

Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 99%

Gedney Drove End – 97%

Westmere –94%

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: **Respect**

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

School Transport

If your child is transferring to secondary school in September 2024 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

School Meals Survey

The School Governing Body have asked for some feedback on our hot school meal provision. All children will be bringing home a questionnaire to find out whether they have hot meals, what they think of them and potential barriers that stop them having a meal. Please complete the questionnaire with your child and return to school by Monday 25th March.

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

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.





Friends of Holbeach St Marks

We would like to invite parents and carers to meet to discuss setting up a Friends of Holbeach St Marks group on Thursday 28th March at 3:15pm. Please let Mrs Richardson or Mrs Baxell know if you are interested in joining us.

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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