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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Nativity productions and Christingle. I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break. We are all back and ready for another busy term. There will be one or two changes this term as the Year 3 and 4 children are now swimming. We have changed some of the allocated times for teachers to have their PPA to fit around swimming so I will continue to go with the children. This means that the class teachers can have their designated planning time, resulting in less disruption for the children during the rest of the week.



Fridays at Shepeau Stow will be different this term as we are working with Agilitas Sport this year and one of their coaches will be working in school every Friday delivering PE through school.

As I think some of you were aware Miss Forman, at Shepeau Stow, and Mr Carr, at Gedney Hill, were initially employed with us for a term. I am very happy to say they are both joining our team as members of staff within our federation.

Swimming

Normal rules apply as always, hair tied back and no jewellery. If the girls could avoid wearing tights on swimming days that would be really helpful. We have a limited amount of time in the changing rooms and putting tights on can really slow things down as I am sure you can imagine! Children who are not swimming for any reason will usually stay in school with another class. This is for safety reasons as all adults are with groups at the pool.



Holidays in term time

A reminder that holidays during term time are not authorised. Should there be exceptional circumstances permission should be sought before booking the holiday, not after arrangements have already been made.

Arrival at school

Children should need to be in school for registration at 8.55am. We have several late arrivals every day, and this is extremely disruptive to the rest of the class. By 9am most classes have already taken the register and started phonics or spelling sessions. We appreciate your support with this matter.



Please could children make sure they bring a coat in to school everyday, as they do go out at break times, unless it is raining.

Starting School in September 2018

A reminder to parents and carers that it is important to apply for a reception place at a school if you want your child to start reception in September 2018. The date of birth for these children will be between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014. Even if you want to defer entry until later in the academic year, you will still need to apply now.

Lincolnshire parents can pick up an information letter from any Lincolnshire 'early years' provider or school which will provide them with the information they need to apply.

The main closing date is 15 January 2018, although the online and telephone application facility should still be available to use until 31 January 2018.

Dates for your diary

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
9th - Years 3 & 4 start swimming	8th - Chinese New Year themed day SS	8th - Group photographs
15th - Early Learners start	9th - Chinese New Year themed day GH	22nd - Heights & weights for Reception and Year 6
30th - Eagles and Swallows trip to Stibbington	9th - End of Term 3	28th - Easter Enterprise event
	19th - Start of Term 4	28th - End of Term 4

Thank you all for your continued support this year and I look forward to another busy term.

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