

Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 95%

Gedney Drove End – 96%

Westmere – 91%

Our target is 96%

Each week, one child from each class will get the attendance award, and one class from each school will get the class certificate for the week.

Non-uniform & Games for Ukraine

On March 10th-12th, I (Mrs Massey) will be visiting Ukraine to deliver aid to shelters and communities. We now have a Ukrainian family as part of our federation community, which brings the cause even closer home. To support the delivery of aid, we will be holding a non-uniform and games day on Friday 24th February. Children may wear their choice of clothes for a donation of £1. In the afternoon, each class will also hold a games afternoon, where prizes can be won. Mrs Bills, at Gedney Drove End, is also kindly donating her homemade paracord bracelets which children can buy on the day – these will be priced at £2 and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Children may bring a maximum of £5 to spend on games and bracelets. I will make sure I get photographs of my visit which I will share with you all when I get back. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Westmere Bingo

The Friends of Westmere have a number of bingo evenings organised. All sessions start at 6pm with eyes down at 6.30pm. Books are 50p each. Please see the diary dates for a full list but the next date is 1st March. Families from all three schools are welcome to attend.

After School Clubs – Gedney Drove End

Miss Ashby will be starting an after school club at Gedney Drove End next term. Places are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Please email Mrs Lintott if your child would like a place.

Thursdays	Craft	All year groups – maximum of 10
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Warm Space – St Matthew’s Church

On Wednesday 15th February, St Matthew’s Church in Sutton Bridge will be open as a warm space between 3pm and 6pm. Food and entertainment will be provided, for free. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

This year, World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 3rd March. On this day, we will be inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. It would be lovely to see the children bring in the book which their chosen character is from and children can win prizes for the best dressed.

In addition, all children will be gifted a £1 book token which can be swapped for a World Book Day book or it can be put towards the cost of another book. Please look out for these in book bags.

Reading Sessions

Each class will be having a reading session which we would like to invite parents to. Please see the table below for your session, any classes not listed here have already had their sessions;

Class	Date	Time
Gedney Drove End – all classes	Thursday 2 nd March	9am – 10am

Diary Dates

10th February – End of Term 3
 20th February – Start of Term 4
 24th February – Non-uniform & games - Ukraine
 1st March – Bingo Westmere
 2nd March – World Book Day
 17th March – Red Nose Day
 22nd March – Easter Bingo Westmere
 31st March – End of Term 4
 18th April – Start of Term 5
 10th May – Bingo Westmere
 26th May – End of Term 5
 7th June – Bingo Westmere





The Griffin Federation

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Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 17th March. Children can come to school in non-uniform and red noses are welcome. We will not be collecting donations in school, but please use the following link if you would like to donate directly <https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>.

Transport to Secondary School

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2023 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place (1 March for secondary school or 17 April for primary). Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Kind regards

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