



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

29<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Behaviour policy**

I would like to draw your attention to our school behaviour policy that we have made some changes to over the last year. We have based our policy on the book, 'When the adult changes, everything changes' by Paul Dix. This book puts the emphasis on us as adults to improve behaviour. So what will this look like to you as parents? Firstly, you will have noticed that we have replaced the traffic lights with recognition boards in the classrooms. The idea for this is that we want to praise how amazing your children are, the traffic lights were quite humiliating for some children. We feel it is important to reprimand in private and praise in public. Our full policy is available on our school website. Should you wish to discuss behaviour please make an appointment with the school office.

## **Children In Need**

Thank you for all the cakes and donations towards Children In Need, we collected a total of £90.30 at Gedney Drove End and £101.20 at Holbeach St Marks.

## **Chocolate Tombola**

Thank you for all the donations of chocolate towards our chocolate tombola stalls - don't forget to come along to the Christmas Fayre.

## **Parent information sessions**

### **Maths**

We would like to invite all parents and carers to a Maths parental workshop. Mr Davies will deliver a presentation on how we teach basic mathematical skills before inviting you to your child's class to see it being taught to your children.

HSM's session will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

GDE's session will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

### **English/Phonics**

Miss Wells and Miss Richardson will explain how we teach reading and phonics and then you will have an opportunity to visit your child's class to watch a lesson.

HSM's session will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

GDE's session will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

### **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, chocolates, smellies, teddies for the tombola or any unwanted gifts, we would greatly appreciate these. We would also welcome any empty screw top wine bottles and full bottles of wine for the bottle tombola. Many thanks.

### **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.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.





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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 The Jolly Postman	Addition and subtraction
<b>Sweden</b>	Instructions	Statistics
<b>Norway</b>	Biographies Dr Barnardo	Multiplication
<b>Cuba</b>	Poetry / Rhymes	Place value / addition & subtraction
<b>Barbados</b>	Playscripts	Place value
<b>St Lucia</b>	Historical narrative	Statistics

### Stars of the week

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

#### **Gedney Drove End**

Finland – Emily for her consistent attitude towards her learning.

Sweden – Elsie for fantastic effort towards her learning.

Norway – Ella for always giving her best in every subject.

#### **Holbeach St Marks**

Cuba – Ryan for excellent behaviour, effort, and helping others.

Barbados – Lenny for writing in the style of a TV cookery chef.

St Lucia – Teigan for fantastic use of vocabulary in her writing.

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