



# Gedney Church End News

5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to 2024 and back to the new term at Gedney Church End. We are still waiting to hear when our new website will 'go live' but we hope this will be in the next week and certainly before the end of January.

In the meantime, please sign up to our Facebook page which is titled GCE Primary Academy. Please make sure you connect to the current page as there is an older one to which we no longer have access.

Please see the box below which includes updated information about ordering a school dinner for your child. This must still be done by you, even if they are entitled to Free School Meals. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Dates for your Diary

**From Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Ms Hicks invites parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 to join her on Friday afternoons from 2.45 onwards. This will take place every Friday from 12<sup>th</sup> January until half term and is a chance for you to share some of the children's learning, hear about their reading progress and ask any questions about how you might help at home. We hope to see many of you there.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – last day of this term  
Children will finish at the normal time of 3.15.

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2024** – Parent Consultations. More information to follow.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of Spring

## **Ordering School Dinners - URGENT**

If you want your child to have a school dinner you **MUST** order this in advance through the ParentPay website. Due to financial constraints, we are unable to continue ordering additional meals to provide for those who have not ordered. Dinners must be ordered by 9.00am on Wednesdays for the following week. As we do not cook the meals on site, we only receive a dinner if you have ordered. If you do not order in time, you **must** send your child with a packed lunch as we will not be able to provide them with a dinner.

## Awards

### **Star of the week**

**Falcon** – Lithuli for fantastic concentration in maths and amazing tidy up skills!

**Skylon** – Ginuki for perseverance and achievement in maths

**Discovery** – Oscar for a fantastic attitude to his work

**Attendance** – Year 3 who had 97% attendance this week 😊

**Earth House** – 50 points this week!

## **Is my child too ill for school?**

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

More details can be found at –

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)