

Two Schools—One Vision

Federation
Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer with your families and friends. The reception children at both schools have settled in really well.

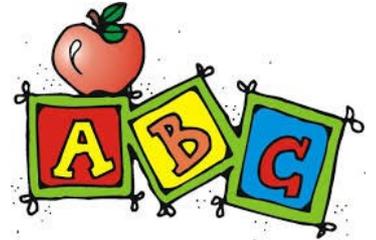


We have been busy getting ready for a new school year and there are lots of new faces across the federation.

Mrs Hirst and Miss Forman have joined Shepeau Stow as teachers in Woodpeckers and Penguins. Mrs Hunt will be teaching Puffins in the morning and they will join Penguins in the afternoon. Mrs Kiock will be class teacher for Swallows and Mr Carr is class teacher for Kingfishers. At Shepeau Stow we also have two new members of support staff, Mrs Millard and Miss Gilbert.

Support staff at each school will move around to support the needs of the children where required for additional support in class or interventions. Mrs Terrington will run Early Learners at Shepeau Stow and Miss Black will be with Early Learners at Gedney Hill.

Early Learners sessions begin on 11th September with a slight change in time to 1.20pm until 3.10pm at both schools. We have adjusted our lunchtimes and therefore have needed to make the change.



After school clubs will begin later on this term. Letters will be sent out when arrangements have been finalised for each club. Please note there will be no clubs available after school to reception pupils as they are only just joining school and will be very tired by the end of term.

Healthy Snack – Just a reminder that children should only bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for snack, not cereal bars or fruit wipers. The children will all be offered milk at break times now and water at other times of the day, including lunchtime.



Teaching staff are available to parents before and after school. It is really helpful if an appointment is arranged if you need more than a quick word. Doors are open at both schools from 8.45am for pupils to go in. If the children are attending breakfast club at Gedney Hill they need to arrive between 8am and 8.15am. The gate is locked at 8.15am for site security.

Please could all children with long hair tie it back for school. All classes do lots of cutting and sticking and it can become an issue if it is in the way! Children in Robins and Puffins do need coats in school every day as they spend lots of time outside. Wellies would be really useful too.



We have just updated our behaviour policy and this will be available on the website after our governors meeting next Tuesday evening. The children will all be taking part in Golden Time as part of our new behaviour system. We are also implementing a new reading system. Further information will follow in a separate letter.

I look forward to another busy and successful year across our federation. Thank you for your continued support

Alison Buddle

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