



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.

Diary Dates

23rd September – 11+ Non-Verbal Reasoning Test

20th October – End of Term 1

31st October (Tues) – Start of Term 2

3rd November – School Photos

Secondary school Open evenings

Please find attached letters inviting you to the various open evenings at secondary schools in the area.

University Academy Holbeach – Thursday 28th September – Year 6

Spalding Academy – Tuesday 3rd October – Years 4 to 6

Parents' Support for Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing

Place2Be aims to support and improve young people's mental health. There is a section on their website to support parents with a range of issues, including: children's anger, change, anxiety, body image, friendships and arguments with your child, as well as many other topics. There are articles and videos to give advice and support with these areas. <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Free School Meals

All children in reception to year 2 receive a universal free school meal. In addition to this, and dependent on your circumstances, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. This means that they will get a free meal as long as you remain eligible and the school receives a pupil premium funding allocation. This is set by the government and can be spent by school on additional resources to help support your child.

If your child has just started with us or has moved from year 2 to year 3, or if your household income has changed it might be worth applying. Please use the following link - [Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Protected Characteristics

Public bodies such as schools have a duty, under the 2010 Equality Act, to ensure they promote equality within their organisations. The schools within our federation share a belief in the right of every single person to be treated with equal dignity and compassion and that this is fundamental to the ethos which underpins everything we do in school.

The nine protected characteristics are: [race](#), [disability](#), [sex](#), [age](#), [religion or belief](#), [sexual orientation](#), [pregnancy and maternity](#), [marriage or civil partnership](#) and [gender reassignment](#). We regularly teach the children about these characteristics, and equality for all. Sessions take place in class to ensure they are delivered in an age appropriate way.

We want our children to know that:

There are no outsiders within The Griffin Federation

Everyone is different

We celebrate differences

We are all equal





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 8th November

On Wednesday 8th 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 10th November

On Friday 10th 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 14th November

On Tuesday 14th 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 15th November

On Wednesday 15th 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.

Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

If your child is in Reception to Year 6 and you would like them to be immunised in the Autumn, then please use the following link and the appropriate school code from the table below;

<https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

	School Code	% of Pupils Already Registered
Gedney Drove End	EE120410	35%
Holbeach St Marks	EE120549	42%
Westmere	EE120502	30%

Kind regards

Sally Massey

Assistant Executive Headteacher





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