

July 2023

NEWSLETTER



Greenfields Federation Newsletter

Littlehaven Infant and Northolmes Junior Schools



Headteacher's Update

Hasn't this year flown by! As I complete my final few days as Acting Head and we prepare to welcome Miss Cox as the new Headteacher in September, I can't believe where the year has gone.

As ever, the schools have thrived because of the dedication and support of our staff. Looking back over the year they have gone above and beyond their classroom roles to ensure that the children have been able to access a wide range of events and activities to support their learning. This hasn't lessened over the last few weeks of term as you will see further on in the newsletter.

Thanks to the PTA for supporting the school and providing a host of events over the year that have raised very welcome funds for the schools. Please do consider whether you have any time to give next year to support their work.

Thank you also to you for supporting your children and the schools. Finding time to help with homework or listen to your child read is really appreciated, as is getting them into school on time every day. On top of that, thank you to the parents who come in each week to hear children read, who have kept our libraries looking tidy, who walk to swimming, support on trips or who have helped out in other ad-hoc ways.

That just leaves me to say I wish you all an enjoyable summer (hopefully the weather will remember it is summer) with family and friends and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 4th September.

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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)

Mrs Hall (Deputy)

Children Transferring to Northolmes

We look forward to welcoming our new families to Northolmes in September. Children do not need a book bag, they can bring any items in a small bag each day. They will need a water bottle and a packed lunch if they are not having hot dinners. We will then give them new reading books and reading diaries when they start.

At Northolmes, once the gates open the children walk around the one-way system and straight to their classrooms. You are very welcome to walk with your children for the first few days/weeks until they feel confident to walk on their own. On the first day each classroom will be clearly marked and staff will be on hand to help out!

Please make sure you name everything! It is the only way we can successfully reunite lost items with their owners and reduce our unnamed and unclaimed jumper mountain!

School Hours – Changes in September

Please remember that the start times for Littlehaven have been updated for September to allow both schools to meet the DfE requirements of 32.5 hours in school. Timings for both schools will be as follows:

Littlehaven Infant School

Gates open: 8.35am
Registration: 8.40am
School ends: 3.10pm

Northolmes Junior School

Gates open: 8.40am
Registration: 8.50am
School ends: 3.20pm

INSET Days – 2023/24

Inset Days for next academic year are:

Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 30th October 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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 are wet, broken or have been 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.

Please remember that the PTA do have a good supply of secondhand uniform and they can be contacted via the Classlist app. As we draw to the end of the school year, if you have any good quality, secondhand uniform please donate it to school via the school offices.

Year 6 Production

It has come to that point of the year where we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. To finish the year in style, they laid on a production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean', which was enjoyed by their families, the children at Northolmes and the Year 2 children at Littlehaven. They put on an amazing performance and thanks must go in particular to Mrs Conway & Mrs Lloyd for getting the children performance ready as well as creating amazing props and backdrop.

We wish all our Year 6 children the best for their move to their secondary schools.



Year 3 & 4 Outdoor Learning and Camping Experience!

Last week, our Year 3 & 4 children spent a day and a half enjoying some outdoor learning time. They went to Leechpool Woods for a variety of activities as well as enjoying games and activities on the school field. The highlight of the two days was the overnight camp for our Year 4 children. Much to Mrs Hall, Miss Belfield, Mrs Miller and Mrs Ward's relief all children were asleep by midnight and weren't heard again until 6am! Thank you to the staff involved and in particular to those that slept over.





Year 2 Leavers Play

It is also time for Littlehaven to say goodbye to the Year 2 children. They treated the school and the parents to a fantastic Leavers play this week.



Science Week

At the start of July both schools enjoyed a Science week organised by Mrs Hall. There were whole school assemblies on a whole variety of different science based learning across the different year groups. Our Reception children had been learning about bodies, so they looked for evidence of bodies in a sandpit dig. They found fossils and bones. They closely observed, measured and drew them. They also tried to follow in the footsteps of Mary Anning, a famous paleontologist and scientist who first started finding fossils as a child.

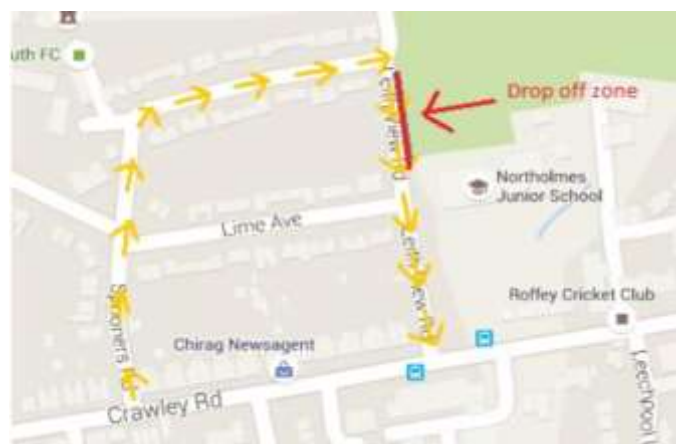


Parking

When we return in September, please make sure you think before you park so that you ensure that you are parking legally.

Please can you 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 school.



Holidays and Absence

Attendance at school is really important. We are only able to authorise absence for 'exceptional circumstances'. It is school policy to refer all unauthorised absences of more than 10 sessions 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.

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 dismantled and pushed while on the playground.



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**THURSDAY 27TH JULY
12PM - 4PM**

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LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-16



CLIMBING WALL

**TODDLER
ACTIVITIES**



MUSIC



ARTS & CRAFTS



INFLATABLES

SPORTS

CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 8 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AGED OVER 18

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