



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

10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents

## **Dates for your diary**

10<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Service HSM  
15<sup>th</sup> November Portuguese Cultural Lunch  
17<sup>th</sup> November Cuba Stay and Play  
17<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need  
1<sup>st</sup> December Christingle 4.30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> December Christmas Fayre HSM 5.30pm  
7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fayre GDE 3.30pm

## **Hot Meals**

Please find attached the menu for week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> November. We require payment with the order to be received no later than Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Children entitled to a free meal still need a form completing.

## **Parent Governors**

Just a reminder that any parent governor nomination forms need to be returned to school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Alton Towers Residential**

All the places for the Alton Towers trip have now been taken.

## **Reception Open Mornings**

Both schools will be holding an open morning for families with children due to start in September 2018, if you know of any children who are due to start school please pass this information on. Times and dates are as follows;

Holbeach St Marks Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am

Gedney Drove End Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am

## **Norway & St Lucia Class Trip – 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November St Lucia Class from Holbeach St Marks and Norway Class from Gedney Drove End will be going to see the Slava's Snow Show production at the Norwich Theatre Royal. The show starts at 14:30 and is scheduled to finish at 17:00. We are anticipating to be back at Westmere at approximately 18:30 and 19:00 for Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks.

We will be leaving school during lunch time so the children should arrive for school at normal time. The children will be having an early lunch in school so those children who have free school meals will be ordered a packed lunch for this day, all other children should bring a packed lunch. Your child should bring an extra snack and drink with them for the journey home. The children will be provided with an ice-cream in the interval and no spending money is required. The cost for the trip per child is £18.62 but we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution on £15, please complete the attached permission slip.

## **Asthma**

Pupils with asthma are encouraged to carry their reliever inhaler as soon as the parent / carer, doctor or asthma nurse and class teacher agree they are mature enough. This tends to be in KS2, if parents are happy then the children would keep their inhaler in their tray. The reliever inhalers of younger children are kept, readily available, in the classroom first aid cupboard. Parents / carers are asked to ensure that school is provided with a spare reliever inhaler. The class teacher will hold this separately in case the pupil's own inhaler runs out, or is lost or forgotten. All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name by the parent / carer.

### **Midday Supervisor Vacancy Holbeach St Marks**

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable person to join our Midday Supervisory team. The responsibilities will include setting up and clearing tables, loading dishwasher, serving hot lunches and playground supervision. Candidates should enjoy working with children and be flexible. The post is for 1 hour 30 minutes daily, term time only. Please contact Mrs Lane for an application pack if you are interested.

### **Lincolnshire County Council Admissions Arrangements**

The County Council have asked us to make you aware of the following; Lincolnshire County Council as the admission authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools is now consulting on changes to its admission arrangements. The consultation will open on 6 November 2017, the deadline for responses is 18 December 2017. Responses should be emailed to [admissionspolicy@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissionspolicy@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

Please note that we are proposing changes to the admission arrangements for schools where we are the admission authority. Our detailed proposals are posted on our website at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation).

### **Children in Need**



Children in Need Day is next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we have glow in the dark wristbands and Pudsey and Blush pin badges both £1 each. Both schools have activities planned, please see below.

### **Children in Need - Gedney Drove End**

For Children in Need this year, we are inviting children to wear something Spot-tacular! We will also be holding a cake-decorating competition, with the cakes going on sale at playtime, and other exciting activities on the day. We suggest a £1 donation to take part in the non-uniform day and up to £1 in small change to buy a cake. Thank you for your support of this very important charity event.

### **Children in Need – Holbeach St Marks**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need day. We will be supporting the event with a 'spotty' non uniform day, children may come in something 'spotty' and donate £1.00. We will also have a cake sale which St Lucia children will run at play time. Please send any cake donations as well as money for your child to buy cakes, which will be 20p each. Our final event will be a 'Pudsey Copper Coin Picture', if you have spare coppers please send these with your child in an envelope or bag, so they can place them on the picture.

### **Christmas**

After our Christmas Fayre and Christingle last year we listened to parents and have decided to try something different this year. The Christingle service will be held at Holbeach St Marks church as usual and everyone is welcome to attend, this will be followed by a Christmas Fayre at Holbeach St Marks Village Hall. In addition to this we have decided to hold a small Christmas Fayre at Gedney Drove End School the following week. Details of all these events to follow shortly. If there are any parents who would be willing to help at either of these events, please contact the office.

### **Christingle**

The Christingle service will take place at Holbeach St Marks church at 4.30pm on Friday 1st December and everyone is welcome. 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.



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### **Christmas Fayre Holbeach St Marks**

School will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5.30pm, straight after the Christingle service. We would welcome any parents who would be willing to support the event by helping on a stall, selling refreshments or setting up during the afternoon. We would also appreciate anyone being able to source raffle prizes by either donating items or approaching local businesses to make donations. We have a limited number of tables available for the local community to rent, to sell their own goods, please contact Mrs Lane to arrange a booking and payment.

### **Christmas Fayre Gedney Drove End**

This year we will be holding a small Christmas Fair at Gedney Drove End, this event will take place straight after school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We will have a variety of stalls and games set up in the classrooms and refreshments will be available.

### **Library Van**

The next library van visit at Holbeach St Marks will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **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.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Maths</b>
<b>Finland</b>	Poetry and nursery rhymes	Subtraction and one less
<b>Sweden</b>	Persuasion	Multiplication and division
<b>Norway</b>	Persuasion	Fractions
<b>Cuba</b>	Peace at Last	Addition
<b>Barbados</b>	Persuasive writing	Multiplication and division
<b>St Lucia</b>	Explanation	Fractions

### **Swimming Term 2**

Swimming dates for your diary are as follows:

**Holbeach St Marks- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Gedney Drove End -13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

Please return the permission slip if you haven't done so already.

### **Stars of the week**

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

#### **Gedney Drove End**

Finland – William for a super attitude towards his learning and some great Maths and English work.

Sweden – Jayden for brilliant independent working.

Norway – Robyn for superb effort in Maths this week.

#### **Holbeach St Marks**

Cuba – Sylvie for working really hard on all her school work.

Barbados – Mihai for excellent effort in his English work.

St Lucia – Jessica for excellent work on Fractions.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

**Swimming Term 2**

I give permission for my child(ren).....to attend swimming lessons in Term 2.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of **£4 per child (HSM) or £3.00 (GDE)**.

Signed.....

**Norway / St Lucia Theatre Trip**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) .....to attend Slava's Snow Show at the Theatre Royal Norwich on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of £15.00 per child.

Signed ..... Date .....