



Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 95%

Gedney Drove End – 94%

Westmere –95%

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 shown evidence of that value during the week.

Our value next week is: **Perseverance**

Disco

We'd like to say thank you to the Friends of Westmere, and to staff, who helped organise and run the disco last night. Huge thanks also to The Anchor for the generous loan of the disco equipment and to LollyPops Balloons for donating the fantastic balloon arch. The children had a great time.

Friends of HSM: call for volunteers

Some parents have expressed an interest in starting a group to run events and raise funds at Holbeach St Marks. If any parents or carers would be interested in helping with this, please speak to Mrs Richardson at the gate or email Mrs Baxell at

karen.baxell@griffin federation.co.uk

World Book Day – Gedney Drove End School

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. On this day we would like children to come to school in pyjamas or onesies and bring their favourite bedtime story to share. We would also like to invite parents to join their children in class for reading activities between 9am and 10am. During the day children will take part in many fun activities related to reading and all children will receive a World Book Day Voucher to spend in participating shops. Children may wear slippers if they wish but must bring outdoor shoes and a coat for breaktimes.

World Book Day – Holbeach St Marks & Westmere

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. On this day we would like children to come to school in pyjamas or onesies and bring their favourite bedtime story to share. We would also like to invite parents to join their children in class for reading activities between 2pm – 3pm. During the day children will take part in many fun activities related to reading and all children will receive a World Book Day Voucher to spend in participating shops. Children may wear slippers if they wish but must bring outdoor shoes and a coat for breaktimes.

Snack and packed Lunches

Snack – children may bring a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. If your child brings something other than these things, they will be offered a piece of fruit or a plain biscuit instead, as will children who don't bring a snack. **Children will not be allowed to eat sweets and crisps.**

Lunchboxes - Please see the link for advice on healthy lunchboxes. Again, there should be no sweets in this. <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>. Food will not be taken off children but teachers may speak to parents about contents of lunchboxes if they feel these are not supporting a balanced diet.

Diary Dates

7th March - World Book Day

15th March – Red Nose Day

20th March Easter bingo Friends of Westmere

28th March – Non-Uniform Westmere

28th March – End of Term 4

11th May – Car boot sale Friends of Westmere

17th -21st June – Summer sponsored mile event

17th July – End of year Disco - Friends of Westmere.





The Griffin Federation

Learning Together for Excellence

Drinks – children may bring water or ‘no added sugar’ squash. We do not allow fizzy drinks or fruit juice. Many children have started to bring very large bottles that they often struggle to carry, drink from, and which do not fit into the tubs in the classroom. You should send bottles which are no greater capacity than 500ml, but children may also keep a spare bottle in their bag.

Clubs

If your child requests a space at a club, and is given it, it is really important that they, and you as parents, commit to them attending every week unless they are poorly. When children decide weekly that they do or don't want to attend, it is unfair on other pupils who may not have been given a place because the club was full. **If your child misses 2 weeks of their club without genuine reasons, they will no longer be able to attend and their place will be given to a child on the waiting list.**

Kind regards

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