

# January Newsletter

## Life-Long Learning.

### Education of the Future.

With the onsite of a new OFSTED framework in the pipeline, we are continually assessing what we do as a school to ensure that our children are given the skills that will support them in their learning paths.

The new framework (out in September) is changing the way that we look at our curriculum, with more emphasis on a rounded learning cycle that caters for all skills and abilities. For me, this is a pleasing shift in developing skills of art, music, craft, PE, History and Technology, to name but a few.

We are continually assessing our curriculum to ensure that not only are we developing the core skills of reading, writing and maths, but also amending our teaching and learning to ensure our children access a more rounded learning journey...and long may it continue.

Thank you,  
Mr. S Pearson



*Helping each other to  
achieve and soar.*

### Volunteers Needed.



We are currently looking for volunteers to support children with their reading on a one-to-one basis. This would help significantly in building confidence with our more reluctant readers. Please enquire at the schools' desks if you are interested.

### Parent Workshops.

We are holding Year 6 parent workshops for the upcoming SATs tests in May. This will be an opportunity for you to gain a better insight into the structure of the tests, the skills that are required to gain the expected standard and for you to ask questions.

In the next half term we will be holding a 'reading and writing' workshop for all parents to gain a better understanding of what we teach in school and how you can support your child at home. TBA.

### Class Attendance (since September)

#### Gedney Church End:

Woodpeckers 95%

Eagles 95%

Jaguars 95%

Whole School 95% (Target 97%)

#### Lutton St Nicholas:

Wolves 93%

Penguins 95%

Hummingbirds 96%

Bees 97%

Whole School 95% (Target 97%)

#### Dates for your dairy:

- Half term Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (children return on the 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Well Being Week 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Yr 6 SATs information evening 11<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm @ Gedney
- Yr 6 SATs information sessions 12<sup>th</sup> February 9am and 3:30pm @ Lutton
- Reading Week 4<sup>th</sup> March
- **Year 6 SATs week 13<sup>th</sup> May**

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## A Fresh Start – School Dinners.

I have been concerned for some time now with the standard of school dinners we have had in both schools over a period of years. For me, the selection was very limited and the balance of food made available was below par. I do believe that a good diet goes a long way in ensuring our children are well nourished and ready to learn.

Linda Hyland (Senior Midday Supervisor), with support from Zara Lewis and Natasha Parnell have been working tirelessly to find the right type of caterers that match our requirements. I'm pleased to say that now we have in place a new school menu supplied by 'A Country Kitchen' in Holbeach, which will kick start after half term.

We are fortunate enough to have a range of lunches available for children to choose from – the food looks and tastes amazing.

*A Country Kitchen*

## Watch Out, There's a Gruffalo About!

The children in both the Woodpeckers and Wolves classes have been very excited by the recent visits of The Gruffalo. This cheeky character has been causing all sorts of mayhem in both schools whilst the children have been away from class.

I was shocked to see that in one of my offices he had left a trail of destruction and a lovely blob of green goo from his poisonous wart!

I can ensure you that if I catch him he will be severely punished and his parents informed. Shocking behaviour.



## Are You Smarter Than a Year 6?

Here's our monthly Yr6 maths challenges...enjoy!

- What is  $2.7 + 3.014$ ?
- How much is 45% of 460?
- What is  $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{10}$ ?
- Which of these letters has both parallel and perpendicular lines?

A C E L Z

- What is 1265 divided by 11?

