



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

13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## **Dates for your diary**

13<sup>th</sup> February End of Term 3  
24<sup>th</sup> February Start of Term 4  
27<sup>th</sup> February Disco HSM Village Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day  
31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Service St Marks Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> April End of Term 4

## **Hot Meals**

Please find attached the menu for w.c 2<sup>nd</sup> March. 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,

## **School Transport**

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2020 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

## **EYFS & KS1 Reading Update**

As we are continually working to make our provision the very best it can be, some changes are needed along the way. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will receive two home reading books at any one time. They will have a book which contains the sound they are currently working on in phonics. This book is considered their challenge book (marked with a C in their reading record) and will be changed three times per week. They will also receive a book once per week which contains a sound they have learned previously. This will be their ability book, marked with an A in their reading record. It will be changed weekly with the aim of them reading it several times to practice reading it fluently. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## **World Book Day**

We will be celebrating our love of books this year on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We would like the children and staff to come to school dressed in their Pyjamas and bring in their favourite book to share with the class. The children will have the opportunity to work with other classes and teachers during the day and participate in fun, book-related activities and quizzes. We would also like to invite you into school for story time at the end of every day during this week (3:00-3:15). If you have more than one child, we hope that this will enable you to visit each of their classes. It would also be lovely if some of you would like to come and read a story to their class. If you would like to do this, let the teacher know. We look forward to seeing you all there during the week.

## **School Disco**

We will be holding a disco at Holbeach St Marks Village Hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 3.45pm to 5.15pm. This is open to children from both schools and will be supervised by school staff. Tickets will be £2.00 with which children will receive sweets and a drink. Tickets can be bought in the office. No tickets will be on sale at the event.

## **Are you interested in Teacher Training?**

If you, or anyone you know, has a degree and is interested in gaining their teaching qualification, you can do this with our Schools Direct Initial Teacher Training network. Please speak to, or email [sally.massey@griffinfederation.co.uk](mailto:sally.massey@griffinfederation.co.uk) for further details.

### **Toys in School**

We would like to remind parents that children should not bring in toys from home into school.

### **Snack Term 4**

Only fruit is available at break time which will be provided free for all those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in key stage 2 will be able to purchase fruit at a cost of 50p per week: the cost for the term will be £3.00. Please return the permission slip with your payment.

### **After school clubs**

All after school clubs will remain the same after half term, until Easter.

### **Swimming Term 4**

Swimming lessons will start again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Holbeach St Marks will be the first to swim and Gedney Drove End first swim will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> March due to the topic day. At Holbeach St Marks, lessons are for St Lucia and Barbados classes and at Gedney Drove End they are for Norway and Sweden. 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, £2 for GDE and £3 for HSM. Swimming dates are as follows;

**Gedney Drove End – 9<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Holbeach St Marks – 24<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

### **iSingPop**

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for our children to work with a company called iSingPop, <https://www.isingpop.org/>. The project would involve workshops in school where the children learn Christian pop songs, which would then be digitally re-mastered onto CD. At the end of the experience, a very special performance would take place in our church for the local community, which would give the children a chance to shine.

This is an extra-curricular activity at the cost of £1600. The school are able to fund half of this amount. The children have risen to the challenge of raising the other half! We will hold a number of events over the coming months. We will keep you updated on our progress.

### **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>	Traditional tales	Number
<b>Sweden</b>	Stories with historical settings	Measurement; perimeter and length
<b>Norway</b>	Non-chronological reports	Fractions and ratio
<b>Cuba</b>	Letter writing	Addition & subtraction
<b>Barbados</b>	Non-chronological reports	Measurement and area
<b>St Lucia</b>	Non-chronological reports	Ratio

### **Norway, St Lucia and Barbados Topic Day**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March there will be an Awesome Arctic topic day at Gedney Drove End School. St Lucia and Barbados classes will be transported over by coach and will be back by the end of the school day. As this is a federated event we already have permission to transport your child but should you have any concerns please speak to the class teacher. Children should wear their PE kit as usual but must have a warm outdoor coat, gloves and hat as part of the workshop will be outside.



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## **Library Van HSM**

The next library van visit is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## **Stars of the week**

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

### **Gedney Drove End**

Finland – Emmett for growing in confidence and being a shining star.

Sweden – Kyle for his excellent work in maths this week.

Norway – Sam for excellent research on the North and South Pole.

### **Holbeach St Marks**

Cuba – Riley for applying design and technology skills.

Barbados – Grace for applying design and technology skills.

St Lucia – Jasmine for applying design and technology skills.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

## **Swimming Term 4**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) .....to attend swimming lessons in Term 4.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of **£2 per child for GDE and £3 per child for HSM.**

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

## **Snack Term 4**

My child(ren) ..... Would like fruit at break time.

I enclose £3.00 for the term (year 3 -6 only).

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