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NEWSLETTER



Greenfields Federation Newsletter

Littlehaven Infant and Northolmes Junior Schools



Headteacher's Update

As we draw to the end of the school year, the pace of school life has increased rather than slowed down and the final few weeks look busier than ever. It has been lovely to see both school communities coming together for Sports Days. Your support at these events is always appreciated by the children and the staff. At both events the children performed amazingly well and showed many of our core values throughout. There always has to be a winner and this year the Northolmes winners were St David's house and at Littlehaven it was the St Lucia team.

An enormous thank you must go to the PTA team, ably led by Katherine Bulley, for the amazing Family Fun Day and Colour Run on Saturday. It is so lovely to be able to bring both school communities together in such a lovely way. The Northolmes field is still a multi-coloured reminder of all the fun that was had 😊

We have already had the chance to welcome our new Reception class at Littlehaven into school and the Year 2 children have had a number of visits to Northolmes over the last few weeks. