



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

28th September 2018

Dates for your diary

3rd October Teddy Bears Picnic – Reception only
3rd & 4th October Bikeability HSM
11th October School Photographs
15th October Meet the Teacher Evening GDE
17th October Meet the Teacher Evening HSM
18th October Harvest Service 1.30pm
19th October End of Term 1
30th October Start of Term 2

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 8th October. Please send completed forms and payment by Monday 1st October. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you still need to return the completed form.

Dear Parents

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be taking individual and family photos on Thursday 11th October, 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 need to 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.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

On Wednesday 3rd October Reception children from Holbeach St Marks and Gedney Drove End will be travelling to Westmere for a Teddy Bear's Picnic. They will watch a puppet show and take part in other activities as well having a picnic. All children will need a packed lunch which will be provided by school, they may also bring in a Teddy Bear, they should wear their normal school uniform instead of their PE kit. Transport has been arranged and the children will be travelling there and back within the school day. As this is a federation event we already have your permission but should you have any questions please speak to the class teacher.

Flu Immunisation ACTION REQUIRED

All children, **with the exception of those in year 6**, are entitled to receive the flu nasal spray in school. There are no paper forms to complete this year, instead you will find the letter and a link to the form on our website under the newsletters section. **If you would like your child to receive the immunisation then you must complete the form.** Should you have any queries about the immunisation programme please contact the school nurses directly on 01775 652144.

We have spoken to the school nurses this week and so far they have only had 17 forms submitted for Holbeach St Marks and 7 for Gedney Drove End.

Harvest Service

Our harvest service will take place at 1.30pm on Thursday 18th October at Christ Church Dawsmere. Children from both schools will be transported by coach. Everyone is welcome to attend and you may take your children home from the church after the service if you wish. We would like to ask for donations to the Agape Food Bank, tinned and packet items please, no fresh food. All donations will be gratefully received.

Secondary Application Packs

All year 6 children should have received a letter regarding the secondary school application process. Applications need to be made online at the following address <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/132836.article> . The deadline for applications is 31st October 2018. If you are waiting for 11+ results they are due to be posted out on 12th October.

Parking Holbeach St Marks

Just a reminder to parents that there should be no parking in the residents' private car park opposite school at any time. Please remember to park safely so that you are not obstructing traffic. Parking is available at the village hall should outside school become too congested.

Meet theTeacher Evenings

We will be holding an informal meet the teacher evening on Monday 15th October at Gedney Drove End and Wednesday 17th October at Holbeach St Marks. At this evening you can book a five-minute appointment to meet your child's teacher. Please return the slip to the school office, with your preferred times indicated.

More foster carers needed in Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire County Council's Fostering Service is highlighting its campaign to recruit more foster carers for some of the county's most vulnerable children. In Lincolnshire there is a steady increase in the number of children needing foster homes locally. In particular more foster carers are needed to look after teenagers, children who need to be cared for long-term (also known as Permanent Fostering, which is usually until independence), brothers and sisters who need to be kept together, and children with additional needs. Applicants are welcomed from all backgrounds regardless of race, religion, sexuality, marital or employment status. So long as you can provide a loving, secure home and have a spare bedroom to meet the needs of the children in your care, your application will be considered.

If you feel that you could offer a secure, understanding and loving home to any of these groups of children, Lincolnshire Fostering Service would love to hear from. Speak to a member of our friendly team today by calling 01522 554114 or log on at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fostering

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	Lost and Found (Diaries)	Addition and Subtraction
Sweden	Persuasive letter writing	Addition and Subtraction
Norway	Recounts	Addition and Subtraction
Cuba	Teddy Bears Picnic	Comparing & ordering numbers
Barbados	Non-Chronological reports	Addition & Subtraction
St Lucia	News Reports	Addition & Subtraction

New Free School Meal Online Parent Portal

Lincolnshire County Council has a new process for free school meals eligibility checks, which went live for parents to use on the 4th September. Please use the following link to make an application. All new starters in Reception will need to apply in this way; parents of children in other year groups can also use this system if their circumstances have changed. Please see attached guidelines.

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>



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Bikeability HSM

Just a reminder to all of the children who have already signed up, Bikeability will start on Wednesday 3rd October for two days. The children must bring in their own bike, which must be in good working order and a cycle helmet.

Swimming Term 1

Gedney Drove End - 8th October

Holbeach St Marks - 1st October and 15th October

Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Summer for excellent behaviour and hard work.

Sweden – Charlie for putting 100% effort into everything he does.

Norway – Kieran for challenging himself and working hard.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Henry for a great attitude towards everything.

Barbados - Thomas for independent writing in English.

St Lucia – Alan for working hard in all lessons.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

Meet the Teacher Evening 15th October GDE / 17th October HSM

Please tick your preferred times.

Child(ren)s name(s).....

	First Choice	Second Choice
3.30-4.00
4.00-4.30
4.30-5.00
5.00-5.30
5.30-6.00
6.00-6.30

Signed.....

Date.....

I would like to make an appointment with the headteacher Tick if applicable)