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NEWSLETTER



Greenfields Federation Newsletter

Littlehaven Infant and Northolmes Junior Schools



Headteacher's Update

The children have returned to school really well and have already been busy immersing themselves in their new topics and learning. The Summer Term is always an extremely busy one with a focus on assessments as well as the whole range of end of year events that appear on the diary. Regular attendance throughout this term is very important.

We have added the key dates for the Summer Term's events at the end of the newsletter. Further details and timings will follow nearer to each event.

Hopefully the weather will soon reflect the fact that we are in the Summer Term and not in the depth of winter but in the meantime please ensure that your child is wearing clothes appropriate for being outside, whatever the weather.

Please could you also make sure that all clothing is named – the mountain of unnamed jumpers and cardigans is growing daily and despite our best efforts, we cannot match them with their rightful owners if they are not named.

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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 Saunderson (Lead)

Miss Woodland (Deputy)

Mrs Geoghegan (Deputy)

School Uniform

Please remember that only black shoes should be worn to school. Girls in particular should not be sent to school in black ankle boots - they may be sold as school shoes but they are not part of our school uniform. Likewise, trainers should be saved for PE kits. Of course, there will always be those 'emergency' days when school shoes have got wet, broken or left somewhere they shouldn't. If your child needs to wear an alternative pair of shoes in these circumstances, then please let their class teacher know.

For Northolmes parents, a reminder that school jumpers or cardigans should still be worn on PE days. Hoodies or other jumpers are not part of our uniform. Also, PE bottoms should be plain navy or black in colour.

For Littlehaven parents, please ensure that your child has plimsolls or trainers in their PE bag. PE sessions will increasingly be held outdoors over the summer months as we prepare for Sports Day.

Please remember that the PTA has a good supply of secondhand uniform and they can be contacted via the Classlist app.

Parking

You may have seen the council's Parking Enforcement Officers outside both schools over recent weeks. They will be checking on parking issues on a regular basis.

Please make sure you think before you park so that you ensure that you are parking legally.

Please be mindful when you are parking that you are not blocking driveways, parking on the grass verges, stopping or parking on the yellow zig-zag lines or parking on junctions. In addition please do not park in the drop-off zone outside Northolmes (the verge side of the road parallel to the school field) as it makes it unsafe for children to get out of the cars and onto the pavements.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe on their journey to and from school.

Holidays & Absence

Attendance at school is very important. I am only able to authorise absence for 'exceptional circumstances'. It is school policy to refer all unauthorised absences of 5 days (or 10 sessions) or more for a FPN or fine. Please keep holidays and other events to the school holidays. School needs to be informed of all planned absences from school (medical, family reasons or holidays) at least a week before they occur.

We are aware that there is a lot of coughs, colds and sickness doing the rounds at the moment. If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, then they need to remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Otherwise, your child should return to school once they are well enough to do so.

Bikes & Scooters on the Playground

Bikes and scooters are not permitted to be ridden on either school playground and this extends to younger siblings. This is just to help prevent any accidents or injuries. At Littlehaven, all bikes and scooters should be parked in the stands before entering the playground. At Northolmes, bikes and scooters should be dismounted and pushed while on the playground.

West Sussex Survey – EBSA

Message from Tanya Proctor, Joint Commissioner Health and Wellbeing in Schools:

We know that many children and young people worry about school, which is normal. Sometimes their worries may increase to the extent that they have difficulties with engaging or attending parts of the school day or are experiencing challenges to attend school. This is sometimes referred to as Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA).

We have produced a survey for people caring for children and young people who have experienced or are experiencing worries about and/or difficulties going to school. Please see the link below:

- [Survey for parents/carers](#)

We want to find out more about what helps your child, alongside what doesn't help, and what you think might make a positive difference. Our surveys are open until **8 May 2023**.

Mental Health & Well-being

Littlehaven Infant and Northolmes Junior Schools will continue to work towards the Mental Health and Well-being award this term to ensure that positive mental health and well-being is embedded throughout the culture of our schools.

We have the visits to verify the award coming up in June and we would like to invite you to share any positive experiences your child has had so that we can capture these. We also welcome any additional ideas to support with well-being moving forwards. Please do email these to Miss Woodland via woodland@littlehaveninfant.school

Learn Your Brain. Love Your life

An in Person workshop for all parents, carers and students on how to get the best out of your amazing brain

#Well-Being
Help your child manage and improve their well-being everyday.

#Mind Management
Help your child manage their worries, respond to anxiety and improve their mental health everyday.

#Unleashing Learning
Help your child build their confidence about learning

Thursday 4th May 9-10am

We will be having a 'Mindfulness Day' towards the start of the final half term, where the children will take part in different mindfulness strategies to support them to deal with worries or anxiety. Please look out for more information regarding this during this half term.

In addition, we are continuing to develop our relationship with Andrew Wright from Action Your Potential. He has already carried out a number of workshops for both parents and pupils and will be visiting us again on Thursday 4th May. As well as workshops for the children around managing their worries, he will also be holding a parent workshop at Littlehaven at 9.00am. Parents from both schools are invited to attend and further details are provided here. Parents who attend these workshops are also given the opportunity to sign up to 1:1 sessions with Andrew.

As always, please do speak to either Miss Woodland or Mrs Saunderson if you feel your child is struggling and needs any additional support and we will do our best to help.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 2 nd May	NEU Strike Day (Littlehaven Open, Northolmes Part-Closure)
Thursday 4 th May	9am – Mental Health & Wellbeing Workshop for all parents (location: Littlehaven)
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Celebration
Tuesday 9 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 12 th May	Year 1 & 2 Visit to Tilgate Nature Centre
Friday 12 th May	Northolmes PTA Disco
Thursday 18 th May	Kingfisher Class Assembly
Friday 19 th May	Littlehaven PTA Disco
Thursday 24 th May	Northolmes Sport for Schools Athlete Visit

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June Half Term

Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Monday 12 th June	Northolmes Sports Day (morning)
Wednesday 21 st June	Edison Class Assembly
Thursday 22 nd June	Littlehaven Sports Day (afternoon)
Wednesday 28 th June	Curie Class Assembly
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 2 Leavers Play (afternoon)
Thursday 20 th July	Year 2 Leavers Party (after school)
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (morning)
Friday 21 st July	Last day of school term



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