



Newsletter

Welcome

A warm welcome back to a new school year to all of our children and families across the federation. It's been fantastic to see all the children after the holidays: the smiles on their faces are amazing, and to see how they've all grown so much in 6 weeks is astonishing. If you would like to speak to us across the year, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, and if there is a more appropriate person to deal with a situation, they will speak to the member of staff who will then contact you. We are here to support all of the children, and you as families, as much as we can. You might sometimes be surprised at the different ways we can support. We also have Amanda, our family support worker, who is able to meet with you or chat on the phone if you would like. Here's to a great school year!

Queen Elizabeth II



We are all extremely saddened by the death of Her Majesty, The Queen, an extraordinary person who dedicated her life to serve millions. As a federation, we have, today, begun to celebrate her tremendous life, and reign. This work will continue next week. We are awaiting further guidance from the DfE regarding arrangements for the coming weeks and will pass on the information as soon as possible.

Jewellery

Children may wear simple, small stud earrings and a watch. They must not wear necklaces, bracelets, rings, smart watches or titbits, or any other type of earrings. On PE days, **NO** jewellery is allowed, and long hair must be tied back. If children wear jewellery to school which is not allowed, they will be asked to remove it and take it home at the end of the day.

Attendance

The target for attendance is 96%. We have now been notified by the government that we have no choice but to fine for holidays taken - we can no longer authorise any family holidays. The fines are as follows, as set out by the government:

£60 per parent, per child, rising to £120 if this is not paid within 21 days.

If it is still not paid within 28 days, then parents may be prosecuted which could lead to a fine of £2500 or a jail sentence of up to 3 months. This is also the case for poor attendance which is not related to family holidays.

Attendance Raffle

We will be holding an attendance raffle each big term (3 times per year) across the federation. Children who have excellent attendance of 97% or above for the term, will be entered. The winning family will receive £100.

Swimming - Westmere

Spain and Canada Class children are going swimming in term 1 and term 2 of the new academic year. The first session was on Wednesday 7th September 2022 and they will continue swimming each Wednesday until Wednesday 7th December 2022. Please make sure that your child has their swimming kit with them every Wednesday. Earrings must not be worn to school on swimming or PE days. Girls will need to wear a one-piece swimming suit and boys must wear close fitting swimming trunks no longer than mid-thigh in length. We will need to ask for a voluntary contributio

Diary Dates

21 st	October Term 1 Ends
31 st	October Term 2 Starts
8 th	November Flu Vaccine - Westmere
10 th	November Flu Vaccine - HSM
15 th	November Flu Vaccine - GDE
15 th	November Westmere Photo Day
16 th	November HSM/GDE Photo Day



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of £2 per session. Please pay this either by bank transfer or card payment each term. The bank details for payment are: Sort Code: 20-80-78, Account No: 60939986. Please complete the reply slip or email your consent.

Term 1 will be 7 sessions - this will be a contribution of £14.

Term 2 will be 6 sessions - this will be a contribution of £12.

Swimming - Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Term 6

Swimming lessons are continuing for children in Norway and St Lucia classes, until October half term. The first lesson will be on 15th September. Mr Timmins will be taking both classes to Whaplode School on a Thursday afternoon 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, Girls will need to wear a one-piece swimming suit and boys must wear close fitting swimming trunks no longer than mid-thigh in length, long hair must be tied back. 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 £12 which can be paid in one payment or weekly. Please sign the permission slip, or email your permission and return to school by Monday 12th September. **Please note that all children need a swimming hat and will not be allowed to swim without one.**

Flu Vaccinations

All parents should receive 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:

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

	School Code	Vaccination Date
Gedney Drove End	EE120410	15 th November
Holbeach St Marks	EE120549	10 th November
Westmere	EE120SOZ	11 th November

Japanese Clubs Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks

Japanese club will start next week at Gedney Drove End and the following week at Holbeach St Marks. Please email the office if you would like your child to attend.

Mrs Parr	Japanese	Alternate Wednesdays starting 14 th September at Gedney Drove End and 21 st September at Holbeach St Marks	Years 2-6
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After School Clubs Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks

All other after school clubs will start week commencing 19th September, more details will follow in a separate letter next week.

After School Clubs Westmere

The following clubs will start week commencing Monday 19th September. Please email the office or complete the permission slip if you would like your child to attend. All the clubs will start at 3.20 pm and finish at 4.15 pm. If your child does not receive a place then you will be notified. If you do not hear anything, please assume your child has a place.

Weekdat	Year Groue	Teacher Name	Club
Monday	Key Stage 2	Miss Hardstaff	Craft Club
Monday	Key Stage 1	Miss Winn	Boord Games
Monday	Year 3 and 4	Miss Reid	Reading Club
Tuesday	Key Stage 2	Miss Pooley	Board Games
Tuesday	Key Stage 2	Mr Olander	Book Club
Thursday	Key Stage 1	Miss Ashby	Craft Club
Thursday	Years 5 and 6	Mr Piraino	Badminton Club





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Thursday Key Stage 1 Mrs Ransom Construction Club

Westmere PE clubs will be sent out in a separate letter early next week. Please keep an eye on your email for these.

Kind regards
Sally Massey
Assistant Executive Headteacher

Westmere After School Clubs Autumn 2022

Child Name: _____ Class: _____ Year _____

I give permission for my child to attend the after-school clubs as listed below:

Club	Weekdai	Teacher

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer Email address: _____

