



# Newsletter

## Welcome!

A warm welcome back to a new school year to all of our children and families across the federation. It's been fantastic to see all the children after the holidays: the smiles on their faces are amazing, and to see how they've all grown so much in 6 weeks is astonishing. If you would like to speak to us across the year, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, and if there is a more appropriate person to deal with a situation, they will speak to the member of staff who will then contact you. We are here to support all of the children, and you as families, as much as we can. You might sometimes be surprised at the different ways we can support. We also have Amanda, our family support worker, who is able to meet with you or chat on the phone if you would like. Here's to a great school year!

## Jewellery

Children may wear simple, small stud earrings and an analogue watch. They must not wear necklaces, bracelets, rings, smart watches or fitbits, or any other type of earrings. On PE days, NO jewellery is allowed, and long hair must be tied back. If children wear jewellery to school which is not allowed, they will be asked to remove it and take it home at the end of the day.

## Attendance

Our target for attendance is 96%. We have now been notified by the government that we have no choice but to fine for holidays taken – we can no longer authorise any family holidays. The fines are as follows, as set out by the government:

£60 per parent, per child, for the duration of the holiday, rising to £120 if this is not paid within 21 days. If it is still not paid within 28 days, then parents may be prosecuted which could lead to a fine of £2500 or a jail sentence of up to 3 months. This is also the case for poor attendance which is not related to family holidays.

On the first day of absence, you should notify the office of the reason. If we don't hear from you, we will phone you. If we have not heard anything by the second day of absence, we will visit your home to make a safe and well check, as part of our safeguarding duty.

If your child is a little under the weather but you feel they are well enough to send with medication, you can complete a medicine form at the office. If they worsen during the school day, we will contact you to collect them.

Please try, where possible, to make appointments for your child outside of the school day. Where you are unable to do this, your child should attend school before and after the appointment.

## 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](#)

## PE Days – Westmere

Class	PE Days
China	Monday/Thursday
France	Monday
Italy	Tuesday/Wednesday
Greece	Wednesday
Brazil	Wednesday/Friday
Mexico	Tuesday/Wednesday
Portugal	Tuesday/Friday
Canada	Wednesday
Spain	Wednesday

## Diary Dates

6<sup>th</sup> September – First Day of Term  
20<sup>th</sup> October – End of Term 1  
31<sup>st</sup> October (Tues) – Start of Term 2



### PE Days – Holbeach St Marks

	Day 1	Day 2
Cuba	Wednesday	Friday
Barbados	Thursday	Friday
St Lucia		Friday

### PE Days – Gedney Drove End

	Day 1	Day 2
Finland	Tuesday	Thursday
Sweden	Thursday	Friday
Norway	Thursday	Friday

### After School Clubs Gedney Drove End

The following clubs will start week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, please email the office or complete the permission slip if you would like your child to attend. All the clubs will start at 3.20 pm and finish at 4.15 pm

Weekday	Year Group	Teacher Name	Club
Monday	Year 1-6	Miss Hardstaff	Choir
Monday	Year 3-6	Miss Wells	Film Club
Tuesday	Year 1-6	Mrs Ashby-Morley	Gardening
Thursday	Year 3-6	Mr Timmins	Football
Thursday	Year 3-6	Mrs Bills	Colouring

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Weekday	Year Group	Teacher Name	Club
Monday	Year 1-6	Mr Allcorn	Segni Mossi (drawing dance project)
Tuesday	Year 1-6	Mrs Thompson	Art
Tuesday	Year 3-6	Mrs Richardson	iPads
Friday	Year 3-6	Mr Timmins	Multi-sport club

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Weekday	Year Group	Teacher Name	Club
Monday	Year 1 - 6	Miss Pooley	Board Games
Monday	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Ransom	Colouring
Monday	Year 3 & 4	Mrs Sage-Gray	Science
Monday	Year 3 – 6	Miss Taylor	Maths
Monday	Year 1 & 2	Mr Timmins	Team Games & Relay
Tuesday	Year 3 – 6	Mr Woodward	Photography
Tuesday	Year 1 – 6	Miss Winn	Film Club
Tuesday	Year 3 & 4	Mr Timmins	Dodgeball
Wednesday	Year 5 & 6	Mr Timmins	Running Games & Cross Country
Thursday	Year 1 – 6	Mrs Cropley	Choir
Thursday	Year 3 - 6	Miss Spriggs	Dance



### Lunchtime Clubs Westmere

The following two clubs will take place at lunchtime, please email the office or complete the permission slip if you would like your child to attend.

Weekday	Year Group	Teacher Name	Club
Wednesday	Year 1 & 2	Miss Theobald	Art
Friday	Year 5 & 6	Mr Piraino	Lego

### Swimming – Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Term 1

Swimming lessons will continue in September for children in Norway and St Lucia classes, until October half term. The first lesson will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Timmins will be taking both classes to Whaplode School on a Friday afternoon where we will have sole use of their pool and swimming teachers. Children should come to school in their PE kit and bring their swimming kit in a bag. Earrings must not be worn to school on swimming or PE days. Girls will need to wear a one-piece swimsuit and boys must wear close fitting swimming trunks no longer than mid-thigh in length; long hair must be tied back. The coach will collect Gedney Drove End at 12.10pm and then travel to Holbeach St Marks for 12.30pm. They will leave Whaplode at 2.30pm and be back at school by the end of the day. To cover the cost of the pool rental and swimming teachers, we need to ask for a contribution of £2 per week: the total for this term will be £12 which can be paid in one payment or weekly. Please sign the permission slip, or email your permission, and return to school by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### Swimming – Westmere Term 1 & 2

All children in Spain and Canada Class will be going swimming in term 1 and term 2 of the new academic year. The first session will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September and they will continue swimming each Wednesday until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure that your child has their swimming kit with them every Wednesday. Earrings must not be worn to school on swimming or PE days. Girls will need to wear a one-piece swimsuit and boys must wear close fitting swimming trunks no longer than mid-thigh in length. We will need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per session. Please pay this either by bank transfer or card payment each term. The total for term 1 is £12 and term 2 is £14. The bank details for payment are: Sort Code: 20-80-78, Account No: 60939986. Please complete the reply slip or email your consent.

Term 1 will be 6 sessions - this will be a contribution of £12.

Term 2 will be 7 sessions - this will be a contribution of £14.

### Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

Please find attached another copy of the flu vaccination letter. 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
<b>Gedney Drove End</b>	<b>EE120410</b>
<b>Holbeach St Marks</b>	<b>EE120549</b>
<b>Westmere</b>	<b>EE120502</b>

Kind regards

**Sally Massey**

Assistant Executive Headteacher





**Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Swimming Term 1 - 15<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> October**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) ..... to attend swimming lessons in term 6.

I do / do not enclose a contribution of £12

Or I will pay £2 per week

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

**Westmere Swimming Term 1 & 2 – 13th September 2022 to 13th December**

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) ..... To attend swimming lessons in term 1 & 2.

I will pay a contribution of £12 for term 1 •

I will pay a contribution of £14 for term 2 •

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

**After School Clubs**

I would like my child(ren) to take part in the following after school club(s).

Child's Name	Club(s)

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

