



Gedney Hill C.E Primary School  
Opening up new horizons

**Shepeau Stow Primary School and Gedney Hill C.E. Primary School Federation  
October 2012**

### Swimming

Many of you have asked how long the children will be swimming for. We have taken the decision this year, following advice from the swimming teachers, that it is better for the children to continue to swim up until May half-term. After the half-term children in Mrs Cleland's class will swim. This will enable the children to have longer at the pool when they are younger and hopefully become more proficient swimmers rather than a short block of swimming that doesn't give enough time for them to progress.



### Macmillan Fundraiser.

Thank you all for your donations. The School Council raised an amazing £130 in total and did a brilliant job organising the event.

### ZooLab



We recently had a visit from ZooLab in school. The children were able to handle see some really unusual insects and reptiles. The photos will be uploaded to the school website very soon.

ZooLab tailor-made their talks to each class to link with the topics being covered at the moment. For Class 3 it was The Rainforest, with Class 2 looking at Nocturnal Animals and Class 1 The Senses. The children really enjoyed the experience.



### Staffing

Mrs Carter has now returned to work following her maternity leave. She will be teaching Class 3 on Fridays and will be replacing Mrs Judkins in Class 1 all day on Mondays and, after half-term, Tuesday afternoons to cover Mrs Gymafi's PPA time .

## Residential Trip

We have just booked a Kingswood residential trip to Overstrand in Norfolk for our Year 5 & Year 6 pupils. The trip will run from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We will be sharing a coach and accommodation with pupils from Gedney Hill School. Staff from both schools will be attending and be responsible for their own pupils. Mrs Ladley will shortly be sending out further information when we have costs for the coach journey to and from the venue. I am sure the children will have a fabulous time as there are lots of activities on offer.



## Pantomime

We will be attending the pantomime in Spalding again this year. The production is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

The school will fund the full cost as a treat for the children for working so hard again over the last year.



**Please remember:** all money brought to the school office must be in a named envelope—this is to ensure that it goes into the correct 'pot' and doesn't get lost.

Should you wish to contact Mrs Buddle and she is not at Shepeau Stow School please phone Gedney Hill School on 01406 330258.

## Dates for your diary ...

Parents Consultation Meetings: <b>You should have all received a slip for booking an appointment. If you haven't please speak to your child's teacher.</b>	Mrs Cleland - Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October Miss Harrison - Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Mrs Gyamfi - Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Harvest Festival	During the morning of Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October, in school, at 10am
Half term	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Christmas production matinee and evening performances	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December

Don't forget to check out the website, lots of information and letters are put on there on a regular basis plus the FOSSS Facebook page

[www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk](http://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk)

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