



Gedney Drove End Primary School and Holbeach St Marks Primary School

8th December 2017

Dear Parents

Dates for your diary

11th December GDE Swim
11th December HSM Christmas Play
12th December Pantomime
12th December Preschool visit to Fun Farm
14th December Christmas Jumper Day HSM
14th December Christmas Lunch Day
14th December GDE Christmas Play
18th December HSM Swim
18th December Rand Farm Park Trip Class 1
19th December Christmas Jumper Day GDE
19th December End of Term 2
3rd January Start of Term 3

Hot Meals

Please find attached the menu for week commencing 18th December. We require payment with the order to be received no later than Monday 11th December. Children entitled to a free meal still need a form completing.

SENCO

Miss Scarsbrook had a baby girl on Monday and is now on maternity leave. Her replacement will be starting in January and Miss Wiles will be dealing with urgent matters until that time.

Snow Closure

In the event of heavy snow and the closure of the school we will put a message on our Facebook page (Griffin Federation). You can also check the websites of Lincs FM or BBC Lincolnshire.

Pantomime

On Tuesday 12th December we will be going to the Kings Lynn Corn Exchange to see Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be leaving school at 12.45pm and should return to school at approximately 5.15pm. The children will be given an ice-cream in the interval. There will be no hot dinners on this day but we will provide packed lunches for children entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals, please indicate whether you require one on the permission slip. There is no charge for this trip but we must have the permission slips returned by everyone by Monday 11th December.

Holbeach St Marks Christmas Play

We will be performing 'It's a Cracker' on Monday 11th December at 6pm. The children should arrive at the village hall at 5:30pm.

Gedney Drove End Christmas Play

Our play this year will be 'Children of the World', which will take place at 6pm on Thursday 14th December at the village hall. Please could the children be at the hall between 5.30pm and 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes.

Homework Presentations Holbeach St Marks

Next Thursday, 14th December, each Class will be having a homework presentation in the afternoon for 15 minutes, all parents are welcome to come along. The times are as follows, Cuba 3.00pm, Barbados 3.15pm and St Lucia 3.00pm.

Holbeach St Marks Christmas Service

Next Wednesday, 13th December, we would like to invite parents to come and join us at to church for our Christmas Service at 2.30pm.

Christmas Fayre Holbeach St Marks

We would like to say a huge thank you to those who helped with this year's Christmas Fayre. We would also like to thank the parents who donated gifts and their time, and the following companies who very generously donated raffle prizes: Tesco, Spice Express, Tonwood Home Hardware, Good Earth, Well Groomed Barbering, Holbeach Health Food, Central Fish Bar, Butters and Boyes.

Christmas Fayre Gedney Drove End

We would like to thank the children of Norway class who helped to organise and run stalls at the fair and also to thank everyone who attended. A good time was had by all and we raised an amazing £356.13 for the school.

Breakfast Club Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed a breakfast club questionnaire. Unfortunately, at this time, there was not enough interest. However we may look into the possibility again in the future.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

We have some unclaimed prizes in the office at Holbeach St Marks. If you have any of the following tickets please bring them in to the school to collect your prize: **Pink - 185, 258, Orange 10 and white, 100.**

Changes to clubs

All clubs have now finished; new clubs will start next term.

Library Van

The next library van visit at Holbeach St Marks will be on Thursday 21st December during the Christmas holiday.

Christmas Jumper Day Holbeach St Marks

We will be holding our Christmas Jumper day on 14th December to fit in with the Christmas Lunch, children should bring in a 50p donation to Save the Children for non-uniform on this day.

Christmas Jumper Day Gedney Drove End

We will be having our Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term. Children should bring in a 50p donation to Save the Children for non-uniform on this day. This will also be our Christmas party day with games and the talent show. There will be no hot dinners on this day, all children will need a packed lunch which will be provided for those entitled to free school meals.

Last day of term Holbeach St Marks

The 19th December will be a non-uniform day. There will be no hot dinners on this day. Lunches will be ordered for all entitled to Free School Meals.

Holbeach St Marks Church

Holbeach St Marks Church is holding a Carol Service on Sunday 24th December at 6.00pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend. If any children are interested in being part of a nativity tableau, please could they contact Miss Plested.



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Rand Farm Park – Lunch with Santa

On Monday 18th December, Cuba, Finland, China and Japan Classes will be visiting Rand Farm Park in Lincoln. They will be having Lunch with Santa in the Winter Wonderland followed by the visit to 'The Living Farm Nativity' where real animals have been used with animated figures to portray the Inn Scene of the Christmas Story. They will then have a quick look at the animated elves in the toyshop, before meeting Rudi and Rossi Reindeer who will be waiting outside Santa's Home in the forest. Santa will then give every child a present. We will leave Gedney Drove End 8am and Holbeach St Marks at 8.20am and return to HSM at approximately 3.45pm and GDE at approximately 4pm. Please make sure that your child has some drinks with them on the day. Please do not send fizzy drinks. The actual cost of this trip is £22.52 per child. School have subsidised the cost and need to ask you for a voluntary contribution of £15 per child. Please fill in the reply slip below and send it back to school along with your contribution.

Reception Admissions 2018

Just a reminder that the closing date for admissions to reception in September 2018 is 15th January 2018. If you haven't applied yet, please go to the Lincolnshire County Council website <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions/> and choose 'apply online'.

Stars of the week

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

Gedney Drove End

Finland – Kyle for some amazing problem solving in Maths.

Sweden – Harvey for an improved attitude to work and setting a good example.

Norway – Ethan for working hard at the Christmas Fayre and helping Miss Ashby with the play.

Holbeach St Marks

Cuba – Sammy for great number work and counting.

Barbados – Demi for fantastic work during the school play.

St Lucia – Charlie for always being enthusiastic in everything he does.

Many Thanks

Karyn Wiles

Rand Farm Park – Lunch with Santa
Finland and Cuba classes
Monday 18th December

Name: _____

I give permission for my child to go to Rand Farm Park and have enclosed £15 contribution.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer

Pantomime Trip 12th December 2017
(Slip must be returned by 8th December)

I give permission for my child(ren) to go to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Kings Lynn Corn Exchange on 12th December.

My child is entitled to free school meals and would like a packed lunch provided

Signed Date