



11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 [enquiries@westmere.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@westmere.lincs.sch.uk) 01406 350205

## Topics for next week.

On the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school will continue with the same topics as last week. The topics that each class are doing are listed below:

Class	Topic
China	Christmas Story.
Australia	Fire, Fire.
France	Fire, Fire.
Italy	Fire, Fire.
Brazil	Location, location.
Mexico	Location, location.
Canada	Location, location.
USA	Location, location.
Spain	Vicious Vikings.
Portugal	Vicious Vikings.
The Den	Christmas Story.

## Covid notifications during the holidays

The DfE (department for Education) has asked schools to remain 'on call' until 23<sup>rd</sup> December to support with contact tracing of positive Covid cases. Should your child test positive during the period of 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> December it is vital that you still notify us immediately so that we can take action. You should send either an email to [help@griffinfederation.co.uk](mailto:help@griffinfederation.co.uk) or a message to our Facebook page giving us details of when the positive test was received. Should we receive notification, we will alert parents of the need to isolate their children via email, with an alert also being placed on our Facebook page. I very much hope we do not have to do this, but wanted to let you know about the arrangements that we have in place to support the request from the DfE.

## New Guidance from The Government on Covid 19 For Education Settings

The new guidance states that more evidence has emerged that there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (Covid 19), even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to shield and should still attend school, unless their GP/Consultant advises against it. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable should also still attend school. If you would like to discuss this further, please email [help@griffinfederation.co.uk](mailto:help@griffinfederation.co.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Friends of Westmere

As we are not able to do our usual fundraising this year, Friends of Westmere still want to raise money for paying towards Christmas treats and activities. This will include funding Christmas dinner, buying each child a small gift and providing party games. The link for the giving page is:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/westmere?utm\\_term=ExnYJW6q5](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/westmere?utm_term=ExnYJW6q5)

## Christmas Lunch and Fun Day

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having our Christmas Lunch. Every child has been asked if they would like a free Christmas lunch. This will also be a non-uniform and fun day for the children.

## Primary School Admissions

If you have a child that was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, they will be due to start primary school in September 2021. The online application form is now available on the [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) website. It will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## Smartie Pants - After & Before School Club

Smartie Pants have qualified staff who are able to offer childcare before and after the school day. They will also be able to collect any children from school. These clubs will take place on the school site. If you would like more information, please ring 01507 477001.

## Parent Code of Conduct Policy

Parents can find a copy of our code of conduct letter on the school website. We ask that parents please abide by this policy.

## Dates for Diary

17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lunch and Fun Day

17<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of term 2

4<sup>th</sup> Jan - Start of term 3

Yours sincerely,  
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