

Greenfields Federation Newsletter

Littlehaven Infant and Northolmes Junior Schools

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Headteacher's Update



Doesn't time fly! I can't believe that we are at half term already. The summer term is always a very busy one and is punctuated with all our statutory testing.

I have also noticed how tired many of the children have been over the last week or so. I really think that the return to normal life is taking a toll on them. Hopefully, the half term break will give everyone time to recharge their batteries before the final half term of the academic year.

I would like to say well done to our Year 6 children and the staff in Upper School for all their hard work in the lead up to and during the SATS week earlier this month. Their behaviour and focus during the week was fantastic. Thank you also to our Year 5 children who worked really hard on

their research projects whilst the Year 6's were in their tests.

Our Year 2 children have also sat their SAT tests over the last few weeks. These are much less formal and I am sure many of them didn't even realise that they were doing a test! These tests help the staff make their final teacher assessments at the end of the term.

When we return after half term we have a week of Jubilee celebrations planned. Further details will come out to you separately but we are planning a Federation celebration day for the children on Friday 10th June.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 7th June (please remember that Monday is an INSET day).

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Mental Health Support

West Sussex Mind - Free informal workshops for parents and carers of children and young people to help support their child's mental health.

As a parent, we often find ourselves ill-equipped when it comes to dealing with, or even being aware of, our child's or young person's mental wellbeing, but help is at hand. West Sussex Mind are running a series of friendly, confidential and relaxed workshops where we will discuss

about the challenges to young people's mental health, gain confidence in having conversations about how they are feeling and thinking and explore ways to help your young person with any emotional difficulties.

Spring dates now available. Book now - [West Sussex Mind | Understanding Young People's Mental Health](#)

Class Assemblies

I have continued to be impressed by the quality of our class assemblies this term. I had the pleasure of being in Woodpeckers assembly on Wednesday. The children did themselves and Mrs Mitchener proud by the way they confidently shared their learning. The week before I watched a very informative assembly by Curie class about the impact of pollution on the ocean.

We have a few more assemblies to go after half term. As a reminder the dates are:

Northolmes

Thursday 23 June - Galileo

Thursday 30 June - Brunel

Thursday 7 July - Darwin

Littlehaven

Wednesday 15 June - Goldfinch

Each assembly is held first thing in the morning, just after drop-off. Please come straight to the hall when you have dropped your child off in class.

Warmer Weather / Rainy Days

I think last weekend served as a bit of reminder as to the power of the sun at this time of year.

If the forecast is for warm weather please ensure you have applied sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school. Please also ensure all children bring a hat and refillable water bottle each day.

If your child suffers from hay fever, please ensure they take medication before each day. We are unable to administer hay fever medication in school unless it is prescribed.

If the weather remains as changeable as it has been over the last few weeks, please ensure that your child has a raincoat at school – unless it is really heavy rain we will continue to be outside at break and lunchtime.

Outdoor Learning

Mrs Davey is doing a fabulous job improving our outdoor learning environments in both schools.

At Littlehaven the children will be building bug hotels as part of their outdoor learning sessions and she is looking to develop at woodland small parts play area for the children to use at lunchtimes.

At Northolmes, work continues on the pond and wildlife area as well as developing the sensory walk.

If you ever have any time on your hands to help us keep on top of the weeds and planting or have excess plants, flowers or other equipment that might fit into any of the areas then please contact Mrs Davey via the school offices.

Year 3/4 visit to the library

Year 3 and 4 visited the library this term armed with their library cards. They spent an enjoyable afternoon exploring the library, listening to stories and finding out all about what the library has on offer. The staff at the library were so impressed with the behaviour of the children that they wrote to us to say: *"It was lovely to welcome Year 3 and 4 to Horsham Library earlier this month. They are a credit to you and all the staff."* They were then able to choose their own library books to borrow and take home. Many of them were also excited to learn that they could also borrow audio books or could download free e-books via the Libby app. Next term the library team will be visiting both schools to launch their Summer Reading Challenge.



Support for Families

The current increases on the price of food, energy and fuel are putting an additional strain on family finances. We wanted to remind you that Jack & Jill run a community food cupboard and are able to support families with weekly food parcels either as a one off or over a longer period of time. If you need to access this support please speak in confidence to myself, Mrs Saunderson or Miss Woodland.

food, fuel support, clothing, emergency supplies and much more.

