



Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

WOW!

Holbeach St Marks – 99%

Gedney Drove End – 97%

Westmere – 96%

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.

Congratulations

Miss Ashby, in Finland Class, got married over the Easter holiday. We wish her and her new husband a long and happy marriage. She will now be known as Mrs Ashby-Morley.

Staff Changes Westmere

Miss Ulyatt is leaving us on Wednesday 26th April – we wish her well in her new job. From Monday 24th April we are welcoming Miss Massam to the office at Westmere. She will be there in the afternoons.

Road Safety Workshops - Westmere

Several classes will take part in road safety workshops On Monday 24th April. This will involve Italy class going out of school onto Anne Road for a short period of time.

Swimming – Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks starting 27th April

We have arranged swimming lessons for children in Norway and St Lucia classes. Mr Timmins will be taking both classes to Whaplode School on a Thursday afternoon commencing on **27th April**, 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. 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 £10 which can be paid in one payment or weekly. Please sign the permission slip, or email your permission and return to school by Monday 17th April. Contributions can be paid in cash weekly or as a lump sum. You can also pay by bank transfer to the Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Account; if you don't have the bank details please contact the office.

Rounders Club Cancellation – Gedney Drove End

Unfortunately, Mr Timmins' rounders club will not take place on Thursday 4th May.

Teacher Strikes

On Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May, the following classes will be closed due to industrial action:

St Lucia – Holbeach St Marks

Mexico - Westmere

All other children should attend school on this day.

HSM Swimming - Cancelled 27th April

Unfortunately, due to the strike on Thursday 27th April, St Lucia class will not be able to go swimming. They will swim as normal on 4th May. If parents have already paid we can either issue a refund or carry the £2 over to next term. Please let Mrs Baxell know what you wish to do.

Diary Dates

1st May – May Day Bank Holiday
5th May – Coronation Event in school
8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday
9th – 12th May – Year 6 SATs Week
10th May – Bingo Westmere
26th May – End of Term 5
6th June – Start of Term 6
21st July – End of School Year



After School Clubs - Westmere

Westmere Clubs – please email joanna.thomas@griffin federation.co.uk. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Clubs will start on Monday 24th April. You will be notified of your child's place.

Monday	Japanese	Mrs Parr	KS2
Monday	Football Fit	Mr Olander	YR5 and YR6
Monday	Multiplication Club (to prepare Y4 for the Multiplication Test in June. It will involve iPads /TTRS/Hit The Button, Colouring sheets, XT songs and Chanting).	Miss Taylor	YR4
Monday	Choir Club	Miss Hardstaff	KS1 and KS2
Monday	Rounders/Cricket	Mr Timmins	YR1 and YR2
Tuesday	Rounders/Cricket	Mr Timmins	YR3 and YR4
Tuesday	Debate Club	Miss Reid	YR3 – YR6
Tuesday	Board Games	Miss Pooley	YR3 – YR6
Wednesday (Term 5 only – until 24 th May)	Football	Mr Timmins	YR5 and YR6
Wednesday (Term 6 only from 7 th June)	Rounders/Cricket	Mr Timmins	YR5 and YR6
Thursday	Construction Club	Mrs Ransom	YR1 and YR2

After school Clubs – Gedney Drove End

Please see the table for start dates. If your child would like a place, please email angela.lintott@griffin federation.co.uk. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. All clubs start the first week back unless otherwise stated.

Monday	Activity	Year 4 – 6 max 12	Miss Sage	
Monday	Gardening	All year groups Max 12	Mrs Ashby-Morley & Miss Rose	
Tuesday	Board Games	Year 3, 4, & 5 Max 12	Mrs Bills	
Wednesday	Japanese	Sweden and Norway	Mrs Parr	Starts Wednesday 26 th April
Thursday	Construction	Reception – Year 4 max 15	Miss Richardson	
Thursday	Rounders	Year 4, 5 and 6	Mr Timmins	Starts Thursday 27 th April – NO CLUB ON 4 th MAY
Friday	Team Games	Year 1 – 3	Mr Timmins	

After school Clubs – Holbeach St Marks

Please see the table for start dates. If your child would like a place, please email karen.baxell@griffin federation.co.uk. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Monday	French	Year 1- 6 max 12	Mr Allcorn	Starts Monday 24 th April
Monday	iPad	Year 1 – 6	Mrs Thompson	Starts Monday 24 th April
Tuesday	Colouring	All year groups	Mrs Richardson	Starts Tuesday 18 th April
Wednesday	Japanese	Barbados and St Lucia	Mrs Parr	Starts Wednesday 19 th April

LINCOLNSHIRE STAY SAFE PARTNERSHIP - WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Navigating Teenage Relationships workshop by Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership 17th May 2023 6-7pm FREE TEAMS event sign up required:

When your young person begins to date and become romantically involved with peers, their life can seem exciting, but can also be extremely difficult. Teenagers don't always like to talk about what is happening in their love life however 'Navigating teenage relationships' aims to provide parents and guardians with a toolkit, to support your young person through the complexities of having a healthy relationship. The Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership (LDAP) will run a one hour online TEAMS workshop on the 17th May 6-7pm. During the evening LDAP will discuss what young people talk about in Lincolnshire regarding relationships and red flags to look out for in relationships. They will also talk about where help and support can be found and how you can best support as a parent. The team is also happy to answer any questions you may have through the night.

[Navigating teenage relationships Tickets, Wed 17 May 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)





Ask Dan Anything for Parents 14th June 2023 6-7pm FREE TEAMS event sign up required:

Over two thirds of students surveyed in the LSCP 2022 Keeping Safe Online Survey indicated that they access their devices once they have gone to bed, and that many parents and carers don't know anything about what they do online. The survey also showed when parents talked openly to their children about their activity online, those students were less likely to experience cyberbullying and more likely to access support.

We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook our resident Online Guru will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have!

[Ask Dan anything for parents and carers Tickets, Wed 14 Jun 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Have your say about the drug alcohol misuse strategy community TEAMS event 25th April 6-7pm

The Safer Lincolnshire Partnership work hard to improve the lives and safety of our Lincolnshire communities. Our current priorities are:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Reducing reoffending
- Crime and disorder
- Drug and Alcohol Misuse
- Serious Violence

We have a team of Community Safety Strategy Coordinators who lead on each of the priorities. Jemma Clarke is our Community Safety Strategy Coordinator leading for drug and alcohol misuse. Her background is working within prisons and community Drug and Alcohol treatment providers. She is passionate about improving outcomes for those struggling with substance misuse and the communities affected.

Jemma is currently working to reduce drug and alcohol related harm within Lincolnshire. She is focusing on early prevention in the areas of greatest deprivation within Lincolnshire. Her aim is to ensure there is sufficient support services available in those areas and to unite with partners to achieve a positive outcome for individuals, families, and communities.

We want community input to the work that we are doing. What are your concerns about drugs and alcohol within Lincolnshire. Are services supporting Drug and Alcohol misuse working? What would you like to see within your community? Join Jemma on the 25th April for this FREE community update and drop in.

[Have your say about the drug and alcohol misuse strategy Tickets, Tue 25 Apr 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Kind regards
Sally Massey
Assistant Executive Headteacher

Swimming - St Lucia & Norway Classes

I do / do not give permission for my child(ren) to attend swimming lessons from Thursday 27th April.

I do / do not enclose £10 contribution.

Signed Date

