



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

25th January 2019

Dates for your diary

15th February End of Term 3
25th February Start of Term 4
8th March Sweden – Museum of Power
22nd March Barbados – Museum of Power
1st April Parents Evening HSM
4th April Easter Service at HSM Church
4th April Parents Evening GDE
5th April End of Term 4

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 4th February. Please send completed forms and payment by Monday 28th January. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you still need to return the completed form.

Dear Parents

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.

Sweden & Barbados Trip to the Museum of Power

As part of their rivers topic, Sweden and Barbados will be visiting the Museum of Power in Maldon, Essex. They will be going on different dates but all coach timings are the same, so please make sure you take note of the correct date for your child. Children should wear their blue PE hoodie and bring a packed lunch and plenty of non-fizzy drink; children entitled to a free school meal can have a packed lunch provided for them, please indicate on the permission slip. The coach will leave school at 7.15am. We expect to leave the museum at 2.30pm and should return to school by approximately 5.15pm. Sweden class will be going on Friday 8th March and Barbados class will be on Friday 22nd March. The full cost of this trip is £21.50 per child but we would like to ask for a contribution of £15, please complete the permission slip attached.

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.

Library Van HSM

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

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.

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	Instructions	Shape and geometry
Sweden	Explanation	Multiplication and division
Norway	Narrative (Sci-fi 500 words)	Multiplication and division
Cuba	Rapunzel	Addition & subtraction
Barbados	Non Chronological reports	Multiplication & division
St Lucia	Narrative	Y6 Fractions & Y4/5 Multiplication & division

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.

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.

Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Emmett for some great maths answers and super sentences in English.

Sweden – Bobby for perseverance with maths this week

Norway – Tara for having a fantastic attitude and working hard.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Emily for working really hard on her formation of letters.

Barbados – Brooke for her excellent use of inverted commas.

St Lucia – Maisie for excellent work in maths.

Swimming Term 3

Swimming dates are as follows; **Gedney Drove End – 28th January, 11th February, Holbeach St Marks – 4th February.**

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

Museum of Power Trip – Sweden 8th March / Barbados 22nd March

I give permission for my child to visit the Museum of Power.

I do / do not enclose £15 towards the cost of this trip.

My child is entitled to a Free School Meal and would like a packed lunch provided

Signed Date