. You can apply for up to three different schools and we strongly recommend you do list three schools in priority order that you would want to be offered. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020.

### **Flu Vaccination Catch Up**

The annual flu vaccination (nasal spray) has been given to the children. If your child was away or you did not apply and would like your child to have this vaccination, the online form has been opened up again for you to complete. The school nurses will be in school on the dates below to do the vaccinations. This vaccination is recommended to all primary school children to help protect your child against flu. Please go on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren): <https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/> You will need to enter the code below to ensure the completed form can be correctly allocated to your child's school:

Gedney Drove End 10<sup>th</sup> December (pm) code EE120410

Holbeach St Marks 16<sup>th</sup> December (pm) code EE120549

### **Library Van HSM**

The next library van visit is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas wreath-making workshop Holbeach St Marks Village Hall**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm, there will be a wreath-making workshop at Holbeach St Marks Village Hall. The cost is £15 per person, including all materials, tea, coffee and mince pies. Spaces are limited to 25 people so book early through the school office with a £5 non-refundable deposit.



### **Books for Schools – The Sun Newspaper**

Our school will be collecting the 'Books for Schools' tokens, which will start to be published in The Sun newspaper from Saturday 23rd November to Saturday 18th January. We need to collect 3500 tokens. If we reach this target, we will receive 105 free Collins Big Cat books, which will be a mixture of fiction and non-fiction. Please help us reach this goal by sending the tokens into school.

### **Head Lice**

I ask that parents are vigilant and check for head lice, please. The NHS website has some helpful information on how to treat them <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



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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. Please find below the information for next week.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Maths</b>
<b>Finland</b>	Narrative Goldilocks	Addition and subtraction
<b>Sweden</b>	Biographies	Division and multiplication
<b>Norway</b>	Biographies	Division and multiplication
<b>Cuba</b>	Poetry	Place value & Addition & subtraction
<b>Barbados</b>	Instructions -recipes	Statistics
<b>St Lucia</b>	Historical Narrative	Multiplication & Division

## Stars of the week

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

### **Gedney Drove End**

Finland – Astrid for an enthusiastic approach to her learning.

Sweden – Ruby for her fantastic attitude towards learning.

Norway – Mia for organising herself and working independently.

### **Holbeach St Marks**

Cuba – Neive for great attitude to learning and being a great role model.

Barbados – Bianca for really great ideas in writing.

St Lucia – Samuel for writing fantastic narrative.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

## Pantomime - Tuesday 10th December

Child(ren)s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to go to the Pantomime at the Corn Exchange, King's Lynn on Tuesday 10th December.

My Child is entitled to a free school meal and I would like a packed lunch provided.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer