



"Two Schools—One Vision"

Federation Newsletter

March 2015

Dear Parents

I am sure you are all looking forward to the Easter break. We are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Harrison at Shepeau Stow this week. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well. The Woodpecker Class will be taught by Mr Philip Turner during the next term. I will update you as soon as we have appointed a permanent replacement.

When we return after Easter the statutory assessment time begins. Children in Year 6 have SATs testing during the week beginning 11th May. It is essential that children are in school this week.

KEY STAGE 2 TEST TIMETABLE

Date	Levels 3–5 and level 6 test
Monday 11 May	Levels 3-5: English reading test Level 6: English reading test
Tuesday 12 May	Levels 3-5: English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Level 6: English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
Wednesday 13 May	Levels 3-5: mental mathematics test and mathematics Paper 1 No level 6 tests timetabled for this day
Thursday 14 May	Levels 3-5: mathematics Paper 2 Level 6: mathematics Paper 1 and Paper 2

Children in Year 2 are assessed throughout the year. Year 1 phonics screening will take place during the week beginning 15th June. Parents will be informed of the outcome with the end of year reports. Some useful information can be found here

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/year-1-phonics-screening-check>

Events not included on class newsletters.

July 20th Joint Federation Production – all year groups. Gedney Hill School. There will be an afternoon and evening performance. We may need to make this a ticket event to ensure everyone can attend one performance.

July 16th Sports Day Shepeau Stow School.

Reminders

This year we have many requests for holidays where other family members have booked trips as surprises. Unfortunately these still can not be authorised and go on your child's record as an unauthorised absence. Term dates are all on the Lincolnshire website at <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/at-school/term-times-and-holidays/27358.article?tab=downloads>. These include term dates as far ahead as 2016/17.

Sunscreen

Unfortunately staff are not able to apply sunscreen to children in school. We are more than happy to supervise the children applying it but they do need to be able to put it on themselves.

Medicines

If your child has an inhaler or regular medication we will be contacting you to make sure that the care plan is up to date.

It just remains for me to say thank you for your continuing support and have a fantastic Easter!

Holidays during term time.

Just a general reminder that we **cannot** authorise holidays during term time. Leave of absence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. All term dates for Lincolnshire schools can be found well in advance at <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/at-school/term-times-and-holidays/27358.article>. Currently the site is showing dates through to 2017.

Kind regards



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