



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

14th December 2018

Dates for your diary

17th December Rand Farm Park (Reception & Year 1)
17th December GDE Swim
19th December UAH Christmas Lunch Year 6
20th December Christmas Lunch All
20th December End of Term
7th January Start of Term
7th January HSM Swim

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 7th January. Please send completed forms and payment by Monday 17th December. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you still need to return the completed form.

Dear Parents

Christmas Fayre Gedney Drove End

Our takings for the Christmas Fayre were £298.41, thank you to everyone who attended and made it a success. The money will be used to keep the Gedney shop in stock.

Christmas Fayre Holbeach St Marks

We would like to say a huge thank you to those attended this year's Christmas Fayre, we raised £226.56. We would also like to thank the following companies who very generously donated raffle prizes: Chameli, Tonwood Home Hardware, Good Earth, Boots the Chemist, The Co-operative, The Fun Farm, Horse & Groom and The Flower Basket; and to all parents who donated gifts.

Sickness

Children can be sick for a number of reasons, sometimes due to something they have eaten or a cough. If your child vomits once and then is well they may return to school, however if they are vomiting repeatedly and are generally unwell it is more likely to be a sickness bug. They then need to be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last incidence of sickness.

Christingle

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christingle Service and for your donations, we have raised £62.09 for the Childrens' Society.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs have now finished until January. Please look out for a letter next term with details of the new clubs.

Holbeach St Marks – Polar Express Day

On Tuesday 18th December, we will be having a Polar Express day, in school, where we will watch the film and carry out activities based on this. We invite children to:

- come to school in their pyjamas and slippers (please also bring outdoor shoes and coats)
- bring a cushion, pillow or bean bag
- bring a teddy bear

We will enjoy festive treats and have a fun, magical day.

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. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers to school on this day.

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 as soon as possible.

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. The Facebook page 'The Griffin Federation' will be updated with arrival back at school times.

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 Holbeach St Marks

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.

Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Astrid for a superb performance in the Christmas play.

Sweden – Arthur for a mature attitude in class this week.

Norway – Roxanne for being an all-round superstar.

Holbeach St Marks

The Whole school for a fantastic performance of the Christmas play.

Many Thanks
Karyn Wiles



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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 breacktime 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.....

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