



Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 95%

Gedney Drove End – 95%

Westmere – 93%

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.

Attendance Raffle

We held an attendance raffle this term where all children with attendance of 96% or higher were entered. The winners of this term's raffle (based on attendance to 24th March) are:

£100 – Robert from Mexico class with **100%** - Westmere

£50 – Kyle from Norway class - Gedney Drove End

£25 – Riley from St Lucia class – Holbeach St Marks

We will draw the raffle again before the end of the Summer term. Next time...it could be you!

Easter Holidays

We hope that you all have a lovely break, and once again, we thank you for your continued support of us to provide the very best education for all of your children. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 18th April.

Staffing Update

At the end of April, we say goodbye to Mrs Dale. She has been absent on long-term sick leave, but I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

After the holidays, we welcome back Miss Theobald from maternity leave. Miss Theobald will return to teach France class for two days a week (Tuesday and Wednesday).

From 24th April, Mrs Baxell will be based solely at Holbeach St Marks, in the mornings. Miss Massam will join the Westmere team to run the office in the afternoons.

Thank you to Friends of Westmere

We would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of Westmere who have given Easter eggs to all the children at Westmere. Their ongoing support means that we are able to provide extra experiences and treats for the children. At HSM and GDE, these 'extras' are provided by school.

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.

On Thursday 20th April St Lucia class will again be travelling to Gedney Drove End for PE, this is the last week of PE before swimming starts on 27th April.

After School Clubs - Westmere



Diary Dates

31st March – End of Term 4

18th April – Start of Term 5

1st May – May Day Bank Holiday

8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday

10th May – Bingo Westmere

26th May – End of Term 5

6th June – Start of Term 6

21st July – End of School Year

Westmere Clubs – please email joanna.thomas@griffin federation.co.uk. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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.

GDE

Monday	Activity	Year 4 – 6 max 12	Miss Sage	
Monday	Gardening	All year groups Max 12	Miss Ashby & 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
Friday	Dance	Year 1 – 6 max 15	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.

HSM

Monday	French	Year 1- 6 max 12	Mr Allcorn	Starts Monday 24 th April
Monday	iPad	Year 1 – 6 max 10	Mrs Thompson	Starts Monday 24 th April
Tuesday	Colouring	All year groups max 16	Mrs Richardson	Starts Tuesday 18 th April
Wednesday	Japanese	Barbados and St Lucia	Mrs Parr	Starts Wednesday 19 th April

Headlice

We have had a few reports of headlice. Please check your child's hair regularly and apply a treatment if necessary.

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

