



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

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## **Dates for your diary**

16<sup>th</sup> December Pyjama Day  
17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party Day  
17<sup>th</sup> December End of Term 2  
4<sup>th</sup> January Start of Term 3

Dear Parents,

## **Menu for week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January**

All children will bring home a menu sheet; if your child is entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals please complete and return or email the office. If your child is not entitled to free school meals but would like a hot meal, these are priced at £2.40 a day. No cash or cheques will be accepted: please see the menu for information of how to pay. **Please ensure payments for meals are made promptly: if you are paying by bank transfer it needs to be paid by Tuesday at the latest. If payment is not received then, unfortunately we will not be able to order the meal for your child.**

## **Covid notifications during the holidays**

The DfE (department for Education) has asked schools to remain 'on call' until 23rd December to support with contact tracing of positive Covid cases. Should your child test positive during the period of 18th -23rd December it is vital that you still notify us immediately so that we can take action. You should send either an email to [help@griffinfederation.co.uk](mailto:help@griffinfederation.co.uk) or a message to our Facebook page giving us details of when the positive test was received. Should we receive notification we will alert parents of the need to isolate their children via email, with an alert also being placed on our Facebook page. I very much hope we do not have to do this, but wanted to let you know about the arrangements that we have in place to support the request from the DfE.

## **Winter Clothing**

Please would you ensure your child has a warm coat with a hood, scarf, hat and gloves for breaktime and lunchtime. It would also be useful, in case children get wet, to have a spare pair of socks and jogging bottoms or trousers in school.

## **School Christmas Lunch and Party Day**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, a traditional Christmas dinner will be provided free of charge for all children. Please return the attached menu or slip by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December to confirm whether your child would like the Christmas dinner or will be bringing a packed lunch; alternatively you can just email the office. **Children may come into school in party clothes.**

## **Christmas Cards**

The Christmas post boxes are now in quarantine. They will be emptied and all cards will be distributed on 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you missed the last posting today then unfortunately you will not be able to bring your cards into school.

## **Pyjama and movie day**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a chilled out movie day where children may come to school in their pyjamas or onesies if they wish. We will be having hot chocolate and popcorn.

## **Library Van – Holbeach St Marks Only**

The next library van visit will be on 30<sup>th</sup> December at Holbeach St Marks.

### **Primary School Admissions**

If you have a child that was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, they will be due to start primary school in September 2021. The online application will be available on the [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) web site until 15th January 2021.

### **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. We will be continuing with our topics next week as well as doing some fun Christmas activities.

	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Finland</b>	Fire Fire!
<b>Sweden</b>	Fire Fire!
<b>Norway</b>	Vicious Vikings
<b>Cuba</b>	Fire Fire!
<b>Barbados</b>	Location, Location, Location
<b>St Lucia</b>	Vicious Vikings

### **Stars of the week**

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

#### **Gedney Drove End**

Finland – Marnie for always having a fantastic attitude to learning.

Sweden – Alexia for being helpful to others.

Norway – Bobby for his excellent contribution in topic week.

#### **Holbeach St Marks**

Cuba – Freya for always working really hard.

Barbados – Emily for fantastic non-chronological report ideas, and an amazing attitude to writing.

St Lucia – Alfie T for making a fantastic Viking ship and supporting other children.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles