

# Newsletter

## Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 98%

Gedney Drove End – 100%

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.

## Children in Need

Next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November is Children In Need Day. Children may come to school in non-uniform which can be Pudsey themed if they wish. If your child has PE on Friday, please ensure they are wearing clothes suitable for PE. Children will be taking part in activities throughout the day in their classes. We appreciate that money is tight for many families at the moment, so we are not asking for donations but if you would like to donate online please use the following link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

## Photo Proofs

You should have received the proof of your child's school photo this week. Orders must be placed directly with Wrates using the code on the proof, please note that they must receive orders by 22<sup>nd</sup> November otherwise you will be charged for postage. Please do not send any orders or money into school.

## Holiday Activities and Food

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) is a Government funded programme that provides free holiday clubs for reception to year 11 pupils in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in Lincolnshire over the summer, Christmas and Easter holidays. Children and young people attending a HAF club will also have the opportunity to have fun, meet new friends, socialise, learn new skills, encounter new experiences and gain confidence whilst enjoying happy, healthy holidays.

The next HAF delivery will take place during the Christmas holidays from Thursday 21 December to Tuesday 2 January (excluding weekends and bank holidays).

Your child is eligible if they are in reception to Year 11 and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Parents / carers of eligible children should receive an email on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November with details of how to apply for a place.

## Inspire Young Minds with Maths!

We are always seeking opportunities to enrich our pupils' education and help them see the practical applications of what they learn in the classroom. We believe that parents and carers can play a vital role in this and show our pupils how mathematics is an important part of everyday life and various professions.

We are looking for parents and carers who are willing to come to school and speak to the children about how they use mathematics in their jobs. Whether you are an engineer, accountant, retail worker, architect, scientist, doctor, chef, or have any occupation that involves maths, your involvement will not only make maths more relatable but will also inspire our pupils to appreciate its real-world significance.

Please speak to or email your child's teacher if you are interested, and for more details. We'll be happy to provide any additional information or guidance to help you prepare.

Let's work together to make maths come alive for our children and inspire the mathematicians and problem solvers of tomorrow!

## Taekwondo Classes

We have attached a flyer from Lone Wolf Taekwondo with details of their classes for all ages.

## Diary Dates

16<sup>th</sup> November – Meet the Teacher France Class

17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

7<sup>th</sup> December – China, France, Italy & Greece

Christmas Play Westmere

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle and Christmas Fair  
HSM / GDE

11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play HSM

11<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christingle Westmere

12<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime Trip

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play GDE

19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2

3<sup>rd</sup> January – Start of Term 3



## **Dick Whittington Pantomime – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 advise nearer the date what time your child will need to be at school but coaches will return at approximately 1.00pm. 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, these are available to order on the Country Kitchen website. The cost of transport has increased dramatically recently and unfortunately, we need to ask for a contribution of £5 per child towards the coach travel. Please return the permission slip below or email your permission to the office. At GDE and HSM contributions can be made by cash or bank transfer to the usual account. Contributions for Westmere can be made by cash, card or bank transfer; we have a new account as follows: 30-99-50 12661063 the account name is Westmere County Primary School Fund.

## **Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6**

Westmere and Holbeach St Mark's Schools have now had their immunisations, please find below the date for Gedney Drove End.

	<b>Date of immunisation</b>
<b>Gedney Drove End</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> November (PM)</b>

Registration was directly with the school nursing team, if your child is not on their list they will not be able to have the nasal spray.

## **Westmere New Intake Open Morning**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding an open morning at 9.15am-10.15am for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2024. Please join us so we can show you around school and see our fantastic children at work.

## **Club Cancellation – Westmere**

Mrs Copley's Choir Club is cancelled on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Into Film Festival**

Please find a list below of the remaining dates for the cinema trips;

**Brazil, Mexico and Portugal – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**Norway, Sweden, St Lucia and Barbados – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

## **Diocesan of Lincoln – Boston Stump Carol Concert 14<sup>th</sup> December – HSM**

Children in key stage 2 will be attending a Church Schools' Carol Service on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Boston Stump. A coach will be collecting staff and children at 9am from HSM and taking them to the service in Boston. They will return to HSM around 3pm. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch with them.

## **Parking at Westmere**

We ask, please, that our parents be considerate when parking, and not to block the residents' driveways on Anne Road and also not to turn around in the entrance to the garages as this causes problems for the tenants. We have noticed that the speed of some vehicles may be within the speed limit but is not appropriate to the environment. We want to ensure all of your children are as safe as possible.

## **Friends of Westmere- AGM**

Our annual AGM will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November between 9 and 10am. If you are interested in joining the committee or just want to know more about what is involved, please come along. We're a friendly bunch!

Kind regards

**Sally Massey**

**Assistant Executive Headteacher**





**Holbeach St Marks Only – Boston Stump Carol Concert 14<sup>th</sup> December**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) .....to attend the carol concert on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Signed ..... Parent/Carer Date.....

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I do / do not enclose a contribution of £5 per child towards the transport.

Signed ..... Parent/Carer Date.....

