



# Newsletter

## Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 93%  
Gedney Drove End – 99%  
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.

## School Attendance – year to date

Holbeach St Marks –  
Gedney Drove End – 94%  
Westmere – 92%

### **Our target is 96%**

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy – Westmere

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor for one hour a day at Westmere. If you are interested, please request an application pack from the office or email

[Nicola.Massam@griffinfederation.co.uk](mailto:Nicola.Massam@griffinfederation.co.uk)

## Year 6 Enterprise Project – Westmere

Over the next couple of weeks, Canada and Spain classes will begin their enterprise project by selling ice poles to raise money for school funds. This project is run to help the children understand the meaning of money and how to run a business. They will sell ice poles after school each day, except for Wednesdays. This will begin on Monday 3rd July. Ice poles will be priced at 50p each - please ensure that the children bring in the correct money if they wish to buy anything.

## Strike Action

Due to strike action, Mexico class will be closed on the 5th and 7th July. All other children should attend school as normal.

## Hot Weather

Just a reminder that, in the warm weather, children need sun cream to be applied before school and should have a named bottle with them to reapply at lunchtime. We are not able to let children share sun cream due to potential allergies. Please also send your child with a sun hat or cap.

## Summer Uniform

We understand that it is getting near to the end of the school year and it is not the time to be buying new uniform, but we remind you that children's summer uniform is any of the following: shorts, skirts, dresses, culottes or skorts; the length should be to the knee or just above. For PE, children should wear football style or cycling shorts to mid-thigh.

## Online Safety

Please find attached a leaflet with tips for how to keep your children safe online – this week's information is about You Tube Restricted Mode.

## Clubs

All clubs are cancelled the last week of term.

## Gedney Drove End Clubs Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

On Monday 10th July, we will be asking you to drop off and pick up from the village hall due to the play rehearsal. Miss Sage's activity club and Mrs Ashby-Morley's gardening club will be cancelled that day.

## Diary Dates

10<sup>th</sup> July – School Play GDE  
11<sup>th</sup> July – School Play HSM  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Trip  
13<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Play Westmere  
14<sup>th</sup> July – Move Up Day  
17<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day GDE / HSM  
19<sup>th</sup> July – Celebration and leavers' Assembly Westmere  
20<sup>th</sup> July – Celebration and leavers' Assembly HSM/GDE  
21<sup>st</sup> July – Sports Day Westmere  
21<sup>st</sup> July – End of School Year



## New Intake Day – Spalding Grammar School

We have received an email from Spalding Grammar School this week to say that even though strike action is planned on the day of transition, 7th July, the new intake day will still go ahead as planned.

## Secondary School – New Intake Days

Please find a list below of all the new intake dates that we have been made aware of;

School	Dates
University Academy Long Sutton	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> July
University Academy Holbeach	13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Spalding High School	7 <sup>th</sup> July
Spalding Grammar School	7 <sup>th</sup> July

## Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

Attached to the newsletter this week is a copy of the flu vaccination letter. If your child is in Reception to Year 5 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
<b>Gedney Drove End</b>	<b>EE120410</b>
<b>Holbeach St Marks</b>	<b>EE120549</b>
<b>Westmere</b>	<b>EE120502</b>

## Inhalers in school

If your child has asthma, they need to have their own named inhaler in school. We are not able to let a child use a sibling's medication even with permission from a parent. Children could have a different strength of inhaler and this could result in either not getting enough, or having too much, medication. It is also a parent's responsibility to check the expiry date on the inhaler and provide a replacement in good time.

## Reading Sessions

Each class will be having a reading session which we would like to invite parents to. Please see the table below for your session, if your class is not listed then the session has already taken place;

Class	Date	Time
Canada	6 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm-3.15pm
Spain	6 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm-3.15pm
Gedney Drove End – all classes	4 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm–3.15pm

## Leavers' Trip – Year 6

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, we will be taking Year 6 to the Fun Farm where they will get to go on the High Ropes and in Laser Storm. Children should wear their PE kit including jogging bottoms / leggings, a long sleeved top and trainers: no shorts please. The trip will take place within school time with the coach picking up Westmere first at 9am, followed by Gedney Drove End and getting back to school by the end of the day. Children from Holbeach St Marks will be transported by car. Lunch and squash are included: please choose one item from the first column and either chips or salad. Children should bring a water bottle, and depending on the weather, sun cream and a sunhat or a raincoat for when they are on the high ropes. There is no charge for the trip but we do need you to give permission and your menu choices, so please email the office or return the permission slip.

