

Newsletter

WELL DONE, AMANDA!

We are so proud of Amanda, our Family Support Worker, who won the award last night for Support Staff of the Year in the Education Awards. Amanda works with many of our families across all three schools to support both children and parents. If you would ever like to speak to her, please contact school.

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. You can also visit our website www.griffin federation.co.uk and go to your child's class page to find important information like PE days, homework and topic.

Flu Vaccinations

All parents should have received a copy of the flu vaccination letter by email this week. If you haven't already registered your child and would like them 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	16th November
Holbeach St Marks	EE120549	12th November
Westmere	EE120502	9th November

Sports Clubs – Gedney Drove End

Mr Timmins will be running a tennis club at Gedney Drove End this term. These will start the week commencing 20th September and will run until 4.15pm: you can complete the slip or email your permission by Monday 20th September. There are limited spaces so they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Monday Years 3,4,5 and 6

Thursday Year 1 and 2

Please complete the attached permission slip and return on Monday 20th September.

For children at **Holbeach St Marks**, clubs will start on Thursdays in term 2.

Sports Clubs - Westmere

The list below are the sports clubs that are available for Westmere. These will start the week commencing 20th September and will run until 4.15pm. Please return the permission slip by Monday 20th September. There are limited spaces so they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Tuesday –Tennis Club – Canada/Portugal/USA

Wednesday –Tennis Club – France/ Brazil/Mexico

Friday – Tennis Club – Italy / Australia

Reading Afternoon

We would like to invite the parents of China, Australia, France, Italy, Cuba and Finland into school on Wednesday 29th 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.

Diary Dates

18th September 11+ Verbal Reasoning
25th September 11+ Non-verbal Reasoning
27th September Westmere Flag Fen
29th September Reading Afternoon
19th October West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village
21st October Term 1 Ends
1st November Term 2 Starts
9th November Westmere Flu Vaccination
12th November HSM Flu Vaccination
16th November GDE Flu Vaccination

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.

WORDSEARCH



WEATHER



B	R	S	D	R	O	P	N	E	L	W	C
K	O	Z	N	F	W	I	R	H	O	T	L
W	G	U	R	O	J	S	E	C	Y	A	D
E	V	C	I	S	P	U	L	F	B	M	R
S	N	O	W	J	A	N	D	W	T	H	E
Z	B	L	G	R	F	S	Q	I	K	Y	P
T	U	D	M	X	C	H	A	N	C	E	O
C	P	K	B	O	Z	I	F	D	S	L	R
O	J	M	H	E	S	N	Y	G	R	U	T
O	W	E	A	T	H	E	R	L	A	S	B
L	C	R	I	F	M	T	H	P	I	D	G
D	A	G	L	S	U	K	B	L	N	E	R



CHANCE	HAIL	SNOW
COLD	HOT	SUNSHINE
COOL	RAIN	WEATHER
DROP	REPORT	WIND







Trip to Flag Fen – Westmere

As part of their topics, Brazil and Mexico will be visiting Flag Fen in Peterborough on Monday 27th 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 20th 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.

Holbeach St Marks – Cuba & Gedney Drove End – Finland

As part of their 'Being Me in My World' topic, Cuba and Finland classes will be walking to the village hall to look at the local area. When you signed our emergency contact form you gave permission to visit the village hall and take part in topic days, however should you have any concerns please speak to the class teacher.

Holbeach St Marks - Cuba (including pre-school)

As part of their topic, please would children be able to bring in a photo of their last birthday, their house and their family. If you are unable to print photos please email to the class - cuba@griffin federation.co.uk

Swimming – Westmere

Spain Class children will be going swimming in term 1 and term 2. The first session will be on Wednesday 15th September 2021 and they will continue swimming each Wednesday until Wednesday 15th 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.

Trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village – Westmere

As part of their topics, USA, Portugal, Canada and Spain will be visiting West Stow Anglo - Saxton Village on Tuesday 19th October. 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 West Stow by 2.30pm, so should be back at Westmere for 4.00pm.

The total cost of this trip is £13 per child, but this is subsidised by school and we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child. Please sign and return the permission slip by Monday 4th October, 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.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed recently your child may be eligible for free school meals. Children can have a free hot meal every day if they wish and the school receives additional funding for each child who is entitled. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits you could qualify.

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Absences

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

Gedney Drove End – 01406 550242
Enquiries@gedneydroveend.lincs.sch.uk

Holbeach St Marks – 10406 701266
Enquiries@st-marks.lincs.sch.uk

Westmere – 01406 350205
enquiries@westmere.lincs.sch.uk

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





- It only takes a few minutes to apply using the following link
<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

Next Week's Topics:

CLASS	ENGLISH	MATHS
CHINA	Our Family – labels for meaning labelling their family members	Matching and sorting digging deeper
AUSTRALIA	Narrative - Granddads Island	Comparing numbers
FRANCE	Narrative - Granddads Island	Place value
ITALY	Narrative - Granddads Island	Place value
BRAZIL	Non-chronological report	Addition and subtraction
MEXICO	Non-chronological report	Addition and subtraction
USA	Persuasive speech	Place value
PORTUGAL	Persuasive speech	Place value
CANADA	Persuasive speech	Place value
SPAIN	Persuasive speech	Addition and subtraction, including the inverse
CUBA	Narrative	Place value
BARBADOS	Narrative	Place value
ST LUCIA	Persuasive speech	Place value
FINLAND	Narrative	Place value
SWEDEN	Writing effective sentences for an adventure story	Number and place value
NORWAY	Persuasive Battle Speech	Number and place value

Kind regards
Sally Massey





Permission Slips

Flag Fen Trip Permission 27th September 2021 Brazil and Mexico

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

Westmere 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

West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village Trip Permission 19th October 2021 USA, Portugal, Canada, Spain

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)
to attend West Stow on Tuesday 19th October.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of £10 per child.

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

Signed

Date.....

Tennis Clubs - Westmere

Child Name Class

I give permission for my child to attend the after-school Tennis Club as ticked below:

<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Available to Classes</u>	<u>Please Tick</u>
Monday	Canada/Portugal/USA	
Wednesday	France/Brazil/Mexico	
Friday	Italy/Australia	

Signed Parent/Carer Date





The Griffin Federation

Learning Together for Excellence

Gedney Drove End Tennis Clubs

Childs Name Class

I give permission for my child to attend the after-school Tennis Club as ticked below:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>Please Tick</u>
Monday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Year 1 & 2	

Signed Parent/Carer Date

