

# Newsletter

## Poppy Appeal - Westmere

Thank you to all those parents who sent in donations for the poppy appeal. Our school raised a total of £301.20.

## Behaviour

We have a very clear behaviour policy in our federation which is based on the 3 principles that everyone is entitled to: Learn, Respect, Be Safe. We believe positive relationships are the foundation for positive behaviour and use a restorative approach to dealing with incidents of poor behaviour which supports the re-building of relationships, and uses the mantra of 'praise in public, reprimand in private'. This is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to receive the recognition they deserve for the good choices they make, but as no child should be humiliated, we ensure that they are reprimanded in private, so their dignity is maintained. Please rest assured that every single behaviour incident which is reported to us is dealt with. Attached is a copy of the behaviour consequence chart to ensure consistency. Whilst we do use a restorative approach, it is also important that throughout life, there are consequences for our actions, and poor behaviour will receive a sanction. Should you wish to know more about our behaviour policy, please visit our website <https://www.griffinfederation.co.uk/the-griffin-federation/parents/policies/>

## Attendance Raffle

At the end of the autumn term, we will hold a raffle with prizes of 1x£25, 1x£50 and 1x£100. Children who have an attendance percentage above 96% will be entered into the raffle. The winning children's families will receive the prizes. Our current attendance figures at each school are: GDE – 96%, HSM – 97%, WMR – 93%. Our target is 96%.

## Cancelled Clubs GDE / HSM

The following clubs will be cancelled due to the Christmas Fair and play;

Gedney Drove End	Friday 2nd December	Mr Timmins' Hockey Club
Holbeach St Marks	Tuesday 6th December	Mrs Richardson's Choir Club

## Westmere - Parking on Anne Road

We have noticed that cars are being parked in front of the school entrance on Anne Road. Please be reminded that if we needed an emergency vehicle at school, they would have great difficulty in getting to us. We also ask that on Bridge Road, you don't park on the zig zags, for the safety of all of our children, as this often blocks the vision of drivers for the zebra crossing. Thank you.

## A County Kitchen – Meal Providers

Our meal providers have asked us to remind you that once an order has been placed on A County Kitchen website, it cannot be changed. They have also asked that parents do not ring them directly to either try and change or put a late order in.

## Westmere Christmas Bingo – Wednesday 30th November

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a Christmas bingo at school. The doors open at 6.00 pm with eyes down at 6.30 pm.

## Westmere Non-uniform Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a non-uniform day. We would like to ask you for donations of chocolate and sweets to go towards prizes for the children's Christmas stalls. If you have PE on Friday please ensure your child's clothes are suitable for PE.

## Diary Dates

30<sup>th</sup> November – FOW Bingo – Westmere  
 2<sup>nd</sup> December – HSM/GDE Christingle and Christmas Fair  
 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Breakfast with Santa – Westmere  
 6<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Holbeach St Marks  
 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play Gedney Drove End  
 8<sup>th</sup> December – Church Farm Visit - Westmere  
 9<sup>th</sup> December – Non-uniform Day – Westmere  
 9<sup>th</sup> December – Grand Raffle Draw – Westmere  
 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play China Class 6pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play - Italy, France, Greece (year 2 only) 6.45pm  
 14<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime – Snow White  
 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch Day - Westmere  
 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Class Stalls – Westmere  
 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch – GDE / HSM  
 16<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term  
 4<sup>th</sup> January – Term 3 Starts



### School Photograph Proofs – GDE/HSM

Your school photo proofs have been sent home this week. Orders need to be made online directly with Lilacmoon following the instructions on the envelope. Please do not send any money in to school. The deadline for orders is Sunday 4th December.

### Westmere Breakfast with Santa – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.00am, we will be holding a Breakfast with Santa event. We would like to invite you to come to school with your child and have a breakfast with Santa. The children and adults will be provided with breakfast which will include bacon rolls, toast and pancakes. The children will also receive a present from Santa. The cost per child will be £4.00 and the cost for adults is £3.00. Please come to the school office to book a place for this event by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### Westmere Church Farm Santa Visit – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, reception children in China class will be visiting Church Farm in Stow Bardolph to see Santa. Each child will receive a present from Santa. We will leave school at 9.30am and return for approximately 3pm. The actual cost of this trip is £26.33 per child. School have subsidised the cost and would therefore like to ask you for a voluntary contribution of £20 per child. **Please pay this either by bank transfer or card payment. The bank details for payment are: Sort Code: 20-80-78, Account No: 60939986.**

### Nativity Holbeach St Marks

Holbeach St Marks will be performing a traditional Nativity at the Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Children should arrive at 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Christmas Play Gedney Drove End

Gedney Drove End will be performing 'Lights, Camel, Action' at the village hall on 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Children should arrive at 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Christmas Lunch

We will be having Christmas Lunch in school on the following dates;

Westmere	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Holbeach St Marks and Gedney Drove End	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to fund a free meal for every child. You can order the usual way and the cost will be £3 per child. If your child is entitled to free meals, you can order the Christmas lunch at no additional cost. There will not be any packed lunches this day - if you have already ordered another option, Mrs Thomas or Mrs Lintott will contact you to discuss amending your order.

### Applications for a Reception Place – September 2022

If your child was born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019, you can apply for a reception place from now until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### Christingle and Christmas Fair – Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we will be holding our Christingle Service in the church at Holbeach St Marks at 1.45pm. This will be followed by the Christmas Fair which will take place in the school at Holbeach St Marks from 3pm. Everyone is welcome to join us and you may collect your children from the church. Children from Gedney Drove End will be transported over by coach. Any children not collected from the church will be taken back to their respective schools to be picked up at the end of the day.

### Westmere – Christmas Decorations

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, at 3.30pm, staff will be decorating school for Christmas. If there are any parents who would be willing and able to help, that would be amazing. We would like to do this without the children around so they see the transformation on Tuesday morning. It would be fantastic if we could make this a magical place for the children to come to in the lead up to Christmas. If you have any spare decorations at home, which you would be willing to donate, this would also be great. Please bring them to the office.

### Flu Vaccinations

All immunisations have now been carried out for children who were registered. If your child was not in school on the day then there will be another opportunity. If you forgot to register and would like your child immunised please use the link below to complete the form.

<https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

	School Code	Vaccination Date
Gedney Drove End	EE120410	29 <sup>th</sup> November
Holbeach St Marks	EE120549	29 <sup>th</sup> November
Westmere	EE120502	6 <sup>th</sup> December





**Snow White Pantomime – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, the whole federation will be going to the Pantomime at King's Lynn Corn Exchange. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 8.45am and should return to school at approximately 1.00pm. Children should arrive at school between 8.20am and 8.30am. Please return the permission slip below or email the office. The children will have their lunch on their return to school. There will be no hot meals on this day and all children will need a packed lunch. If you have already ordered a hot meal, Mrs Thomas or Mrs Lintott will contact you soon.

Kind regards  
**Sally Massey**  
Assistant Executive Headteacher

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I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) .....to go to Church Farm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Signed ..... Parent/Carer Date.....

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I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) .....to attend the pantomime on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Signed ..... Parent/Carer Date.....

