

# Newsletter

## Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 97%

Gedney Drove End – 91%

Westmere –83%

**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.

## Value of the Week

Each week we have a value of the week where we focus on one of our federation values. We discuss what this value is and how we can live this out in our everyday lives. At the end of the week, certificates are awarded to children who have who have shown evidence of that value during the week.

Our value this week is: **Perseverance**

## Times Tables Rock Stars Tournament

It's that time again! We will be holding another federation-wide tournament where houses (Nene, Ouse, Welland and Witham) will compete to score the most points and claim a trophy. Between 7am and 7pm, children can log on to **play.ttrockstars.com** and play in any gamemode- with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question earning themselves and their house a point. The winning house will have the honour of decorating the TTRS Trophy with their house colours and displaying it in school at the end of the tournament. There will also be certificates for the top players within each house and a prize for the class with the most engagement.

The tournament will run from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 with an award ceremony on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

In the spirit of the tournament, please don't play on your child's behalf but, by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

## Clubs – Westmere

All clubs are cancelled at Westmere on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, due to the Friends of Westmere film evening. Clubs at Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks will be on as normal.

## Film Evening - all schools

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm-5pm, Westmere will be holding a film evening which all of the children from the federation are invited to attend. Tickets cost £3 including popcorn and a drink, and can be purchased at the school offices. GDE and HSM will be able to leave school at 3pm to make sure you arrive on time at Westmere.

## Friends of Westmere

Our current events are to raise money for playground equipment, as well as ongoing treats for the children and for Westie shop prizes.

Friends of Westmere would be very grateful to receive donations of any unwanted Christmas gifts or leftover Christmas chocolate or drink, which we can use as prizes at the upcoming bingo evenings. Thank you.

Xmas Jumpers - FOW would love any unwanted Xmas Jumpers which we can re-sell to raise funds. Please bring any donations to the office.

## HSM – Year 5 and 6 – Singsation

Pupils from HSM, Year 5 and 6 have been invited by University Academy Holbeach to attend Singsation, which is taking place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at UAH. The event features a live band and Hayley Sanderson, a singer from Strictly Come Dancing. It is a highly interactive event, with performances from the band and then massed performances including all of the primary schools.

The event starts at 1pm and it will end at 2:15pm. A mini bus will be taking the children from HSM to UAH and back. Please sign and return the permission slip or email [karen.baxell@griffinfederation.co.uk](mailto:karen.baxell@griffinfederation.co.uk)

## Diary Dates

25<sup>th</sup> January – Film Evening 3:30-5pm Friends of Westmere  
2<sup>nd</sup> February – Non-Uniform Westmere  
9<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term 3  
19<sup>th</sup> February – Start of Term 4  
22<sup>nd</sup> February – Valentines Disco 3:30-5pm Friends of Westmere  
7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day  
20<sup>th</sup> March Easter bingo Friends of Westmere  
28<sup>th</sup> March – Non-Uniform Westmere  
28<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term 4  
11<sup>th</sup> May – Car boot sale Friends of Westmere  
17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> June – Summer sponsored mile event  
17<sup>th</sup> July – End of school Disco Friends of Westmere.





**Arrangements for Adverse Weather**

In the event of the schools being closed due to snow or bad weather, you will receive an email giving details of how your child can login for online lessons.

**Spalding Grammar School Open Mornings**

Attached to the newsletter this week is a flyer giving details of open mornings at Spalding Grammar School for boys currently in year 5 and wishing to take the 11+ test.

Kind regards  
**Sally Massey**  
Assistant Executive Headteacher

**HSM Year 5 and 6 (St Lucia class) – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) .....to attend the Singstation on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Signed ..... Parent/Carer Date.....

