

Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 96%

Gedney Drove End – 95%

Westmere –92%

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: **Koinonia**

Hilltop Residential

If your child is booked on the Hilltop trip you should have received some parent information this week: included is the consent form that needs to be completed and returned by Monday 4th March. Also, just a reminder that all Hilltop monies must be paid by Friday 24th May, which is only 12 weeks away. If you will be unable to pay the balance, please let us know so we can offer the place to another child on the waiting list. The suggested schedule of payments was as follows: if you are not sure what you have paid so far, please contact the office.

December	£25
January	£25
February	£25
March	£25
April	£25
May	£25

National Child Measurement Programme

In the coming weeks school nurses will be coming into school to weigh and measure children in reception and year 6 as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Parents with children in those year groups were sent an email with information on 7th November, if you didn't receive the letter and want more information, please contact the office. Dates for each school are as follows;

Gedney Drove End	22nd March
Westmere	8th May

Easter Service – GDE & HSM

We will be having an Easter Service on Tuesday 26th March at 1.30pm, which 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.

Easter Service – Westmere

We will be holding our Easter service on Thursday 28th March.

9.00am – China, France, Italy and Greece classes

9.45am – Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, Canada and Spain classes

Parents are welcome to join us.

Diary Dates

15th March – Red Nose Day

21st March – France Parents' Evening

25th March – Parents' Evening GDE

China Parents' Evening

26th March – Easter Service GDE / HSM at HSM

26th March – Parents' Evening HSM

Parents' Evening Westmere (except France & Mexico)

27th March – Parents' Evening Westmere (except China, Greece and Mexico)

27th March Easter bingo Friends of Westmere

28th March – Non-Uniform Westmere

28th March – End of Term 4

16th April – Start of Term 5

11th May – Car boot sale Friends of Westmere

17th -21st June – Summer sponsored mile event

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





HAF vouchers – Easter Holidays

The HAF programme is a government funded programme that provides reception to year 11 pupils, who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM) in Lincolnshire, access to free healthy meals and activities over the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays.

If your child is entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals you should receive a voucher on 11th March to enable you to book local HAF sessions. Please use the following link for more information <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/holiday-activities-food-programme>

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March. Children can come to school in non-uniform and red noses are welcome. We will not be collecting donations in school, but please use the following link if you would like to donate directly <https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

Parents' Evening

We have arranged parents' evenings for the end of this term. The dates for each school are shown below. Please fill in the relevant reply slip with your preferred day and time and send it back to school no later than Monday 18th March. **THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS THIS WEEK.**

Westmere parents will receive a separate letter regarding parents' evening.

Holbeach St Marks	Tuesday 26 th March
Gedney Drove End	Monday 25 th March
Westmere	See separate letter

Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Parents' Evening – Reply Slip

Please tick your preferred time and return the slip to school; alternatively, you can email Mrs Lintott with your preferences for Gedney Drove End or Mrs Baxell for Holbeach St Marks.

	First Choice	Second Choice	
3.30 PM TO 4.00 PM			Children's Names _____ Classes _____
4.00 PM TO 4.30 PM			
4.30 PM TO 5.00 PM			
5.00 PM TO 5.30 PM			
5.30 PM TO 6.00 PM			
6.00 PM TO 6.30 PM			
ANYTIME			

Kind regards

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