

# Newsletter

## Value of the Week

Our school values are: Perseverance, Respect, Wisdom & Knowledge, and Koinonia (team work). Each week in school, we have a value of the week where children can earn certificates for demonstrating that value throughout the week.

## Lincs Music Service – Guitar and Violin Lessons

The violin and guitar lessons will still be taking place at Westmere, hopefully after the half term. Lincs Music Service have not been able to do this term's lessons due to staff illness. We will confirm the dates and costs to those parents who have registered their child as soon as this has been confirmed. We are currently working with the Music Service to look at the viability of lessons at Holbeach St Marks and Gedney Drove End.

## Volunteers / Parent Helpers

Are you a parent or grandparent who could spare some time to come into school and listen to children read or help out in some other way? Or do you have a particular skill that you think could be useful or interesting to share? If you are interested, please contact the office in the first instance. Volunteers should be aware they will need to have a DBS check which will be paid for by school.

## Harvest Service – GDE & HSM

We will be having a Harvest Service on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm, it will be held at **Holbeach St Marks Church**. You are welcome to attend and you may take your children home directly from the church after the service if you wish. Children from Gedney Drove End will be transported by coach and any children that are not collected from the church will return to school to be collected at the end of the day. For Gedney Drove End parents, the church is a few doors up from the school, use postcode PE12 8DZ. If you would like to donate dry goods, these will be passed onto the foodbank.

## Harvest Service – Westmere

We will be having two harvest services at Westmere School on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The first service will start at 9.15am and will be for China, France, Italy and Greece classes. The second service will start at 10am for Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, USA, Canada and Spain classes. Parents are welcome to attend the services. If you would like to donate dry goods, these will be passed onto the foodbank.

## After School Club Changes – Westmere

The following clubs have been changed to different activities. These changes will start w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October:

| Club                      | Day    | Changed to          | Teacher    |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------------|------------|
| Book Club – Year 3 & 4    | Monday | iPad Animation Club | Mr Olander |
| Reading Club – Year 3 & 4 | Monday | Film Club           | Miss Reid  |

**Please note that next week Badminton Club will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and not on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October for next week only.**

## Gedney Drove End Sweden Class Walk

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Sweden class will be going for a short walk around the village to study the local area.

## Meet the Teacher Evenings

We will be holding Meet the Teacher evenings on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at Gedney Drove End, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at Holbeach St Marks and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Westmere. Between 3.30-4pm, you will be able to pop in to your child's class to meet the teacher. Alternatively, you will be able to book a five-minute appointment to meet your child's teacher between 4.15pm-6.00pm. Please return the slip to the school office or send an email, with your preferred times indicated.

## Diary Dates

11<sup>th</sup> October – HSM/GDE Harvest at Holbeach St Marks Church  
 13<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Celebrations – Westmere  
 17<sup>th</sup> October – Meet the Teacher Evening – GDE  
 18<sup>th</sup> October – Meet the Teacher Evening – HSM  
 20<sup>th</sup> October – Meet the Teacher Evening – Westmere  
 21<sup>st</sup> October – Term 1 Ends  
 31<sup>st</sup> October – Term 2 Starts  
 8<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccine – Westmere  
 10<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccine – HSM  
 15<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccine – GDE  
 15<sup>th</sup> November – Westmere Photo Day  
 16<sup>th</sup> November – HSM/GDE Photo Day  
 16<sup>th</sup> November – Open Morning – Westmere



## After School Clubs – Meet the Teacher Evening

The following school clubs will not take place due to Meet the Teacher Evenings:

|                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Gedney Drove End  | Games with Miss Sage             |
| Holbeach St Marks | Choir with Mrs Richardson        |
| Westmere          | Badminton with Mr Piraino        |
| Westmere          | KS1 construction with Mrs Ransom |
| Westmere          | KS1 craft with Miss Ashby        |

## Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is noon on 31st October, please use the link below to make your application <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>. If you are waiting for 11+ results, they will be posted to you on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If your child has achieved the appropriate mark, you can then apply for a place at either Spalding High or Spalding Grammar School. If your child is entitled to school transport then you should apply for that at the same time.

## Attendance

If your child gets up late, or has an early appointment, please still bring them to school as soon as you can. If they leave school for an appointment, please return them afterwards, or if they have an appointment later in the day, please send them in before the appointment and collect them in time for the appointment. Each day has 2 sessions which are marked on the register, which means in most cases, your child can gain one of their attendance marks for the day.

## Head Lice

Please regularly check your child's hair for lice and treat, if necessary.

## Flu Vaccinations

All parents should have received a copy of the flu vaccination letter. If you would like your child to be immunised, then please use the following link and the appropriate school code from the table below:

**We have received an email saying the uptake is quite low, please see percentages for each school below.**

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

|                          | School Code     | Vaccination Date                | Percentage Registered |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Gedney Drove End</b>  | <b>EE120410</b> | <b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b> | <b>47%</b>            |
| <b>Holbeach St Marks</b> | <b>EE120549</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b> | <b>38%</b>            |
| <b>Westmere</b>          | <b>EE120502</b> | <b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | <b>34%</b>            |

Kind regards

**Sally Massey**

Assistant Executive Headteacher





**Meet the Teacher Evenings 17th October GDE / 18th October HSM / 20th October Westmere**

| Preferred Time                        | TICK BOX | Child's Name:  | Class: |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--|--------|
| 3.30 PM TO 4.00 PM<br>drop-in session |          | 1. _____   | _____  |
| 4.15 PM TO 4.30 PM                    |          | 2. _____   | _____  |
| 4.30 PM TO 5.00 PM                    |          | 3. _____   | _____  |
| 5.00 PM TO 5.30 PM                    |          | 4. _____   | _____  |
| 5.30 PM TO 6.00 PM                    |          | Signed: _____ Parent/Carer   |        |
| ANYTIME                               |          | <b>Please complete one reply slip per family and return to school (or email the office) by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> |        |

Signed.....

Date.....

I would like to make an appointment with the headteacher

Tick if applicable)

