



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

7th September 2018

Dates for your diary

10th Sept Swimming GDE
13th Sept Litter Pick HSM
15th Sept 11+ Verbal Reasoning
14th Sept Class 3 Stibbington Trip
17th Sept Swimming HSM
22nd Sept 11+ Non-verbal Reasoning
19th Oct End of Term 1

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for the week commencing 17th September. Should you wish to order a meal, please return the form, with payment by Monday 10th July. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, please send a completed form back to school.

Dear Parents

Welcome Back

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer holiday and would like to welcome you all back to the new school year. A special welcome to all our new families and staff including Miss Flaherty and Mr Chapman. The start of a new school year is a good time to remind everyone of the process to follow should you have a concern. If you have an issue that you need to discuss then your first point of contact should be the class teacher, the best time to see them is at the end of the day. If you are still concerned after speaking to the class teacher then you should speak to the Head of School.

Absences

If your child is absent please ensure you telephone the school before 9.30am on the first day of absence, the answerphone is always on so you can leave a message, alternatively you could send an email. The telephone numbers and email addresses are as follows;

Gedney Drove End 01406 550242 enquiries@gedneydroveend.lincs.sch.uk

Holbeach St Marks 01406 701266 enquiries@st-marks.lincs.sch.uk

11+ Tests – Year 6 only

The verbal reasoning test will be on Saturday 15th September and the non-verbal reasoning on Saturday 22nd September. If your child is registered for the test you should have received details from Spalding High School or Spalding Grammar School. We will be taking the practice tests in school next week and the following week. If you are uncertain whether your child is registered or not please contact the office to check.

Flu Immunisation ACTION REQUIRED

All children **apart from 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 including 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.

Stibbington Trip St Lucia & Norway Friday 14th September

As part of their World War II topic, St Lucia and Norway classes will be visiting Stibbington for an evacuee experience day. Children should dress in wartime clothing, please see the attached sheet for ideas. Lunch will be provided by the centre. The coach will leave Gedney Drove End at 8am and Holbeach St Marks at 8.20am, we expect to be back at Holbeach St Marks by 3.15pm and Gedney Drove End by about 3.35pm. We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £15 towards this trip, please sign and return the permission slip by Wednesday 12th September.

PE Days

Our PE days for this term are as follows;

Finland	Monday	Wednesday
Sweden	Monday	Friday
Norway	Monday	Friday
Cuba	Monday	Wednesday
Barbados	Monday	Wednesday
St Lucia	Monday	Wednesday

Topics for Term 1

Finland	Will you be my friend?
Sweden	Gods and Mortals
Norway	World War II
Cuba	All About Me
Barbados	Gods and Mortals
St Lucia	World War II

Litter Pick Holbeach St Marks

On Thursday 13th September, we will be holding a community litter picking event. This will take place straight after school on the field behind the village hall. The event will finish at 4pm. The children who would like to take part need to attend with their parents. Litter picking sticks and bags will be provided.

Snack Term 1

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 still like toast for three 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 permission slip attached and enclose the appropriate monies.

Swimming Term 1

Swimming lessons will start again on Monday 10th September. 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, Sweden and year 2 children from Finland class. 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 - 10th September, 24th October and 8th October

Holbeach St Marks - 17th September, 1st October and 15th October

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles



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Stibbington Trip Permission 14th September 2018 St Lucia & Norway

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)to attend
Stibbington on Friday 14th September.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of £15 per child.

Signed Date.....

Swimming Term 1

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 £3 per child.

Signed Date.....

Snack Term 1

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 £2.10

Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Fruit 2 days, toast 3 days £3.50

Signed Date.....