



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

7th December 2018

Dates for your diary

7th December Christingle Both Schools
7th December Christmas Fayre HSM
12th December Christmas Play HSM
13th December Christmas Play GDE
14th December Pre-school trip to Fun Farm
14th December Pantomime Trip
17th December Rand Farm Park (Reception & Year 1)
19th December UAH Christmas Lunch Year 6
20th December Christmas Lunch
20th December End of Term

Dear Parents

Baby News

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Powley had a baby boy last Friday. Mother and baby are doing well.

Christmas Fayre Gedney Drove End

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre, I'm sure you will agree it was a good evening. We will let you know how much we raised on next weeks newsletter.

Swimming Term 2

The remaining swimming dates for this term are as follows;

Gedney Drove End –17th December

Don't forget that we are not swimming on Monday 10th December.

After School Clubs GDE

Due to staff training and the Christmas Play, clubs have now finished until after Christmas. In January, we will send a letter home with the list of new clubs.

After School Clubs HSM

There will be no choir club on Monday 10th December due to the Carol Concert at Holbeach Hospital. The rest of the after school clubs will end on Friday 14th December. In January there will be a new selection of clubs, these will start the week beginning 14th January.

Pantomime – Friday 14th December

On Friday 14th December, the whole school will be going to watch the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' 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 Monday 10th December.**

Pantomime Day

Can all children please arrive at school by 8.30am (HSM) and 8.35am (GDE) on the pantomime day please.

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 17th December. Please send completed forms and payment by Monday 10th December. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you still need to return the completed form.

School Christmas Party Day and Lunch

On Thursday 20th December, both schools will be having a party day and a traditional Christmas dinner will be provided for all children. Please return the attached slip by Tuesday 11th December to confirm whether your child would like the Christmas dinner or will be bringing a packed lunch. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers to school on this day.

Class Trips General Information

During class trips, we would like the children to wear their school uniform with the blue PE hoodie instead of their usual school sweatshirt, unless stated otherwise. Make sure that your child has plenty of drink with them on the trip day. Do not send fizzy drinks. The Facebook page 'The Griffin Federation' will be updated with arrival back at school times.

Rand Farm Park – Reception and Year 1 Only

On Monday 17th December, Reception and Year one children in Finland and Cuba Classes will be visiting Rand Farm Park in Lincoln. They will be having Lunch with Santa in the Winter Wonderland followed by a visit to 'The Living Farm Nativity'. They will then see the animated elves in the toyshop before meeting Rudi and Rossi Reindeer who will be waiting outside Santa's Home in the forest. Santa will then give every child a present. We will leave Gedney Drove End at 8.20am and Holbeach St Marks at 8.40am and should be back at school by approximately 3.15pm. Please make sure that your child has a drink with them on the day – please do not send fizzy drinks. The actual cost of this trip is £28.00 per child, school have subsidised the cost and so ask you for a voluntary contribution of £15 per child. Please fill in the reply slip below and send it back to school along with your contribution. Children should wear PE hoodies with their uniform instead of school jumpers.

Year 6 UAH Christmas Lunch

All children in year 6 have been invited to the University Academy Holbeach on Wednesday 19th December for Christmas lunch. UAH are providing transport to and from the school but if your child would like to attend then they will need to pay £3 for the lunch. Please sign the permission slip and return to school with £3 by Wednesday 12th December.

Free School Meals

In September the County Council changed the way you apply for free school meals, any child who was previously eligible has been removed from the new list so you will need to apply again (this does not affect the Universal Free School meals that children in reception, year 1 and year 2 receive). Please have a look at the following list of benefits, if you are in receipt of any of these you should use the link below to reapply. If you are in any doubt it is worth making an application anyway.

Your child may be eligible if you are in receipt of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Having entitlement does not mean that your child has to have a school dinner but the school will benefit from additional funding. Please use the following link to apply for free school meals

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>



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Holbeach St Marks Christmas Play

Holbeach St Marks Christmas play will be on the 12th December starting at 6pm. This year we will be performing 'The Nativity'. Children should arrive at the village hall at 5.30pm so they can get changed into their costumes.

Gedney Drove End Christmas Play

Our play this year is called Silent Night, it will be on at the village hall on Thursday 13th December at 6pm. Children should arrive at the village hall between 5.30pm and 5.40pm to allow time to change into their costumes.

Swimming Term 3

Swimming lessons will start again on Monday 7th January. Holbeach St Marks will be the first to swim and Gedney Drove End 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 – 14th January, 28th January, 11th February

Holbeach St Marks – 7th January, 21st January, 4th February

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

Library Van

The next library van visit at Holbeach St Marks will be on the 20th December.

Snack Term 3

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.

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 | The Christmas Story | Addition and subtraction |
| Sweden | Narrative | Multiplication and division. |
| Norway | Discussion | Multiplication |
| Cuba | Owls non fiction | Place value |
| Barbados | Narrative | Addition and subtraction |
| St Lucia | Christmas Troop | Y6 Fractions, Y4,Y5 Length & Perimeter |

Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

- Finland – Ollie for a superb attitude to his learning.
- Sweden – Alfie R for consistent hard work in class.
- Norway – George for working hard and being helpful.

Holbeach St Marks

- Cuba – Neive for super reading.
- Barbados – Brooke for beautiful handwriting and perseverance.
- St Lucia – Lillie for perseverance in her learning.

Many Thanks
Karyn Wiles

Christmas Lunch 20th December 2018 – Please return slip by Tuesday 11th December

My child(ren) would like

Christmas Lunch

Will bring a packed lunch

Signed

Swimming Term 3

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)to attend swimming lessons in Term 3.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of £3 per child.

Signed Date.....

Snack Term 3

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 £1.80

Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Fruit 2 days, toast 3 days £3.00

SignedDate.....



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UAH Christmas Lunch - Year 6 Only

I do / do not give permission for my child to attend the Christmas lunch at University Academy Holbeach on Wednesday 19th December.

I enclose £3 for their meal

Signed Date

Rand Farm Park 17th December 2018 (Reception and Year 1 only)

I do / do not give permission for my child(ren) to visit Rand Farm Park on Monday 17th December.

I enclose a contribution of £15 towards the cost of this trip.

Signed Date

Pantomime Friday 14th December

I do / do not give permission for my child(ren) to attend the pantomime on Friday 14th December.

My child is entitled to a free school meal and would like a packed lunch provided

Signed Date