



Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 96%

Gedney Drove End – 95%

Westmere –91%

Our target is 96%

Each week, one child from each class will get the attendance award, and one class from each school will get the class certificate for the week.

Staff Changes- Westmere

Miss Hannah Sage will be returning from maternity leave on 12th December and will be in Brazil class sharing the teaching with the other Miss Sage.

Mr Piraino will be leaving at Christmas for pastures new and Mrs Curson will also be leaving us after 17 ½ years: we wish them both well.

Medicines in School

If your child is unwell but could come to school with medication, you are able to bring in the medication and complete a medicine form at the office. We will then administer this as directed by yourself and complete the form to show what has been given and when. If your child remains unwell, we will ring you to collect them as we would never want a child to feel very poorly in school. However, we often find that children who are unwell before school, perk up once they have arrived.

Value of the Week

Each week we have a value of the week where we focus on one of our federation values. We discuss what this value is and how we can live this out in our everyday lives. At the end of the week, certificates are awarded to children who have shown evidence of that value during the week.

Our value this week is: **Perseverance**

Clubs Week Commencing 18th December

All clubs are cancelled in the last week of term, we will send out details of new clubs when we return in January.

Christmas Fair HSM / GDE

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fair, money raised will be spent keeping the Smartie and Gedney shops stocked with goodies.

Christmas Raffle Draw – Westmere

On Monday 11th December, Friends of Westmere members will be selling raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle draw in the playground at 3.15pm. If you do not come to collect your child from school and would like to purchase tickets, please put the correct money in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class and amount enclosed. We will then send the tickets home with them. The cost is £1 per strip of raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn Tuesday 19th December at 3:15 in the hall.

Bad Weather Closures

Just a reminder that should the schools need to close due to bad weather we will let parents know via the Facebook page.

Parking at Westmere

We ask, please, that our parents be considerate when parking, and not to block the residents' driveways on Anne Road or park on the pavement. We want to ensure all of your children are as safe as possible. If you are able to park further away from school and walk down Anne Road, this would also mean that emergency vehicles still have access to school. We have had a situation in the past where overcrowding and poor parking meant that an ambulance could not gain access to school.

Winter Clothes

Please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school: if they feel the cold, they can wear additional layers in the classroom as well, but please make sure these are named.

Diary Dates

11th December – Christmas Play HSM

11th December – KS2 Christingle Westmere

12th December – Pantomime Trip

18th December – Christmas Play GDE

19th December – Christmas Lunch

20th December – End of Term 2

3rd January – Start of Term 3



Children's Christmas Fair - Westmere

On Tuesday 19th December, we are having a Christmas Fair in school time for the children. There will be a range of games and activities where children can win small prizes. Please send your child with a maximum of £3 for them to take part.

Christingle – KS2 Westmere

On Monday 11th December, KS2 children will be going to church for a Christingle service. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, we are not able to invite parents. We will be back at school for normal time. If your child has shoulder length, or longer, hair, please tie this back to lessen the risk due to naked flames from the Christingles.

Applications for a Reception Place – September 2023

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020, you can apply for a reception place from now until 15th January 2024. Use the following link to make your application <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/2>

Flu Immunisation Mop Up – Reception to Year 6

If your child was registered for the flu immunisation but not in school on the day then the nurses will be coming back on the following dates:

School	Date of next visit	School Code
Gedney Drove End	15 th December	EE120410
Westmere	15 th December	EE120502

If you didn't register your child but would like them to be immunised, please use the following link to register:

<https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> . Please make sure you use the correct school code from the table above and sign up as soon as possible.

Christmas Play Gedney Drove End

Gedney Drove End will be performing 'Ralph the Reindeer' at the village hall on 18th December at 6pm. Children should arrive at 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Film and Pyjama Day - Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks

On the last day of term, we will be having a movie day where children may come dressed in their warm pyjamas, but must also bring their coats and suitable outdoor footwear as well as their slippers, for playtimes. We will watch a film and have popcorn and hot chocolate.

Christmas Play Holbeach St Marks

Holbeach St Marks will be performing 'Christmas with the Aliens' at the church on 11th 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 Tuesday 19th December. Unfortunately, the deadline for ordering has now passed, if you haven't ordered a meal your child will need to bring a packed lunch. Children may wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes on this day if they wish.

Dick Whittington Pantomime – Tuesday 12th December

On Tuesday 12th 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. Pupils and GDE and HSM should arrive in school for 8.30am, and Westmere pupils should arrive by 8.45am. We will return to school at approximately 1.00pm. 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, these are available to order on the Country Kitchen website. The cost of transport has increased dramatically recently and unfortunately, we need to ask for a contribution of £5 per child towards the coach travel. At GDE and HSM contributions can be made by cash or bank transfer to the usual account. Contributions for Westmere can be made by cash, card or bank transfer; we have a new account as follows: 30-99-50 12661063 the account name is Westmere County Primary School Fund.

Kind regards

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