

Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 98%

Gedney Drove End –96%

Westmere –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 who have shown evidence of that value during the week.

Our value for the next school week is: **Koinonia**

Year 6 SATs

Well done to all our year 6 children who have worked so hard on their SATs tests this week, we are proud of you all.

Calendar Dates

We have added all the important dates until the end of the year to the calendar. Please be aware that these dates are correct at the time of writing but could be subject to change.

Warm Weather

Just a reminder now the weather is getting warmer. Children should have sun cream applied before school, they should also bring a named bottle with them to reapply during the day. Pupils will not be able to share sun cream due to the risk of an allergic reaction. Please ensure your child has a sun hat or cap and a drinks bottle.

Hilltop

If you have any monies outstanding for the Hilltop trip they **must be paid in full by Friday 24th May**. Please contact the office if you are not sure how much you owe.

Cricket Day Westmere Monday 20th May

This coming Monday, 20th May, there will be a cricket day at Westmere. Please could all children come to school in their PE kit.

Uniform Orders for September

We will be starting to send out the uniform order forms for September in the next few weeks. **All uniform will need to be paid for in full at the point of ordering.** If anyone would like to start a payment card and save a little each week to spread the cost, please speak to the office staff.

Secondary School – New Intake Days

Please find a list below of all the new intake dates that we have been made aware of;

School	Dates
University Academy Long Sutton	2 nd & 3 rd July
University Academy Holbeach	11 th & 12 th July
Spalding High School	5 th July
Spalding Grammar School	5 th July

Film Evening - all schools

On Wednesday 22nd May, 3:30pm-5pm, Westmere will be holding a film evening which all of the children from the federation are invited to attend. Tickets cost £3 including popcorn and a drink, and can be purchased at the school offices. GDE and HSM will be able to leave school at 3pm to make sure they arrive on time at Westmere.

Diary Dates

18th May – HSM Church Flower Festival

20th May – Westmere Cricket Day all classes

22nd May – FOW Film Evening

24th May – End of Term 5

3rd June – Start of Term 6

13th June – Year 6 Leavers' Trip

17th -21st June – Summer sponsored mile event

20th June – Colour Run

21st – 23rd June – Hilltop Residential

8th July – Westmere Leavers' Play

9th July – HSM Play

10th July – GDE Play

16th July – Celebration & Awards Westmere

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

17th July – Celebration & Awards HSM am

17th July – Celebration & Awards GDE pm

18th July – Sports Day GDE/HSM at GDE

19th July – Sports Day Westmere





Malicious Communications Information from the Stay Safe Partnership

Malicious Communications has been an ongoing problem in Lincolnshire for the last few years. Online behaviour is something we talk regularly to children about within our online safety sessions. We want to also make sure parents are aware of these laws and the potential consequences our online behaviour can have in the real world, for our children's futures. We have attached a document which outlines the different laws regarding online behaviour, this is to accompany our video aimed at parents [Stay Safe Talks - Malicious Communications \(youtube.com\)/ \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Akl9CgpP9t8We\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Akl9CgpP9t8We).

School Avoidance

Please find attached some information about the impact of not attending school regularly. The guide breaks down some of the causes and effects of school avoidance and provides advice on how you can help young people triumph over this potentially damaging cycle.

Friends of Westmere Colour Run

Friends of Westmere will be holding a Colour Run on Thursday 20th June in the afternoon. As it is Sports week, we will be doing other sports activities and FOW will be selling refreshments. All children from the Griffin Federation will have the opportunity to take part in the colour run, tickets are £5 per child. Children who wish to take part will need to provide their own white t-shirt and sunglasses. If your child would like to take part please purchase your tickets from the school offices, by Friday 24th May. Parents/Carers will be able to come and watch.

GDE / HSM transport to Colour Run

On Thursday 20th June we have arranged two coaches to take all the children from Holbeach St Marks and Gedney Drove End to Westmere for a sports afternoon. Children are able to take part in the Colour Run if they wish but need to purchase a ticket beforehand, see details above. If your child does not wish to take part they will still be able to join in the other activities. There will be an opportunity to purchase refreshments if they want to and children may take no more than £3 in a named purse or envelope. Children will be back at school by the end of the day. As this is a federation event you will have already given permission to transport your child (on our emergency contact form) but should you have any concerns please speak to the class teacher.

Long Hair

Just a reminder that long hair must be tied up for swimming and PE. It is also suggested that it be kept away from the face when doing activities such as cooking, DT or art. Having hair in a ponytail or plaits can reduce the risk of headlice as well. Please provide your child with an extra hair tie in their bag in case they need to put their hair up.

Kind regards

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