



Newsletter



Keeping you in touch with events at the Federation of Shepeau Stow Primary
and Gedney Hill C of E Primary Schools
July 2013

Dear Parents

As the end of term approaches I would like to say a huge well done to all the children across both schools. It has been a fabulous year. Our first year of being a federation and joining the collaborative partnership has given the children some fantastic experiences.



We are really looking forward to our joint activities day on Monday 22nd. During the morning children will take place in an inter house maths challenge and inter house spelling challenge. We will also be announcing the house who has accumulated the most merits. All children will need a packed lunch as there will be no hot meals that day. We intend to have lunch on the field so are hoping for good weather.

Sports day for parents will begin at 1.15pm. Children will be expected to stay with their class during the afternoon and we would ask that you support us in this by not encouraging children to come over to you during the races. The children will all have their water with them and will be sitting in the shade. **Please apply sun block before the children come to school. We are happy to supervise children using sun cream but we do not apply it for them.** The children will compete in houses and races have been shared out between each house and year group.

Collaborative Partnership News

Earlier in the year the children were wowed by scientists at the mad science day and this week the children in year 3 and 4 have enjoyed maths trails in three other schools whilst our year 6 children worked on maths trails and then hosted to visiting year 3 and 4s. Next term will see multicultural days and an art event. Our football teams did really well at Moulton Chapel fete with Shepeau Stow senior team finishing in 3rd place and Gedney Hill senior team winning the tournament. Well done! Our Under 8 team did really well finishing 4th.





So far by organising just two events the FOSSS & GHPTA have raised a considerable sum for each school. Final total will be sent out after the meeting on Wednesday. The recent fete was really well attended by parents and friends from both schools. It was lovely to see many of our neighbours too. Thanks go to everyone who has helped. There will be a joint meeting at Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School on Wednesday to discuss events for next term. Please come along and lend your support - you don't have to join a committee to attend!

What is coming up...

Cadbury World Trip 17th July - children to be in school early! Any children who want to be picked up and dropped off at Gedney Hill should notify the school.

Sports Day at Shepeau Stow - children at Shepeau Stow all day. Sports events for parents to watch will begin at 1.15pm.

Leaver Assembly Gedney Hill am Shepeau Stow pm.

The first joint residential was a huge success and our thanks go to Mrs Cleland, Mrs Cooper and Mrs North for giving up their time to take the children. Photos will be posted on our new website very soon.

Both schools now have new websites - if you think we need to add something please let the office know.

<http://gedneyhillschool.co.uk/>
<http://shepeaustowschool.co.uk/>

In September staff will be working even closer than before across the two schools.

Mrs North will be at Shepeau Stow one afternoon a week in class 1.

Mrs Lenton now holds a level 2 sports qualification and will be delivering PE to Class 3 at Shepeau Stow on Wednesday afternoons and to Swallows class at Gedney Hill on Thursday afternoons.

Mrs Clare McDonagh will take up her post at Gedney Hill and join Mrs Cleland and I on the senior leadership team from September.

Reminders

Children need sun hats in school during the warm weather and sun cream can be brought in for them to apply themselves. Please make sure the bottle is labelled and that the **class teacher** is aware that they have it.



Also please remember that I will not be authorising any family holidays from 1st September. This is following the Dfe guidance for headteachers. All holiday dates are on our website and the local authority website. The local authority website will have the dates for 2014/15 too so that you have advanced notice of when term dates are.

We break up on Tuesday 23rd July and children return to school on Thursday 5th September.

It just remains for me to say have a lovely summer and good luck to our Year 6 pupils moving on to secondary school.

Alison Buddle
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