Choose One	
Beef Burger	Choose either chips or salad
Sausage	
Fish Finger	
Chicken Nuggets	
Veggie Nuggets	

## China Class Trip – Thetford Forest

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, we will be taking China class to High Lodge, Thetford, where they will get to go on the Gruffalo trail, music trail and try den building. Children should wear their PE kit and bring a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle, but no fizzy drinks, please. The trip will take place within school time with the coach picking up at 9:15am and getting back to school by the end of the day. If you would like a packed lunch provided for your child, please log onto the Country Kitchen website and order in the usual way. The cost of this trip is £12.33 but we would like to ask for a contribution of £10 per child. Please either complete the permission slip below or email the office with your permission. Payment can be made by cash or card in the office.





### **Move Up Day**

On Friday 14th July, we will be having our move up day in school. Children will spend the day with their new class teacher.

### **Gedney Drove End Celebration and Awards Service Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

The celebration and awards service will be held in the village hall at 11am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - everyone is welcome.

### **Holbeach St Marks Celebration and Awards Assembly Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

The celebration and awards service will take place at the church at 9.15am - everyone is welcome.

### **Westmere Celebration and Awards Services Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

We will be having two celebration and awards services in the school hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Key Stage 2 including leavers' is at 9.30am and Reception and Key Stage 1 is at 10.45am. All Y6 parents are welcome to attend. For all other year groups, you will be invited to attend if your child is receiving an award.

### **Gedney Drove End School Play Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Our school play this year is 'Do You Remember the First Time?', which will take place at the village hall at 6pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure the children arrive at the village hall between 5.30pm and 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes.

### **Holbeach St Marks School Play Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Our school play this year is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', which will take place in the church at 6pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure the children arrive at the church between 5.30pm and 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes.

### **Westmere Y6 School Play Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Our Y6 school play this year is 'I'm an 11-Yr-Old...GET ME OUT OF HERE!', which will take place at 6pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the school hall. Children should arrive between 5.35pm and 5.45pm to allow time to get changed. Parents of our Y6 pupils are invited to attend.

### **HSM – Barbados Class - Pottery Session - Greenfields Pottery**

On Thursday 13th July, Barbados will have a pottery workshop in school. We will be learning how to shape pots and decorate using glazes and various imprinting techniques.

### **Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Sports Day**

Our joint sports day will take place at Gedney Drove End School at 9.30am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July (weather permitting). All children (including preschool) will be transported from HSM by coach. Parents and families are welcome to join us but we won't be having a picnic lunch this year. Children from Holbeach St Marks will eat at Gedney Drove End and then travel back to school at approximately 12.30pm. If it is raining on the day, please check with the school office, the class teacher or the Facebook page to make sure the event is still going ahead.

### **Westmere Sports Day**

Our sports day will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, at 9.30am (weather permitting). Parents and families are welcome to join us. The gates will be locked when the event starts for safety reasons and will not be opened until all the races have finished. Please make sure you have everything you need with you as you will not be able to go back outside. Also, just a reminder that smoking and vaping are not permitted on the school site.

### **Summer Holiday Activities and Food Vouchers (HAF)**

Booking for summer holiday activities and food opens on 30<sup>th</sup> June. The vouchers have been automatically sent to qualifying families today with details of how to book. If you think you should have received a voucher and haven't, please contact the office.

Kind regards

**Sally Massey**

Assistant Executive Headteacher





**Leavers Trip – 12th July**

I give / do not give permission for my child ..... to visit the High Ropes and Laser Storm at the Fun Farm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

My child would like the following meal;

Choose One		Choose One	
Beef Burger		Chips	Salad
Sausage			
Fish Finger			
Chicken Nuggets			
Veggie Nuggets			

Signed ..... Date .....

**Westmere China Class Trip – 17<sup>th</sup> July**

I give / do not give permission for my child ..... to visit High Lodge Thetford on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

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

Signed ..... Date .....

