



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

21st September 2018

Dates for your diary

22nd September 11+ Non-verbal Reasoning
3rd & 4th October Bikeability HSM
18th October Harvest Service 1.30pm
19th October End of Term 1
30th October Start of Term 2

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 1st October. Please send completed forms and payment by Monday 24th September. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you still need to return the completed form.

Dear Parents

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 | Place value |
| Sweden | Instruction Writing | Place Value |
| Norway | Recounts | Addition and Subtraction |
| Cuba | People who help us | Counting/ more & lesss |
| Barbados | Myths | Place value |
| St Lucia | Letter writing | Addition/ subtraction |

Absences

Children should be in school every day, however we understand on occasions they may be too unwell to attend. If your child is absent from school, please ensure you telephone the office before 9.30am on the first day of absence. The school has an answerphone, so you can leave a message at any time. Alternatively you could send an email. The telephone numbers and email addresses are as follows;

Gedney Drove End 01406 550242 enquiries@gedneydroveend.lincs.sch.uk

Holbeach St Marks 01406 701266 enquiries@st-marks.lincs.sch.uk

Lateness and Medical Appointments

If your child is late for school you must escort them to the office and fill in the late book. We would hope that all appointments are made outside of normal school hours, however, if you need to collect your child part way through the day for a medical appointment, they must be collected from the office and not from the classroom. You will also need to let our office staff have a copy of any appointment letters for our records.

Parking Holbeach St Marks

Just a reminder to parents that there should be no parking in the residents' private carpark opposite school at any time. Please remember that to park safely so that you are not obstructing traffic. Parking is available at the village hall should outside school become too congested.

11+ Tests – Year 6 only

The non-verbal reasoning test will take place this Saturday 22nd September. If your child is registered for the test you should have received details from Spalding High School or Spalding Grammar School. If you are unable to attend for any reason you must inform the appropriate school first thing on Saturday.

Library Van HSM

The next library van visit at Holbeach St Marks is on Thursday 27th September.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Holbeach St Marks

There will be a Macmillan Coffee afternoon at Holbeach St Marks Village Hall on the 28th September 2.30pm to 3.15pm. If parents are attending, they may take their children home from the village hall; all other children will be brought back to school at 3.15pm for collection. If anyone would like to donate cakes, please could they bring them into the school office that morning. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day please speak to Mrs Lane in the office.

Flu Immunisation ACTION REQUIRED

All children **with the exception of those in year 6** are entitled to receive the flu nasal spray in school. There are no paper forms to complete this year, instead you will find the letter and a link to the form on our website under the newsletters section. **If you would like your child to receive the immunisation then you must complete the form.** Should you have any queries about the immunisation programme please contact the school nurses directly on 01775 652144.

Bikeability HSM

Just a reminder to all of the children who have already signed up, Bikeability will start on Wednesday 3rd October for two days. The children must bring in their own bike, which must be in good working order and a cycle helmet.

New Free School Meal Online Parent Portal

Lincolnshire County Council has a new process for free school meals eligibility checks, which went live for parents to use on the 4th September. Please use the following link to make an application. All new starters in Reception will need to apply in this way; parents of children in other year groups can also use this system if their circumstances have changed. Please see attached guidelines.

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

Swimming Term 1

Gedney Drove End - 24th September and 8th October

Holbeach St Marks - 1st October and 15th October

Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Ruby for perseverance and determination in solving place value problems.

Sweden – Bobby for impeccable behaviour in class.

Norway – Roxanne for having a super attitude and coming back to school ready to learn.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Luna for working really hard on her letter formation.

Barbados - Sylvie for trying really hard in all subjects.

St Lucia – James for hugely improved handwriting.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles