

Newsletter

Child Absences

If your child is ill and will not be attending school, please make sure that you ring the school office and leave a message on the answer machine. Do not send messages via the Facebook account, as these are not available to the office staff.

After School Clubs - Cancelled

All after school clubs will be cancelled from today and will resume after Christmas.

Behaviour

We have a very clear behaviour policy in our federation which is based on the 3 principles that everyone is entitled to: Learn, Respect, Be Safe. We believe positive relationships are the foundation for positive behaviour and use a restorative approach to dealing with incidents of poor behaviour which supports the re-building of relationships, and uses the mantra of 'praise in public, reprimand in private'. This is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to receive the recognition they deserve for the good choices they make, but as no child should be humiliated, we ensure that they are reprimanded in private, so their dignity is maintained. Please rest assured that every single behaviour incident which is reported to us is dealt with. Attached is a copy of the behaviour consequence chart to ensure consistency. Whilst we do use a restorative approach, it is also important that throughout life, there are consequences for our actions, and poor behaviour will receive a sanction. Should you wish to know more about our behaviour policy, please visit our website <https://www.griffinfederation.co.uk/the-griffin-federation/parents/policies/>

Attendance Raffle

At the end of the autumn term, we will hold a raffle with prizes of 1x£25, 1x£50 and 1x£100. Children who have an attendance percentage above 96% will be entered into the raffle. The winning children's families will receive the prizes. Our current attendance figures at each school are: GDE – 96%, HSM – 97%, WMR – 93%. Our target is 96%.

Christmas Raffle Draw – Westmere

On Monday 5th December, Friends of Westmere members will be selling raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle draw in the playground at 3.15pm. If you do not come to collect your child from school and would like to purchase tickets, please put the correct money in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class and amount enclosed. We will then send the tickets home with them. The cost is £1 per strip of raffle tickets. The 1st prize is £50 and then there are numerous other prizes.

Christmas Plays – Westmere

On Monday 12th December, KS1 and Reception will be hosting two nativities. China class will be performing Shine Star Shine at 6pm shortly followed by France, Italy and Greece (KS1 only) performing their nativity Angel Express at 6:45pm. Each child will bring home two tickets for their child's performance on Wednesday 7th December. If you require any additional tickets, you will need to come to the school office to ask for them. This will be on a first come first served basis. Children will be asked to return to school no earlier than 5:30pm, to get themselves ready for their performance.

Children's Christmas Fair - Westmere

On Thursday 15th December, we are having a Christmas Fair in school time for the children. There will be a range of games and activities where children can win small prizes. Please send your child with a maximum of £3 for them to take part.

Christingle Service - Westmere

Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, USA, Canada and Spain classes will be going to church for a Christingle service on Monday 12th December. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, we are unable to invite parents. We already have permission from most parents for their children to walk to the church as this is a local area visit. If we do not have permission, the office will be in touch. We should be back at school for the end of the school day.

Diary Dates

3rd December – Breakfast with Santa – Westmere
6th December – Nativity Holbeach St Marks
7th December – Christmas Play Gedney Drove End
8th December – Church Farm Visit - Westmere
9th December – Non-uniform Day – Westmere
9th December – Raffle Draw – Westmere
12th December – Christingle - Westmere
12th December – Christmas Play China Class 6pm
12th December – Christmas Play - Italy, France, Greece (year 2 only) 6.45pm
14th December – Pantomime – Snow White
15th December – Christmas Lunch Day - Westmere
15th December – Christmas Fair – Westmere
16th December – Christmas Lunch – GDE / HSM
16th December – End of Term
4th January – Term 3 Starts



A Country Kitchen – Meal Providers

Our meal providers have asked us to remind you that once an order has been placed on A Country Kitchen website, it cannot be changed. They have also asked that parents do not ring them directly to either try and change or put a late order in.

Westmere Non-uniform Day – Friday 9th December

On Friday 9th December, there will be a non-uniform day. We would like to ask you for donations of chocolate and sweets to go towards prizes for the children's Christmas stalls. If you have PE on Friday please ensure your child's clothes are suitable for PE.

School Photograph Proofs – Westmere/GDE/HSM

Your school photo proofs have been sent home this week. Orders need to be made online directly with Lilacmoon following the instructions on the envelope. Please do not send any money in to school. The deadline for orders for HSM and GDE is Sunday 4th December. The deadline for orders for Westmere is Friday 9th December.

Westmere Church Farm Santa Visit – Thursday 8th December

On Thursday 8th December, reception children in China class will be visiting Church Farm in Stow Bardolph to see Santa. Each child will receive a present from Santa. We will leave school at 9.30am and return for approximately 3pm. The actual cost of this trip is £26.33 per child. School have subsidised the cost and would therefore like to ask you for a voluntary contribution of £20 per child. **Please pay this either by bank transfer or card payment. The bank details for payment are: Sort Code: 20-80-78, Account No: 60939986.**

Nativity Holbeach St Marks

Holbeach St Marks will be performing a traditional Nativity at the Church on Tuesday 6th December at 6pm. Children should arrive at 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Christmas Play Gedney Drove End

Gedney Drove End will be performing 'Lights, Camel, Action' at the village hall on 7th December at 6pm. Children should arrive at 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Christmas Lunch

We will be having Christmas Lunch in school on the following dates;

Westmere	Thursday 15 th December
Holbeach St Marks and Gedney Drove End	Friday 16 th December

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to fund a free meal for every child. You can order the usual way and the cost will be £3 per child. If your child is entitled to free meals, you can order the Christmas lunch at no additional cost. There will not be any packed lunches this day - if you have already ordered another option, Mrs Thomas or Mrs Lintott will contact you to discuss amending your order.

Applications for a Reception Place – September 2022

If your child was born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019, you can apply for a reception place from now until 15th January 2023.

Flu Vaccinations

All immunisations have now been carried out for children who were registered. If your child was not in school on the day then there will be another opportunity. If you forgot to register and would like your child immunised please use the link below to complete the form.

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

	School Code	Vaccination Date
Westmere	EE120502	6 th December

Snow White Pantomime – Wednesday 14th December

On Wednesday 14th December, the whole federation will be going to the Pantomime at King's Lynn Corn Exchange. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 8.45am and should return to school at approximately 1.00pm. Children at HSM and GDE should arrive at school between 8.20am and 8.30am. Westmere children should arrive at 8.40am. The children will have their lunch on their return to school. There will be no hot meals on this day and all children will need a packed lunch. If you have already ordered a hot meal, Mrs Thomas or Mrs Lintott will contact you soon.

Kind regards

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