

# Newsletter

## Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 96%  
Gedney Drove End – 94%  
Westmere –93%

### **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.

## School Attendance – year to date

Holbeach St Marks – 95%  
Gedney Drove End – 94%  
Westmere –92%

### **Our target is 96%**

## Year 6 Enterprise Project – Westmere

Canada and Spain classes are now running their enterprise project selling ice poles to raise money for school funds. This project is run to help the children understand the meaning of money and how to run a business. They will sell ice poles after school each day, except for Wednesdays. Ice poles will be priced at 50p each - please ensure that the children bring in the correct money if they wish to buy anything.

## Online Safety

Please find attached a leaflet with tips for how to keep your children safe online – this week's information is about TikTok privacy and blocking.

## Clubs

All clubs are cancelled next week.

## France And Italy Class

On Tuesday 18th July, France and Italy classes will taking part in a Dinosaur Day. Children can come to school in non-uniform dressed in earth colours (green, brown or black) or as a dinosaur.

## Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

Last week we sent you a copy of the flu vaccination letter. If your child is in Reception to Year 5 and you would like them to be immunised in the Autumn, then please use the following link and the appropriate school code from the table below;

<https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

	School Code
<b>Gedney Drove End</b>	<b>EE120410</b>
<b>Holbeach St Marks</b>	<b>EE120549</b>
<b>Westmere</b>	<b>EE120502</b>

## China Class Trip – Thetford Forest

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, we will be taking China class to High Lodge, Thetford, where they will get to go on the Gruffalo trail, music trail and try den building. Children should wear their PE kit and bring a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle, but no fizzy drinks, please. The trip will take place within school time with the coach picking up at 9:15am and getting back to school by the end of the day. If you would like a packed lunch provided for your child, please log onto the Country Kitchen website and order in the usual way. The cost of this trip is £12.33 but we would like to ask for a contribution of £10 per child. Please either complete the permission slip below or email the office with your permission. Payment can be made by cash or card in the office.

## Gedney Drove End Celebration and Awards Service Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

The celebration and awards service will be held in the village hall at 11am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - everyone is welcome.

## Diary Dates

17<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day GDE / HSM  
19<sup>th</sup> July – Celebration and leavers' Assembly  
Westmere  
20<sup>th</sup> July – Celebration and leavers' Assembly HSM  
9.15am /GDE 11am  
21<sup>st</sup> July – Sports Day Westmere  
21<sup>st</sup> July – End of School Year  
6<sup>th</sup> September – First Day of Term





**Holbeach St Marks Celebration and Awards Assembly Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

The celebration and awards service will take place at the church at 9.15am - everyone is welcome.

**Westmere Celebration and Awards Services Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

We will be having two celebration and awards services in the school hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Key Stage 2 including leavers' is at 9.30am and Reception and Key Stage 1 is at 10.45am. All Y6 parents are welcome to attend. For all other year groups, you will be invited to attend if your child is receiving an award.

**Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Sports Day**

Our joint sports day will take place at Gedney Drove End School at 9.30am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July (weather permitting). All children (including preschool) will be transported from HSM by coach. Parents and families are welcome to join us but we won't be having a picnic lunch this year. Children from Holbeach St Marks will eat at Gedney Drove End and then travel back to school at approximately 12.30pm. If it is raining on the day, please check with the school office, the class teacher or the Facebook page to make sure the event is still going ahead. Children should come to school in their PE kit, with the correct colour T-shirt for their house, jewellery removed, long hair tied back and trainers tied properly.

**Westmere Sports Day**

Our sports day will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, at 9.30am (weather permitting). Parents and families are welcome to join us. The gates will be locked when the event starts for safety reasons and will not be opened until all the races have finished. Please make sure you have everything you need with you as you will not be able to go back outside. Also, just a reminder that smoking and vaping are not permitted on the school site. Children should come to school in their PE kit, with the correct colour T-shirt for their house, jewellery removed, long hair tied back and trainers tied properly.

**Swimming – Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Term 1**

Swimming lessons will continue in September for children in Norway and St Lucia classes, until October half term. The first lesson will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Timmins will be taking both classes to Whaplode School on a Friday afternoon where we will have sole use of their pool and swimming teachers. Children should come to school in their PE kit and bring their swimming kit in a bag. Earrings must not be worn to school on swimming or PE days, Girls will need to wear a one-piece swimming suit and boys must wear close fitting swimming trunks no longer than mid-thigh in length, long hair must be tied back. The coach will collect Gedney Drove End at 12.10pm and then travel to Holbeach St Marks for 12.30pm. They will leave Whaplode at 2.30pm and be back at school by the end of the day. To cover the cost of the pool rental and swimming teachers, we need to ask for a contribution of £2 per week: the total for this term will be £12 which can be paid in one payment or weekly. Please sign the permission slip, or email your permission and return to school by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind regards  
**Sally Massey**  
Assistant Executive Headteacher

**Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Swimming Term 1 - 15<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> October**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) ..... to attend swimming lessons in term 6.

I do / do not enclose a contribution of £12

Or I will pay £2 per week

Signed ..... Date .....

