



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

18th January 2019

Dates for your diary

23rd January Spanish Cultural Day

15th February End of Term

25th February Start of Term

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 28th January. Please send completed forms and payment by Monday 21st January. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you still need to return the completed form.

Dear Parents

Hilltop

Just a reminder that the 2nd instalment for Hilltop is now due, if you have lost your payment card and need a reminder of how many payments you have made please call into the school office.

Snow and adverse weather

Just a reminder that any announcements regarding the closure of school due to adverse weather will be made on the Griffin Federation Facebook page.

Homework

We have changed the way we send homework with the children. Firstly, your child will have reading homework – whereby we expect the children to read their reading books daily, they will also receive a response to reading activity to complete each week. We also want to develop basic number skills in maths. Your child will be given number skills work each week. We are hoping that limiting the worksheets we send home will allow you to spend more time with your children on the skills that we know make a difference in school. If you want more information, please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

Library Van HSM

The next library van visit at Holbeach St Marks is on February 14th.

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.

	English	Maths
Finland	Narrative – letter writing	Geometry and shape
Sweden	Explanation text	Multiplication and division
Norway	Fiction – Sci-fi	Multiplication and division
Cuba	Rapunzel	Addition and subtraction
Barbados	Journey	Multiplication and division
St Lucia	Narrative	Y6 Fractions Y4/5 Multiplication

11+ Applications

All children in year 5 should have brought home an application form to register for the 11+ tests in September; these forms need to be returned to the office by Friday 8th February at the latest. If you have not received a form but your child would like to take the test, please speak to Mrs Lintott or Mrs Lane in the office.

Parent Help Needed – Gedney Drove End

We are in need of a couple of helpers to assist with the Gedney shop on a Monday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.15pm. If you think you would be able to help, please speak to Mrs Lintott in the office.

Morning Arrangements

Could I please remind parents that children should not be arriving onto the school site before 8.40am, all of the staff attend morning briefing and so are not able to supervise the children or deal with parental enquiries before this time. Can I also please remind parents about our parental code of conduct, our schools will not tolerate abusive or intimidating behaviour towards other parents, children or staff. Our schools will take further action against anyone whose behaviour falls below our expectations.

Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Ollie for amazing maths and for great editing skills in English.

Sweden – Isaac for brilliant effort in his writing this week.

Norway – Tyler for always working his hardest especially in writing and science.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Oliver for fantastic sentence writing.

Barbados – Chase for fantastic handwriting and presentation.

St Lucia – Thomas for fantastic writing, and Jasmine for amazing scores on TT Rock Stars.

Swimming Term 3

Swimming dates are as follows; **Gedney Drove End – 28th January, 11th February**

Holbeach St Marks – 21st January, 4th February.

Many Thanks
Karyn Wiles