



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

28th February 2020

Dates for your diary

2nd March Arctic Topic Day
5th March World Book Day
12th March Topic Day Cuba and Finland
20th March Mother's Day Service
30th March Parents Evening Gedney Drove End
31st March Easter Service St Marks Church
1st April Parents Evening Holbeach St Marks
2nd April End of Term 4

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for w.c 9th March.
Please send completed forms and payment by
Monday. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, you
still need to return the completed form.

Dear Parents,

School Transport

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2020 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

Japanese Club

There is a change to dates of Japanese club this term, please see the table below.

28 th February	Gedney Drove End
6 th March	Holbeach St Marks
13 th March	Holbeach St Marks
20 th March	Gedney Drove End
27 th March	Holbeach St Marks

World Book Day

We will be celebrating our love of books this year on Thursday 5th March. We would like the children and staff to come to school dressed in their Pyjamas and bring in their favourite book to share with the class. The children will have the opportunity to work with other classes and teachers during the day and participate in fun, book-related activities and quizzes. We would also like to invite you into school for story time at the end of every day during this week (3:00-3:15). If you have more than one child, we hope that this will enable you to visit each of their classes. It would also be lovely if some of you would like to come and read a story to their class. If you would like to do this, let the teacher know. We look forward to seeing you all there during the week.

Mother's Day Service Holbeach St Marks

Pupils from Holbeach St Marks will be celebrating Mother's Day with a service at the Church on Friday 20th March at 2.00pm. All parents are invited to come along.

Norway, St Lucia and Barbados Topic Day

On **Monday 2nd March** there will be an Awesome Arctic topic day at Gedney Drove End School. St Lucia and Barbados classes will be transported over by coach and will be back by the end of the school day. As this is a federated event we already have permission to transport your child but should you have any concerns please speak to the class teacher. **Children should wear their PE kit as usual but must have a warm outdoor coat, gloves and hat as part of the workshop will be outside.**

Cuba, Pre-school and Finland Topic Day

On 12th March Cuba, Pre-school and Finland classes will be taking part in a topic day at Westmere. This visit will include a workshop with Zoolab, who will be bringing a variety of reptiles and insects for the children to look at. This trip will take place within the school day and children will be transported over by coach. As this is a federated event we already have permission to transport your child but should you have any concerns please speak to the class teacher. All children will have their usual hot lunch or packed lunch from home, at Westmere.

Parents' Evenings

Our parent's evenings will be on Monday 30th March at Gedney Drove End and Wednesday 1st April at Holbeach St Marks. The sessions will run from 1.30pm until 6.00pm. Please return the attached slip with your first and second choice of time. If you are unable to attend on this date, please speak to the class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Toys in School

We would like to remind parents that children should not bring in toys from home into school.

Swimming Term 4

Swimming lessons started again on Monday 24th February. At Holbeach St Marks, lessons are for St Lucia and Barbados classes and at Gedney Drove End they are for Norway and Sweden. 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, £2 for GDE and £3 for HSM. Swimming dates are as follows;

Gedney Drove End – 9th March, 23rd March

Holbeach St Marks –16th March, 30th March

There will be no swimming lesson on 2nd March.

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

iSingPop – Holbeach St Marks

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for our children to work with a company called iSingPop, <https://www.isingpop.org/>. The project would involve workshops in school where the children learn Christian pop songs, which would then be digitally re-mastered onto CD. At the end of the experience, a very special performance would take place in our church for the local community, which would give the children a chance to shine.

This is an extra-curricular activity at the cost of £1600. The school are able to fund half of this amount. The children have risen to the challenge of raising the other half! We will hold a number of events over the coming months. We will keep you updated on our progress.

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. Please find below the information for next week.

	English	Maths
Finland	Instructions	Shape, space and measure
Sweden	Stories with historical settings	Measurement
Norway	Stories with flashbacks	Fractions and ratio
Cuba	Instructions	Addition and subtraction
Barbados	Historical Narrative	Measuring, length and area
St Lucia	Non-chronological reports	Decimals and percentages

Library Van HSM

The next library van visit is on Thursday 12th March 2020.



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Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Chelsea for a fantastic attitude to work and being a good role model.

Sweden – Skye for sharing great enthusiasm and asking inquisitive questions in geography.

Norway – Isaac for having some great ideas in science.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Alyssa for a fantastic week, and super handwriting.

Barbados – Liam for positivity and perseverance.

St Lucia – Jessica for in depth questioning.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

Swimming Term 4

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)to attend swimming lessons in Term 4.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of **£2 per child for GDE and £3 per child for HSM.**

Signed Date.....

Parents Evening Appointment Request

Gedney Drove End Monday 30th March

Holbeach St Marks Wednesday 1st April

Childs Name

	First Choice	Second Choice
1.30pm – 2pm		
2pm – 2.30pm		
2.30pm – 3pm		
3pm – 3.30pm		
3.30pm – 4pm		
4pm – 4.30pm		
4.30pm – 5pm		
5pm – 5.30pm		
5.30pm – 6pm		
Anytime		

Please tick this box if you would like an appointment with the headteacher

