



# Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## **Dates for your diary**

13<sup>th</sup> February GDE Rec & Year 6 weighing and measuring  
13<sup>th</sup> February End of Term 3  
24<sup>th</sup> February Start of Term 4  
27<sup>th</sup> February Disco

## **Hot Meals**

Please find attached the menu for w.c 24<sup>th</sup> February. 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,

## **Swimming Term 3**

Swimming dates are as follows;  
**Gedney Drove End –10<sup>th</sup> February**

## **Head Lice**

I ask that parents are vigilant and check for head lice, please. The NHS website has some helpful information on how to treat them <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## **EYFS & KS1 Reading Update**

As we are continually working to make our provision the very best it can be, some changes are needed along the way. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will receive two home reading books at any one time. They will have a book which contains the sound they are currently working on in phonics. This book is considered their challenge book (marked with a C in their reading record) and will be changed three times per week. They will also receive a book once per week which contains a sound they have learned previously. This will be their ability book, marked with an A in their reading record. It will be changed weekly with the aim of them reading it several times to practice reading it fluently. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## **School Disco**

Holbeach St Marks village hall is holding a disco on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 3.45pm to 5.15pm. This is open to children from both schools and will be supervised by school staff. Tickets will be £2.00 with which children will receive sweets and a drink. Tickets can be bought in the office. No tickets will be on sale at the event.

## **Topic homework sessions**

We would like to invite parents to join us for topic homework sessions on the following dates, please note change of date for Cuba Class, and for Finland Class we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause;

<b>Holbeach St Marks</b>		<b>Gedney Drove End</b>	
<b>Cuba</b>	<b>Tuesday 11th February 2.45pm</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Barbados	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm	Sweden	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm
St Lucia	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm	Norway	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm

## **Snack Term 4**

Only fruit is available at break time which will be provided free for all those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in key stage 2 will be able to purchase fruit at a cost of 50p per week: the cost for the term will be 3.00. Please return the permission slip with your payment.

#### **Swimming Term 4**

Swimming lessons will start again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Holbeach St Marks will be the first to swim and Gedney Drove End first swim will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> March due to the topic day. 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 – 9<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Holbeach St Marks – 24<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Please complete and return the attached permission slip.

#### **iSingPop**

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, the first of which will be a non-uniform day on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please send a minimum £1 donation to kickstart the fundraising. 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.

	<b>English</b>	<b>Maths</b>
<b>Finland</b>	Letter writing	Number
<b>Sweden</b>	Narrative	Length
<b>Norway</b>	Narrative poetry	Fractions
<b>Cuba</b>	Letter writing	Addition & Subtraction
<b>Barbados</b>	Non-chronological report Documentary	Fractions
<b>St Lucia</b>	Non-chronological report	Ratio

#### **Norway, St Lucia and Barbados Topic Day**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### **Library Van HSM**

The next library van visit is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 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 – William for trying his best and working independently.

Sweden – Summer for always participating in lessons.

Norway – Jayden for thinking outside the box with his project.

### **Holbeach St Marks**

Cuba –Ryan for always showing superb behaviour in RWI and trying really hard with his reading.

Barbados –Thomas for great recall of new vocabulary.

St Lucia – Alfie M for excellent maths skills.

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.....

## **Snack Term 4**

My child(ren) ..... Would like fruit at break time.

I enclose £3.00 for the term (year 3 -6 only).

Signed ..... Date .....