



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

13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents

## Dates for your diary

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July No After School Clubs  
16<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Trip  
16<sup>th</sup> July Natureland Trip  
17<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day  
19<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Assemblies  
20<sup>th</sup> July End of Year  
4<sup>th</sup> September Start of term

## Hot Meals

**Please find attached the menus for the weeks commencing 4<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September.**

Should you wish to order a meal, please return the form, with payment by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

If your child is entitled to a free lunch, please send a completed form back to school.

We will not be sending a menu home next week.

## Staffing for September

At Holbeach St Marks Miss Bryan will be teaching the afternoons in St Lucia class and at Gedney Drove End Mr Chapman will be teaching Norway class on Fridays.

## Uniform

While we understand that parents may be reluctant at this time of year to replace items of uniform, children should not be coming to school in tracksuit bottoms, jeans, trainers or other canvas shoes. Before you purchase clothing and shoes over the summer please have a look at our website to remind yourselves of our school uniform policy.

## Drop off and pick up arrangements

We are unable to supervise children until 8.40am, some children are arriving on the school playground as early as 8.25am. In the afternoon once you have collected your children from the door, they are your responsibility, please ensure they are not playing on the trim trail or with the bikes.

## Universal Free School Meals Year 2 Only

If your child is currently in Year 2, just a reminder that their Universal Free School Meals entitlement will expire at the end of term. Should you wish for your to continue having hot meals, you will need to complete the lunch order form and send payment to school weekly.

## Year 6 Leavers Trip

Our Year 6 children will be going on their leavers trip on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July. We will be visiting the high ropes and laser storm at Baytree, lunch is included. **Holbeach St Marks will be leaving at 8.45am so they should arrive in school at 8.30am. They will need to wear PE kits so that they have suitable clothing and footwear for the high ropes.** This trip will take place within the normal school day.

## Celebration and Awards Assemblies Thursday 19th July

Both schools will be having an end of year award assembly.

### **Holbeach St Marks**

The service will take place at the church at 9.15am. All parents are welcome to come back to school for refreshments. If any parents would like to donate cakes for refreshments after the service, could they please be brought in on the morning in a named container.

### **Gedney Drove End**

The service will be in the village hall at 1.30pm. Families of children in year 6 are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service.

### **Holbeach St Marks End of Year Disco**

The year 6 children have again decided that they would like to have their leavers's party at school. Teachers and TAs will attend the party and supervise the children. The party will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July, and will start at 4pm and finish at 6pm. There will be pizza, snacks and drinks which will be provided for all the children. The year 6 will also have their own 'VIP' style room which will have snacks.

### **Gedney Drove End - End of Year Disco**

We will be holding our end of year disco on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30pm – 7pm. Hot dogs, pizza and other refreshments will be available. Children do not need to bring any money with them.

### **Gedney Drove End Water Fight**

We will be having a water fight on Tuesday afternoon, after sports day. Children will already be wearing their PE kit so can stay in that but may want to bring some trainers or crocs that can get wet, they can bring a water gun if they have one. Children won't need a change of clothes but if you wish to change their clothes when picking them up you may.

### **Holbeach St Marks Water Fight**

In the afternoon of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, weather permitting, we will be having a water fight. Please can you make sure your child brings in suitable clothing, footwear and a towel. If your child has a water pistol please bring this in on the day.

### **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.

### **After school clubs**

There will be no after school clubs next week.

### **Swimming Term 1**

Swimming lessons will start again on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 - 10<sup>th</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Holbeach St Marks - 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> October and 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

### **Natureland Seal Sanctuary - Skegness**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Barbados and Sweden classes will be visiting the Natureland Seal Sanctuary at Skegness. They will be leaving and returning within the normal school day. This visit is part of their term 6 topic work. All children will need to bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink, packed lunches will be ordered for those entitled to free school meals.

### **Sports Day**

Our joint sports day will take place at Gedney Drove End at 9.30am on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (weather permitting). All children (including preschool) will be transported from HSM by coach. Parents and families are welcome to join us and can stay and picnic with their children on the field after the event. Holbeach St Marks will then travel back to school at approximately 1.30pm. **If it is raining on the day, please check with the school office, the class teacher or the Facebook page to make sure the event is still going ahead.** If your child does not usually attend preschool on a Tuesday, you are very welcome to bring them in on this day, but please let the school office know so that we have adequate staffing ratios.



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## Library Van HSM

The next library van visit to Holbeach St Marks will be during the summer holidays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August.

## Stars of the week

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

### **Gedney Drove End**

Finland – Aurora for excellent work in her English activities.

Sweden – Bobby for super behaviour.

Norway – Elisha for an excellent and creative approach to protect the egg and being the only person to save their egg.

### **Holbeach St Marks**

Cuba – Lillyrose for working really hard to improve her handwriting.

Barbados – Brooke for excellent attitude towards all aspects of her learning.

St Lucia – Alan for a continued positive attitude towards his learning.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

## 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.....