



8th December 2017 admin@griffinederation.co.uk 01406 350205

Topic 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. The topics for next week will be Christmas activities.

Start of the School Day

We are growing increasingly concerned about keeping your children safe before school. From January 3rd, we will be introducing new arrangements for dropping off your children in the mornings. The gates will not be opened until 8.45am, when a teacher will stand on both gates. Parents will then leave their children at the gate, the children will then walk onto the playground where they will be supervised by teachers, until the bell goes when they will line up and enter their classrooms. Arrangements for the end of the day will remain as they are at present; you will still be able to catch the class teacher at the end of the day should you need to talk to them. Parents will only be able to access the front office via the Anne Road entrance in the mornings. Should you need to send a message into school in the mornings, please phone the office. I am sure you will agree that these new arrangements will keep your children safe and we thank you for your support and understanding. Should you have any concerns about this new arrangements please book an appointment to see Miss Wiles.

After School Clubs

All after school club will finish on Friday 8th December. New clubs will start week commencing Monday 8th January 2018. A letter with these new clubs will follow shortly.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas card post box is in the school reception. Please make sure that your child puts full names and classes on the envelopes.

Friends of Westmere

We would like to thank parents for all their help and support this term. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Polar Express - Australia and France Classes

On Monday 11th December, France and Australia Class children are asked to come to school in their pyjamas ready to watch 'The Polar Express'. **Do not send any sweets or snacks with your child.** We will be serving hot chocolate with marshmallows during the film. 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 11th 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. 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 12th 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.



Carol Concert KS2 - St Matthews Church

On Wednesday 13th 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 14th 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.**

Wisbech Light Cinema - Portugal Class

On Monday 18th December, Portugal class will be going to the Light Cinema in Wisbech to see a film. They will be leaving school at 9.15am and return to school approximately 12.30pm. Your child will need a packed lunch. 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.

Christmas Party Day

On the last day of term, Tuesday 19th December, all classes will be having their Christmas parties in the afternoon. This will be a non-uniform day where your child can wear their Christmas jumper if they wish.

Swimming Lessons

All of Canada Class children will be going swimming in the third term of the academic year 2017/2018. The first session will be on Monday 8th January 2018 and they will continue swimming each Monday up until Monday 5th February 2018. Please make sure that your child has their swimming kit with them every Monday. Girls will need to wear a one piece swimming suit and boys must wear close fitting swimming trunks no longer than mid-thigh in length. We will need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.20 per session. Please send this with your child on the days they go for their swimming lesson.



Dates for Diary

- 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
- 14th 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

Wisbech Light Cinema - Portugal Class Monday 18th December

Name: _____ Class: Portugal

I give permission for my child to go to the Light Cinema in Wisbech.

My child is entitled to a free school meal and I would like a packed lunch provided.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer

Swimming Sessions

Child Name: _____ Class: Canada

I give permission for my child to attend the swimming lesson on Mondays starting on 8th January 2018 to 5th February 2018.



Signed: _____
Parent/Carer

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