



Greenfields Federation
Littlehaven Infant School and Northolmes Junior School
January 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is always difficult returning back from the Christmas break as it is one of the busiest and tiring holidays and we are still finding that the children are quite tired, particularly after the weekend.

The new year is a perfect time to establish the routines which will help your child to develop habits which will help them to be healthy, happy and maximise their learning. Ensuring your child is in school every day unless ill, gets enough sleep, eats healthily, are organised and prepared for their school day, complete their homework/spellings/reading, are just a few things that you can do to support your child. However, we do know this can sometimes be difficult or turn into a battle! Please remember we are always happy to help so please do come and speak with us.

We are very lucky to be able to offer a range of extra curricular events /clubs at both schools and we have Jack and Jill running at both school sites should you require any before school, after school, or during the holidays care for your child.

I look forward to seeing you at the various events which are taking place during the term and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Anderson
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

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- LH Wed. 30th January, 8.50am, Reception Stay and Play
 - LH Thurs. 31st January, You and Your child course starting (by invitation)
 - LH Wed . 6th February, 8.50am, Individual school photographs (Yellow)
 - LH Mon. 25th February, 3.30 – 6pm, Parents' Evening
 - LH Wed . 27th February, 8.50am, Year 1 Stay and Learn Maths focus
4.30 – 7.30pm, Parents' Evening
 - LH Tues. 5th March, Years 1 and 2, Trip to Tilgate Park (to be confirmed)
 - LH Fri. 15th March, **RED NOSE** day
 - LH Wed. 27th March, 8.50am, Year 2 Stay and Learn Phonics focus
 - LH Fri. 5th April , FOL cake sale after school
 - NH Mon. 11th February, 3.50 – 6pm, Parents' evening
 - NH Tues. 12th February, 9am (approx.), Edison Class assembly
5 – 7.30pm, Parents' evening
 - NH Tues .26th February, Science Museum year3/4
 - NH Tues. 5th March, 9am (approx.), Brunel Class assembly
 - NH Fri. 15th March **RED NOSE** day
 - NH Tues. 19th March – Dance Festival

Remaining INSET Days : **Friday 15th February 2019**
Thursday 2nd May 2019 (local polling day)
Monday 3rd June 2019



As adults we all like to think we know how to keep our children safe online but child protection experts are warning that knowledge goes out of date more quickly than many people realise because the online environment is now changing so quickly. Increasingly in school we are seeing children who are extremely proficient in using a range of equipment and we have even found that they know their parents' passwords!

An increasing threat is online streaming which is why it is essential that you have parental controls in place which are kept secure, you know exactly what your child is accessing, you limit screen usage and you do not allow your child to access sites which are not for your child's age group—they have age restrictions for a reason!

At school we are taking every measure possible to educate our children about the correct ways to use technology. With your help we can make a huge difference to the safety of our children and try to stamp out the inappropriate use of technology.

The NSPCC is always a good place to look for advice and information about keeping children safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

Some reminders



Communication

If you haven't already done so please take time to check out our school websites. Our websites should be the first port of call for information about what is happening rather than Facebook. Staff will also update their year group pages with information and sometimes photographs so that you can keep up-to-date with what is happening. If there is any information you feel is missing from the website please let the school office know as we want our websites to be as useful and informative as is possible.

We are in the process of moving over to a paperless system which should make it easier for you to book appointments for events such as Parents Evenings and at Littlehaven we will be implementing a payment facility which will reduce the need to send money into school for events such as trips.

Earrings

I am increasingly seeing an interesting array of earrings! Therefore can I remind you that the only earrings worn in school should be small, plain studs. Earrings must be removed for PE and only covered with tape for the first six weeks should ears have been newly pierced. Please note we do not supply tape in school.

Equipment from home

Some children have returned to school after the Christmas holidays with new school bags, pens and equipment, some of which is very expensive, particularly when it becomes lost.

We provide children with pens, rulers, paper, rubbers etc. and children should not be bringing this equipment into school. It often causes arguments and upset.

At Littlehaven, some of the bags are nearly as big as the children! Your child does not require a large rucksack. They should only be bringing their book bag and PE bag into school as there is not very much room to store large bags.

Also just a reminder that toys, however small, should not be in school.

Updating emergency contact details

If you've been lucky enough to have a new phone for Christmas, changed jobs or moved home, please do not forget to update your contact numbers/address details. It is really important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.



Can you help?

If you have some spare time or have a talent that you would be willing to share then please get in touch. We have lots of ways in which parents or other family members can become involved in school life.