

# Newsletter

## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been fantastic to see all of the children return; see their friends, and make new friends; and enjoy their learning. Happy faces and lots of excited chatter. This week we have been busy learning about keeping ourselves safe, the country our class is named after, and British values.

You will notice that the format of the newsletter has changed. We will now send one newsletter across the federation and you will find some new features, including a 'Kids Corner' which will have jokes, competitions and quizzes.

## Communication

We will send out a weekly newsletter which will contain key information for you. For more informal news, please visit our Facebook page – The Griffin Federation. This week, this includes work the children have done on keeping themselves safe.

## Absences

It is vital that children attend school every day. If your child is absent from school please phone school or send an email before 9am to:

Westmere – [enquiries@westmere.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@westmere.lincs.sch.uk) 01406 350205

Holbeach St Marks – [enquiries@st-marks.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-marks.lincs.sch.uk) 01406 701266

Gedney Drove End – [enquiries@gedneydroveend.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@gedneydroveend.lincs.sch.uk) 01406 550242

If we do not hear from you, we will call you. If we are unable to make contact, we will come to your house to do a 'safe & well' check every day.

## Trip to Flag Fen – Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks

As part of their topics, St Lucia, Barbados, Norway and Sweden will be visiting Flag Fen in Peterborough on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Children should wear their PE hoodies and bring a packed lunch and a drink bottle. The coach will pick up at Gedney Drove End at 8.50am before travelling to Holbeach St Marks and then on to Peterborough. We expect to leave Flag Fen by 2.15pm and will drop off Holbeach St Marks by the end of school and Gedney Drove End at approximately 3.15 -3.30pm.

The total cost of this trip is £22 per child but this is subsidised by school and we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £15 per child. Please sign and return the permission slip by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, or alternatively, you can email your permission to the office.

Children who are entitled to a free school meal can have a packed lunch provided by school, please indicate on the permission slip or email.

Payment can be made by cash or bank transfer.

## Trip to Flag Fen – Westmere

As part of their topics, Brazil and Mexico will be visiting Flag Fen in Peterborough on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Children should wear their PE hoodies and bring a packed lunch and a drink bottle. The coach will leave Westmere at 9am. We expect to leave Flag Fen by 2.15pm, so should be back at Westmere for 3.15pm/3.30pm.

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £15 per child. Please sign and return the permission slip by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September, or alternatively, you can email your permission to the office.

Children who are entitled to a free school meal can have a packed lunch provided by school, please indicate on the permission slip or email.

## Diary Dates

14<sup>th</sup> September GDE/HSM Flag Fen  
18<sup>th</sup> September 11+ Verbal Reasoning  
25<sup>th</sup> September 11+ Non-verbal Reasoning  
27<sup>th</sup> September Westmere Flag Fen  
29<sup>th</sup> September Reading Afternoon  
21<sup>st</sup> October Term 1 Ends  
1<sup>st</sup> November Term 2 Starts

## Kids Corner

Welcome to our new Kids Corner!

Each week you will find different things here. There will be jokes, competitions, do quizzes and lots more.

Jokes for this week:

1. Why do ants never get sick? Because they have anitbodies
2. Knock Knock. Who's there? Isabella who? Isabella working? I rang three times before knocking



### Reading Afternoon

We would like to invite the parents of China, Australia, France, Italy, Cuba and Finland into school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September for a reading afternoon. We would like you to come to school from 2pm onwards. Weather permitting, we are hoping to be able to sit outside, so please bring a picnic blanket with you to sit on.

### Swimming – Westmere

Spain Class children will be going swimming in term 1 and term 2. The first session will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and they will continue swimming each Wednesday until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Please make sure that your child has their swimming kit with them every Wednesday. 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 contribution of £2 per session. Please send this with your child on the days they go for their swimming lesson.

### Swimming – Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks

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 16<sup>th</sup> September, 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 £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 13<sup>th</sup> September.



### Next Week's Topics:

CLASS	ENGLISH	MATHS
CHINA	My body- non-fiction books and labels	Sorting
AUSTRALIA	Narrative Grandad's Island	Counting to 10
FRANCE	Narrative Grandad's Island	Place value
ITALY	Narrative Grandad's Island	Place value
BRAZIL	Non-chronological reports	Place value
MEXICO	Non-chronological reports	Place value
USA	Persuasive speech	Place value
PORTUGAL	Non-Fiction- Persuasive Texts	Number and Place Value
CANADA	Persuasive speech	Place value
SPAIN	Persuasive Speech	Place value
CUBA	Narrative Grandad's Island	Place value 1-10
BARBADOS	Narrative Stone Age Boy	Place value
ST LUCIA	Persuasive speech	Place value
FINLAND	Narrative Grandad's Island	Place value 1-10
SWEDEN	Adventure Stories	Place value
NORWAY	Persuasive speech	Place value

Kind regards  
Sally Massey





**Permission Slips**

**Flag Fen Trip Permission 14th September 2021 St Lucia, Norway, Sweden, Barbados**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) .....  
 to attend Flag Fen on Tuesday 14th September.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of £15 per child.

My child is entitled to free school meals and would like a packed lunch provided

Signed .....

Date.....

**Flag Fen Trip Permission 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Brazil and Mexico**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) .....  
 to attend Flag Fen on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of £15 per child.

My child is entitled to free school meals and would like a packed lunch provided

Signed .....

Date.....

**Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Swimming Term 1**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) ..... To attend  
 swimming lessons in term 1.

I do / do not enclose a contribution of £12 •

Or I will pay £2 per week •

Signed ..... Date .....

