

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 admin@griffinfederation.co.uk 01406 350205

## Topics for next week

We would like to encourage parents to support their child with their learning at home. Should you want more information, please speak to your child's class teacher after school. Please find below the information for the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Class	English	Maths
China	Polar Express.	Weight.
Japan	Polar Express.	Weight.
Australia	Senses poems.	3D shapes.
France	Letters to Santa.	3D shapes.
Italy	Narrative - Emily	Measures.
	Brown & The Thing.	
Brazil	Narrative - Emily	Measures.
	Brown & The Thing.	
Mexico	Adventure stories.	Fractions.
Canada	Adventure stories.	Fractions.
USA	Narrative.	Division.
Spain	Narrative.	Division.
Portugal	Narrative.	Geometry.

## Staffing

Miss Eboney Scarsbrook, our SEND Teacher, is now on her maternity leave. We wish her well and a safe arrival of her baby, which is due  $7^{th}$  December. Her temporary replacement will start in January 2018.



#### Christmas Post Box

The Christmas card post box will be in the school reception from Monday  $4^{th}$  December. Please make sure that your child puts full names and classes on the envelopes.

# Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all those who donated to the poppy appeal this year. Our school raised a total of £285.29.

## Christmas Plays

China, Japan and Italy Classes will be performing 'Hey Ewe' on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, at 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Australia and France Classes will be performing 'Angel Express' also on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm and 6.45pm. If you do not require any of the tickets given to you, please return them to the school office. If you would like more tickets, please come and ask at the office.





## Friends of Westmere

<u>Christmas Bingo - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</u>
On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a Bingo session at school. The doors open at 6.00 pm with eyes down at 6.30 pm.



## Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all those parents who supported and helped at the Christmas Fayre. A total of £1655.95 was raised. We would appreciate your comments on the Christmas Fayre, in particular the timings it was held. Any suggestions on how to improve the fayre are welcome.

# Polar Express - China and Japan Classes

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, China and Japan Class children are asked to come to school in their pyjamas ready to watch 'The Polar Express'. During the film, the children will be served hot chocolate with marshmallows. Please make sure your child brings shoes, suitable for outside and a coat as they will need these for playtime.

# Banham Zoo - Monday 11th December

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Italy class will be going to Banham Zoo. This visit is part of their term 2 topic. They will leave school at 8.45am and return for

approximately 3.15pm. Please make sure your child is at school for 8.30am. The actual cost of this trip per pupil is £23.18. We have subsidised this cost and need to ask you for a voluntary contribution of £15.00 per child. Children may bring a maximum of £5 spending money. Please make sure that this is put in a named purse or envelope. Your child will need a packed lunch in a clearly named plastic bag. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would like us to provide a packed lunch, make sure you tick the box on the reply slip. Make sure that your child has plenty of drink with them on the trip day. Do not send Fizzy Drinks. All children must wear their school uniform unless stated otherwise. The Facebook page, which is called 'The Griffin Federation', will be updated on trip days, with arrival back at school times.



# Pantomime - Tuesday 12th December

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school will be going to the Pantomime at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange. We will be leaving school at 12.45pm and should return to school at approximately 5.00pm. The children will be given an ice-cream in the interval. The children will have their lunch before we leave. All children will need a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, they can be provided with one, please tick the box on the reply slip.



## Carol Concert KS2 - St Matthews Church

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, all the KS2 pupils will be going to St Matthew's Church for a Carol Concert. It will start at 1.30pm. Parents are very welcome to join us at the church. When the concert is finished, parents can take their child straight home from the church. We ask that you let the class teacher know you have taken your child. Thank you.



## Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having our Christmas Lunch. We will be providing a free Christmas lunch for every child. Please complete the reply slip attached. This will be a non-uniform

Christmas jumper day for the 'Save the Children'. Please bring along a 50p donation towards this charity.





## Rand Farm Park - Lunch with Santa

On Monday 18th December, China and Japan Classes will be visiting Rand Farm Park in Lincoln. They will be having Lunch with Santa in the Winter Wonderland followed by the visit to 'The Living Farm Nativity' where real animals have been used with animated figures to portray the Inn Scene of the Christmas Story. They will then have a quick look at the animated elves in the toyshop before meeting Rudi and Rossi Reindeer who will be waiting outside Santa's Home in the forest. Santa will then give every child a present. We will leave school at 8am and return for approximately 4pm. Please make sure that your child is in school for 7.45am. Please make sure that your child has some drinks with them on the day. Please do not send Fizzy Drinks. The actual cost of this trip is £22.52 per children. School have subsidised the cost and need to ask you for a voluntary contribution of £15 per child. Please fill in the reply slip below and send it back to school along with your contribution.





# Dates for Diary

6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Production - KS1

7th Dec - FOW - Christmas Bingo

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - China & Japan - Polar Express

11th Dec - Banham Zoo - Italy Class

11th Dec - Australia & France - Polar Express

12th Dec - Pantomime - Corn Exchange, Kings Lynn PM

13th Dec - Carol Service - KS2

14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

18th Dec - China & Japan - Lunch with Santa, Rand

Farm Park

19th Dec - End of Term 2

Yours sincerely Miss K Wiles Headteacher

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December					
Name: Class: I would like my child to have a Christmas Lunch on Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December.					
Meat Option □ Vegetarian Option □  The lunch will be a traditional Christmas dinner with a cookie for dessert.					
Signed:Parent/Carer					
Banham Zoo - Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December					
Child Name: Class: <u>Itlay</u> I give permission for my child to go to the Banham Zoo on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December.  My Child is entitled to a free school meal and I would like a packed lunch provided.					
Signed:Parent/Carer					
<u>Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk</u> <u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</u>					
Child Name: Class: I give permission for my child to go to the Pantomime at the Corn Exchange, Kings Lynn on Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December.					
<ul> <li>My Child is entitled to a free school meal and I would like a packed lunch provided.</li> </ul>					
Signed:Parent/Carer					

# Rand Farm Park - Lunch with Santa Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_ I give permission for my child to go to Rand Farm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_Parent/Carer



Park and have enclosed £15 contribution.



5.30 PM		
6.00 PM		
ANYTIME	ANYTIME	