

Newsletter

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.griffinfederation.co.uk and go to your child's class page to find important information like PE days, homework and topic.

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. **If the weather is bad**, unfortunately, we would have to postpone this event due to COVID restrictions. Please check our Facebook page for updates on Wednesday.

Westmere – Australia Class

Next week, Australia class have an amazing virtual experience arranged, where they will have a live feed to a member of staff and will take part in a quiz to guess where the member of staff is in our locality.

Westmere – France and Italy Class

On Tuesday 28th September, France and Italy Class will be going on a walk around the village as part of their topic work. Education visit permission slips have been sent to all parents. Please make sure that you have returned your signed slip to the school office.

Illness

If your child has any of the following symptoms, you **must not** send them to school. Instead you will need to arrange a PCR test by booking online or calling 119. A lateral flow test is not to be used when children are showing symptoms, it is designed to detect virus when children are asymptomatic.

- A new cough
- A temperature of 37.8 or above
- Loss of taste or smell

If your child is unwell with a sore throat, runny nose or other mild illness, they can still come to school. If they need medicine during the day you can either come to school to administer it at breaktime or lunchtime or you can complete a medicine form and staff can give medicine.

UALS & UAH Open Evenings

We have received advice from both UALS and UAH regarding their open evenings: unfortunately they were cancelled due to rising Covid cases. The new dates are as follows:

UAH Thursday 21st October 6.30pm

UALS Tuesday 12th October 5.30pm – 8pm

Sports Clubs – Gedney Drove End

Mr Timmins will be running tennis clubs at Gedney Drove End this term. These started this week and will run until 4.15pm: there are still places available so if you would like your child to take part, please email the office. 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

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

Diary Dates

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.

COMPETITION

Draw a picture of your pet, or favourite animal, and hand it in at the office by next Wednesday. The winners from each class will receive 10 Westies, Gedneys, Smarties.



Sports Clubs - Westmere

Sports clubs started this week but there are still some spaces. If you would like your child to take part, please email the office with your child's name, class and day of club. 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

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

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 water 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. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page.

Holbeach St Marks - Cuba (including pre-school)

For their topic work, please send in or email a photo of your child's last birthday, their house and their family. cuba@griffin federation.co.uk. Thank you.

Trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village – Westmere

As part of their topics, USA, Portugal, Canada and Spain will be visiting West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village on Tuesday 19th October. Children should wear their PE hoodies and bring a packed lunch and a water 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 so 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 and send payment with your child. 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. Updates on the day will be posted on our Facebook page.

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

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 – 01406 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.





Next Week's Topics:

CLASS	ENGLISH	MATHS
CHINA	Initial sounds focusing on friendships	Making comparisons
AUSTRALIA	Narrative (Grandad's Island)	Place value
FRANCE	Narrative (Grandad's Island)	Place value
ITALY	Narrative (Grandad's Island)	Place value
BRAZIL	Narrative (Stone Age Boy)	Addition and subtraction
MEXICO	Narrative (Stone Age Boy)	Addition and subtraction
USA	Persuasive speech	Addition and subtraction
PORTUGAL	Persuasive writing	Number and place value
CANADA	Persuasive speech	Place value
SPAIN	Persuasive speech	Multiplication methods
CUBA	Narrative	Place value
BARBADOS	Narrative	Addition and subtraction
ST LUCIA	Persuasive battle speech	Place value
FINLAND	Narrative	Place value
SWEDEN	Writing an adventure story	Addition and subtraction
NORWAY	Persuasive battle speech	Number and place value

Kind regards
Sally Massey

Permission Slips

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 Parent/Carer Date.....

