



Greenfields Federation  
 Littlehaven Infant School and Northolmes Junior School  
 December 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that our new websites [www.littlehaven.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.littlehaven.w-sussex.sch.uk); [www.northolmes.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.northolmes.w-sussex.sch.uk) and our Greenfields landing page, [www.greenfieldsfederation.co.uk](http://www.greenfieldsfederation.co.uk) have been live for several weeks, I hope you are enjoying checking in regularly for the latest news and pictures from the schools.

Communication and how we can improve it comes up as a regular topic for discussion and so I am surprised by the number of parents who say to me, 'oh I don't bother to look at the communication from school or check the website' and then say they do not know what is going on! Therefore, a gentle reminder to those of you who are not checking to please read the emails and letters and check the websites for the latest news and information.

As we come to the end of the term and the close of 2018 I would like to take the opportunity of thanking you for all your support throughout the year. We are so fortunate to have great staff, supportive governors and an active parent association who work tirelessly on behalf of the children to ensure that our schools are so successful.

I hope you will continue to support the schools as we work really hard to ensure that your children experience a rich and wide range of opportunities from sporting to the performing arts. In the past week we have had our nativity at Littlehaven and our Northolmes' Christmas service yesterday. Sadly, nearly half of the children at Northolmes did not return for the evening performance of our Christmas service which meant a hasty rearrangement of parts. The children who stepped in did an amazing job and were a real credit to the school. It does mean that next year we will need to reconsider timings and perhaps just have one service. I aim to bring this up as a topic for discussion with you at our next parent forum.

Finally, I would like to say on behalf of our staff and governors, Merry Christmas and to wish you a very happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Thursday 3rd January 2019.**

Best wishes,  
 Mrs Anderson  
 Headteacher



**Christmas Fair News**

A huge well done to our Greenfields Association on the success of their amazing Christmas Fair. A massive thank you to Jodie and her team who did a brilliant job despite a stressful last minute plea for volunteers so that the fair could take place.



**Late arrivals (after 8.50am)**

- Lateness is becoming an increasing problem at both schools with often the same children arriving late to school on a daily basis.
- Children who arrive late not only miss out on their learning but also disrupt the learning of others, which is unacceptable.
- Learning begins immediately after registration. At Littlehaven the children start with phonics and reading and at Northolmes they start with English.
- It is your responsibility to ensure your child attends school regularly and on time, by not doing so, you disadvantage your child because they miss key learning.
- Please help your child by ensuring they arrive to school on time.

