

Newsletter

Staffing News

Miss Theobald will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term, Miss Sarah Wells, who some of you may remember as Deputy Head at Westmere last year, will be covering as Head of School at Gedney Drove End and teaching Norway class after Easter. She will be joining us for some transition days this term so you will get an opportunity to meet her before the holidays.

Westmere School - Anne Road

Please can you make sure that you are aware of what your children are doing and keep them by your side, when walking to and from school. We have had some reports of children walking onto gardens and picking up stones.

Volcanoes and Earthquakes Workshops

On Tuesday 15th March and Wednesday 16th March, Brazil, Mexico, Sweden, Barbados and St Lucia classes will be taking part in a Volcanoes and Earthquakes workshop. These workshops are part of their current topic for this term.

Volcanoes and Earthquakes Workshops – Sweden Class

On Tuesday 15th March, Sweden class will travel to Holbeach St Marks School for a topic day including a Volcanoes and Earthquakes workshop. The coach will leave at approximately 9am and be back at school by the end of the day. Any hot meals that have been ordered will be sent across. We already have your permission for federated events but should you have any queries please speak to your child's class teacher.

National Child Measurement Programme

The school nurses will be visiting school to weigh and measure children in reception and year 6 only as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks will be on 16th March and Westmere will be on 21st April. Details of the programme were sent to parents in November, a copy of the letter is attached.

Parents' Evening

We have arranged parents' evenings for the last week of term and will let you know closer to the time whether these will be virtual or face to face, depending on local Covid outbreaks. The dates will be as follows;

Westmere	Monday 28 th and Tuesday 29 th March
Holbeach St Marks	Tuesday 29 th March
Gedney Drove End	Wednesday 30 th March

Government Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#). Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions. Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

Sports Clubs

You should receive two attachments with the newsletter this week, one is from Long Sutton Hockey Club regarding their Saturday morning club, the other is from Holbeach United and gives details of their Easter Holiday club.

Children's Centre Information

We have attached some information about the Sutton Bridge and Holbeach Children's Centre, including their timetable for March and details of some sessions they are running to prepare children for nursery and school.

Covid

We have seen an increase in cases at HSM and Westmere this week, please ensure that if children have a cough or high temperature that they are not sent to school and must have a PCR test. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Diary Dates

31st March End of Term 4
20th April Start of Term 5
Parents' Evenings – see dates below