The Community is able to support families whose children do not qualify for means tested free school meals.

The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 08:00 – 20:00 Monday to Friday and 09:00 – 17:00 weekends and bank holidays. Further information can be found via the West Sussex County Council website: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/support-continues-to-be-available-for-west-sussex-families-in-need/>

School Safeguarding Team

If you are worried about something that your own, or another child has told you, or you think that they may be at risk of harm, please contact our Designated Safeguarding team:

Mrs Anderson
(Lead)

Mrs Saunderson
(Deputy)

Miss Woodland
(Deputy)

Mrs Geoghegan
(Deputy)

West Sussex have also asked us to remind families about their community hub:

The hub aims to support families who are struggling financially or are in need of practical assistance with any of the elements of the Household Support Fund. The Community Hub can help with

INSET days 2022-23

It may seem a long way away but we are aware that many of you need to book your leave from work a long way in advance. We can therefore confirm that the INSET days for the next academic year will be:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Reminders

Please be on time every day

School starts at 8.50am at Northolmes and at 9.00am at Littlehaven. Please ensure that you arrive during the 10 minute drop-off period as being late disrupts the learning for your child. Being just 5 minutes late each day adds up to the equivalent of a missed school day every term.

Uniform

Please work with us to ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. Hoodies, trainers and boots are not part of our uniform at either school.

Contact Details

If you have recently changed your phone number or have moved house please let the school office know so that we can keep our records up to date in case we need them in an emergency.

Holidays / Time Off in Term Time

I am not able to authorise holidays or days off during school time except in very exceptional circumstances. Please note that holidays re-arranged because of COVID is not an exceptional circumstance. Children have had significant disruption to their education over the past two years and it is therefore even more vital than ever that they attend school every day. Please remember that if a child has 10 or more unauthorised sessions (five days) of absence in a 10 week period then there will be a referral for a Fixed Penalty Notice. Further information about absences from school can be found at: [School absences - West Sussex County Council](#)



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Key Dates

30th May – 3rd June

6th June

7th – 10th June

11th June

15th June

17th June

15th June

23rd June

24th June

30th June

30th June

5th July

7th July

21st July

Half Term

INSET day

Jubilee Celebrations in School

School Fair

Goldfinch Class assembly

Race for Life Event (Northolmes)

Rounders Tournament (Northolmes)

Galileo class assembly

District Sports (Northolmes)

Brunel class assembly

Littlehaven Sports Day (afternoon)

Northolmes Sports Day (morning)

Darwin class assembly

Term ends

Thursday 1st September

Friday 2nd September

Monday 5th September

INSET day

INSET day

Term Starts



Northolmes Junior School
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West Sussex, Autism and Social
Communication Team
Invite you to....

Save the Date

Thursday 20th October
2022

“Emotional Regulation: Through the Autism Lens”

**Exploring emotional regulation for
autistic individuals**

A 1-day conference for parents and
professionals



Venue:
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Langley Green,
Crawley

Autism and Social
Communication Team



Unlocking
Potential



Jack and Jill Pre-school... where children can explore, create and discover the colour of dreams

FREE BUFFET LUNCH

& Playground party!

(Music and activities for the family)



THE QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Please come and join us
at Northolmes Junior School,
EVERYONE WELCOME

Saturday 4th June

11am - 2pm

Just bring a picnic blanket to sit on 😊

Optional/additional activities available to purchase:

Beffie

Comperime

Games



Please let us know if you are coming – for catering purposes...
by emailing/calling jack.jillps@hotmail.co.uk/01403258994



Reaching Families

Training Workshops

Summer 2022

(1st half-term)

APRIL

Understanding Sensory Processing Difficulties	Tues 26th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance	Weds 27th	10.30 am	via Zoom

MAY

Making Sense of SEND Support at School	Weds 4th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Understanding Autism	Thurs 5th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Making Sense of Transitioning to Secondary School	Weds 11th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Understanding ADHD	Fri 13th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Understanding Autism in Girls	Mon 16th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Tues 17th	10.30 am	via Zoom
Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour (2-11 years)	Tues 24th	7.30 pm	via Zoom
Making Sense of Meetings and Paperwork	Thurs 26th	10.30 am	via Zoom

Find out more about our training at:

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

All of our workshops are free of charge, to book a place please visit:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058

