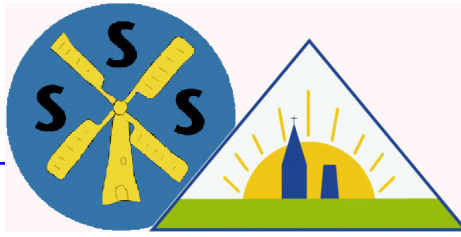


Federation
Newsletter

November 2015



Dear Parents

The children are all back and busy working hard. The Harvest Festivals at both schools were a great success. Thank you for all your donations. The Golden Link and Food Bank in Spalding really appreciated the effort everyone had gone to.



Children in Need raised a grand total of £119.95 across the two schools. Well done everyone! There were 125 jelly babies in the jars.



The children in Eagles and Swallows had a fabulous day on Friday with Sunita. The day began with an assembly about Diwali that Robins class were also able to join. They took part in Bollywood style dancing, Rangoli pattern making and made Diva lamps. All the children were able to try on traditional costumes.



Children at Shepeau Stow have had a visit from Max the bear and Delphine to talk about how to travel safely on school transport. Delphine is part of the Max Respect team at Lincolnshire County Council. She gave the children lots of information and leaflets about competitions that they can enter. Delphine will be coming to talk to the Year 6 pupils at the end of the year as they move on to secondary school.

Thank you all for attending parent consultation evenings. It was good to see so many of you there. I hope the change of times has helped those of you who work later or different shift patterns. Many of you expressed an interest in forming part of a working party to look at how we are currently passing on information about your child's progress. We are intending to hold a working party meeting on Wednesday 2nd December at 5.30pm for those of you who can make it. Please complete the slip overleaf and return it to school. We will decide on the venue when we have all the responses back.



I would like to request that children don't bring their own pencil cases into school. It has caused one or two issues recently when items have been lost. We have plenty of resources in school and so it isn't necessary to bring any additional items in.

This year the Christmas productions will be held on 8th December at Whaplode Drove church for Shepeau Stow pupils (Woodpeckers and Penguins classes only) and on 9th December at Holy Trinity church for Gedney Hill pupils. Robins class will be performing with Swallows doing the Bible readings. If it is difficult for you please let us know and we may be able to help to make sure we have a full cast for each performance! The afternoon performances will begin at 2pm and the evening performances at 5.45pm. The evening performance at Gedney Hill will be followed by refreshments and mince pies in church. We look forward to seeing you all there.



The new list of clubs will be coming out very soon. There will be some changes through the winter months. As some staff have a little way to travel on icy roads some of the later finishing clubs won't run until Spring.

Thank you for helping to get your school meal forms in by the deadline. Unfortunately we are still receiving some after the day they should be in, even a couple of days late. We cannot guarantee the children a meal if forms are not in on time as we have a cut-off date from our suppliers. Also please remember to name envelopes and meal forms. Cheques for school lunches, clubs, swimming and trips need to be separate as the money is paid into different accounts.



The FOSSS & GHPTA are hosting a Christmas disco at Shepeau Stow for all the children on 4th December. They have sent out a separate leaflet with information about buying tickets etc. As a federation we will be having a trip to the pantomime on Monday 14th December and a joint party on Tuesday 15th December. The children will all need a packed lunch on Monday 14th and we will be providing a party lunch for all the children on Tuesday 15th December. Information about the day of the Christmas lunch at each school will come out with the meal lists.

WELCOME

New Staff

We have recently appointed 3 new staff members at Shepeau Stow. We have appointed an additional midday supervisor, a pastoral support worker who will also work over some lunch times and an admin apprentice starting in the office alongside Mrs Ladley. All were appointed several weeks ago but with the new systems in place, that we have no control over, DBS checks appear to be taking an awfully long time!

A Buddle

Executive Headteacher

Working Party Meeting—Wednesday 2nd December

I would like to attend the working party meeting to look at how information is currently passed on about my child's progress on Wednesday 2nd December at 5.30pm.

Name.....

Please return to school by Friday 27th November.