

Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 96%

Gedney Drove End – 91%

Westmere – 90%

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: **Wisdom & Knowledge**

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 15th January 2024 to Thursday 1st February 2024 with an award ceremony on Friday 2nd 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.

Westmere Non-uniform Day

Next Friday, 2nd February, there will be a non-uniform day at Westmere. We ask that children bring a £1 donation which will go towards Friends of School. We are currently fundraising for playground equipment.

HSM only – 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 8th 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@griffin federation.co.uk

Topic Day – Castles – France and Italy

On Thursday 1st February, Italy and France Classes will be having a topic day based on castle life. If your child would like to come dressed as a prince, princess, knight, king or queen, they are more than welcome to. Throughout the day, we will be role playing, creating shields and will be attending 'Knight' school.

Junk Modelling – Castles – Italy

The week beginning 5th February, Italy class will be creating model castles. Please can we ask that items used for junk modelling be brought into school by Friday 2nd February? Thank you.

Diary Dates

2nd February – Non-Uniform Westmere

9th February – End of Term 3

19th February – Start of Term 4

22nd February – Valentines Disco 3:30-5pm

Friends of Westmere

7th March - World Book 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 school Disco Friends of

Westmere.





The Griffin Federation

Learning Together for Excellence

Support for SEND from the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) is an independent charity that has been set up to support parents and carers of children with disabilities and/or additional needs in Lincolnshire.

Their website www.lincspcf.org.uk offers a wide range of information, workshops, latest news and events for parents and it is free to sign up.

LPCF are also putting on a 'Week of SEND' beginning the week of 29th January 2024 where they have a diverse range of services, organisations and support groups attending online Zoom sessions at different times throughout the day and evening (10.30am—9pm). The aim of the event is to give parents and carers of children with disabilities/additional needs as much information, support and help as possible.

Please see the attached flyer for more information and how to access these sessions but if you need any further information then please do not hesitate to contact our SENDCos, Miss Scarsbrook, eboney.scarsbrook@griffinfederation.co.uk (Westmere) ,Miss Streets Kathryn.streets@griffinfederation.co.uk (GDE and HSM) or Amanda Cooke, our family support worker Amanda.cooke@griffinfederation.co.uk

If you have accessed support from the SENDco or Amanda for behaviour, they recommend that you book a space on the Promoting Positive Behaviour session on Thursday 1st February 2024, 7pm-9pm.

Kind regards
Sally Massey
Assistant Executive Headteacher

HSM Only Year 5 and 6 (St Lucia class) – Thursday 8th February

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

Signed Parent/Carer Date.....

