

Newsletter

Winter Coats in School

Please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school every day.

Personal Belongings

We ask that children **must not** bring toys, pencil cases or other personal items from home. Things can get lost and it can cause upset. Children are provided with all the stationery they need in school.

Applications for a Reception Place – September 2023

If your child was born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019, you have until **Sunday 15th January 2023** to apply for a reception place. If your child is in preschool at Holbeach St Marks and is due to start reception in September, you will still need to apply online.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>

China Class

On Tuesday 24th January, after lunch, China class will be going for a walk around Sutton Bridge. Please ensure your child has a coat and appropriate footwear for the walk.

11+ Registration – Year 5 only

We have emailed a letter to all parents with children in year 5 which contains details of how to register your child for the 11+ test in September. Applications are made directly to Spalding high School and Spalding Grammar School and the closing date is **24th February**. If you haven't received the email, please contact the office.

Support for SEND from the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) is an independent charity that has been set up to support parents and carers of children with disabilities and/or additional needs in Lincolnshire.

Their website www.lincspcf.org.uk offers a wide range of information, workshops, latest news and events for parents and it is free to sign up. LPCF are also putting on a 'Week of SEND' beginning the week of 23rd January 2023 where they have a diverse range of services, organisations and support groups attending online Zoom sessions at different times throughout the day and evening (10.30am—9pm). The aim of the event is to give parents and carers of children with disabilities/additional needs as much information, support and help as possible.

Please see the attached flyer for more information and how to access these sessions but if you need any further information then please do not hesitate to contact our SENCOs, Miss Scarsbrook, eboney.scarsbrook@griffin federation.co.uk (Westmere) or Miss Streets Kathryn.streets@griffin federation.co.uk (GDE and HSM).

After School Clubs - Westmere

Miss Pooley's board games club on a Tuesday will start on Tuesday 17th January. Unfortunately, Miss Winn's Computer Coding club will not run this term.

Westmere Clubs – please email joanna.thomas@griffin federation.co.uk. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Monday	Choir	KS1 and KS2	Miss Hardstaff
Monday	Animation	Y5/6	Mr Olander
Monday	Dance	KS1	Mr Timmins
Tuesday	Board Games	KS1 and KS2	Miss Pooley
Tuesday	Dance	Y3/4	Mr Timmins
Wednesday	Dance	Y5/6	Mr Timmins
Thursday	Construction	KS1	Mrs Ransom
Thursday	Craft	KS1 and KS2	Miss Ashby

After school Clubs – Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks



Please see the table for start dates. If your child would like a place, please email angela.lintott@griffinfederation.co.uk. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If the club you want starts this Monday then Mrs Lintott will email or phone you by Monday lunchtime to confirm the place.

GDE

Monday	Activity (games/crafts/sport)	Year 4 – 6 max 12	Miss Sage	Started Monday 9 th January
Tuesday	Film	Year 1 – 3 max 12	Miss Wells	Starts Tuesday 17 th January
Tuesday	Colouring	All year groups max 12	Mrs Bills	Started Tuesday 10 th January
Wednesday	Japanese	Sweden and Norway	Mrs Parr	Starts Wednesday 25 th January
Thursday	Construction	Reception – Year 4 max 15	Miss Richardson	Started Thursday 12 th January
Friday	Dance	Year 1 – 6 max 15	Mr Timmins	Starts Friday 20 th January

HSM

Monday	French	Year 1- 6 max 12	Mr Allcorn	Started Monday 9 th January
Monday	iPad	Year 1 – 6 max 10	Mrs Thompson	Started Monday 9 th January
Tuesday	Colouring	All year groups max 16	Mrs Richardson	Started Tuesday 10 th January
Wednesday	Japanese	Barbados and St Lucia	Mrs Parr	Starts Wednesday 18 th January
Thursday	Dance	Year 1 – 6 max 12	Mr Timmins	Started Thursday 12 th January

Friends of Westmere

Friends of Westmere would be very grateful to receive donations of any unwanted Christmas gifts or leftover Christmas chocolate or drink, which we can use as prizes at the upcoming bingo evenings.

Road Safety

I would like to ask that all parents please drive slowly and sensibly through the villages at drop-off and pick-up times. In particular at Westmere, please ensure you follow the highway code and stop for children using the zebra crossing. Also, please DO NOT park on the zig zag lines outside the school gates. Help us keep all of our children safe - thank you. At Westmere, we ask that you park with consideration for our neighbours on Anne Road. At Holbeach St Marks please do not park in the private parking area next to the bungalows.

Kind regards

Sally Massey

Assistant Executive Headteacher

