

Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

WOW!

Holbeach St Marks – 93%

Gedney Drove End – 98%

Westmere – 92%

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.

It is vital that your child is in school. If they feel unwell in the morning but you think they can still come to school, please send them. Often, illnesses are worse first thing in the morning and at night, and children often get better during the day. If they get worse throughout the day, we will call you. Equally, if you keep your child at home and they get better, bring them to school. Children can come to school with medication; please come to the office to complete a medicine form and bring the medication. If you have more than one child, you must send the child who is not ill to school otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence and may lead to a fine. It is rare that siblings are ill at the same time, unless there is a bug going around.

Diary Dates

1st May – May Day Bank Holiday
 2nd May - Strikes – Mexico and St Lucia
 3rd May – GDE Cricket Day
 5th May – Coronation Event in school
 8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday
 17th May – Church Schools Festival (HSM)
 9th – 12th May – Year 6 SATs Week
 10th May – Bingo Westmere
 26th May – End of Term 5
 5th June – Start of Term 6
 21st July – End of School Year

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME REALLY MATTERS



DID YOU KNOW...?

In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day by ...

5 Minutes
 10 Minutes
 15 Minutes
 20 Minutes
 30 Minutes

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

3 Days from School
 6 Days from School
 9 Days from School
 12 Days from School
 18 Days from School

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

24 Lessons
 48 Lessons
 72 Lessons
 96 Lessons
 144 Lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

Rounders Club Cancellation – Gedney Drove End

Unfortunately, Mr Timmins' rounders club will not take place on Thursday 4th May.

Teacher Strikes

On Tuesday 2nd May, the following classes will be closed due to industrial action:

St Lucia – Holbeach St Marks

Mexico - Westmere

All other children should attend school on this day.

Cricket Day Gedney Drove End 3rd May

On Wednesday 3rd May we have a cricket day at Gedney Drove End School, all children should come to school in their PE kits.





The Griffin Federation

Learning Together for Excellence

Japanese Club – GDE & HSM

Just a reminder that Japanese club is every other week at HSM and GDE. The remaining dates for this term are:

Holbeach St Marks 3rd and 17th May
Gedney Drove End 10th and 24th May

Coronation Celebrations HSM – Friday 5th May

At Holbeach St Marks, we will be celebrating with a Coronation Picnic (in addition to usual lunch arrangements), party games and songs. Children may dress in red, white and blue non-uniform.

Coronation Celebrations GDE – Friday 5th May

At Gedney Drove End we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III with Coronation related activities in the morning, lunch as normal and an afternoon tea. Children may wear red, white and blue.

Coronation Celebrations Westmere – Friday 5th May

At Westmere, we will be celebrating with a Coronation Picnic instead of the usual lunch arrangements. If you have ordered a lunch for that day, please email Jo before you place your next order and let her know the choice for one day and she will arrange this with the caterer. If you DO NOT wish your child to have their lunch provided, please send them with a packed lunch from home. In the afternoon, we will have a carousel of garden party activities. Children may dress in red, white and blue non-uniform. The morning will be spent learning about the coronation in classes.

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Westmere – Bikes on the Playground

We ask that you please support us in keeping everyone safe and helping your children follow the rules by reminding them they must not ride their bikes and scooters on school premises, or go into the woods and play with sticks. Children who do not follow these rules will miss their playtime. All children have been spoken to and know the expectations. Thank you.

Kind regards
Sally Massey
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