

# Newsletter

## Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 97%

Gedney Drove End – 95%

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.

## Thank You

We would like to thank you all for your support during this first half term and wish you a lovely (albeit wet, by the looks of things) break. Please remember, school re-starts on Tuesday 31st October.

## Hilltop

All the Hilltop places have now been taken. If your child wanted to go but didn't get a place, we can add them to the waiting list. If someone drops out, we will let you know and request payment.

## GDE / HSM PE Term 2

From Friday 3rd November, St Lucia, Barbados, Norway and Sweden will all be having PE lessons at Gedney Drove End Village Hall with Mr Timmins. Children from Norway and Sweden will walk to the hall - please ensure your child has trainers and a warm waterproof coat. Children from St Lucia and Barbados will be collected by coach at 12.40pm and transported over to Gedney Drove End. All children will leave the village hall at approximately 2.55pm and be back at school by the end of the day. When you signed our emergency contact form you gave permission for your child to walk to the village hall or be transported by coach for a federation event but should you have any concerns, please speak to the class teacher.

## Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

If your child is in Reception to Year 6 and you 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>

	Date of immunisation	School Code	% of Pupils Already Registered
<b>Gedney Drove End</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> November (PM)</b>	<b>EE120410</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>Holbeach St Marks</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November (AM)</b>	<b>EE120549</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Westmere</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> November (PM)</b>	<b>EE120502</b>	<b>45.5%</b>

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

## Holiday Event St Matthew's Church Sutton Bridge

St Matthew's Church is holding a holiday craft and activity morning on 26th October from 10.30am – 12pm. It is open to children up to 11 years old and they must be accompanied by an adult. Drinks and snacks will be available.

## Times Tables Rockstars Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our schools, we are thrilled to announce that we will be holding a federation-wide tournament where houses (Nene, Ouse, Welland and Witham) will compete to score the most points and claim a trophy.

Children can log on to [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com) over the half-term holiday and play in any gamemode- with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question earning themselves and their house a point. The winning house will have the honour of decorating the TTRockStars Trophy with their house colours and displaying it in school at the end of the tournament. There will also be certificates for the top players within each house.

The tournament will run from Friday 20th October 2023 to Thursday 2nd November 2023 with an award ceremony on Friday 3rd November.

In the spirit of the tournament, please don't play on your child's behalf but, by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

## Diary Dates

31<sup>st</sup> October – Deadline for secondary applications  
 31<sup>st</sup> October (**Tuesday**) – **Start of Term 2**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> November – School Photos  
 6<sup>th</sup> November – Meet the Teacher GDE & Westmere  
 8<sup>th</sup> November – Meet the Teacher HSM  
 16<sup>th</sup> November – Meet the Teacher France Class





### **After School Clubs Next Term**

The current after school clubs will continue next term.

### **HSM – Barbados PE Days**

From week commencing 30th October, Barbados PE Day will just be just Friday.

### **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 Cropley's Choir Club is cancelled Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Meet the Teacher Evenings**

We will be holding Meet the Teacher evenings at Gedney Drove End and Westmere on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November (France class will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November) and Holbeach St Marks on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. This is an opportunity for you to book a five-minute appointment to meet your child's teacher. There will be a formal parents' evening later in the year which will be an opportunity to discuss your child's learning. The first appointment is at 3.20pm and the last appointment at 5.55pm. If you haven't made an appointment yet and would like one please email the office.

### **Secondary School Applications**

Just a reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October, please use the link below to make your application <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>. If your child is entitled to school transport then you should apply for that at the same time.

### **Into Film Festival**

The Into Film Festival is a free, annual, nationwide celebration of film & education for children, we have arranged cinema visits for the following classes.

#### **France and Italy – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, France and Italy will be going to watch Paw Patrol at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and should return to school at approximately 12:00pm. Please return the permission slip below.

#### **Canada and Spain – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Canada and Spain will be going to watch Haunted Mansion at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and should return to school at approximately 12:40pm. Please return the permission slip below. 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.

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

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Brazil, Mexico and Portugal will be going to watch Minions: The Rise Of Gru at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and should return to school at approximately 12:15pm. Please return the permission slip below.

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

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Norway, Sweden, St Lucia and Barbados will be going to watch Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. The coach will leave Holbeach St Marks at 8.40am and pick up Gedney Drove End at 9am. We will be back at school in time for lunch. Please return the permission slip below.

Kind regards

**Sally Massey**

**Assistant Executive Headteacher**





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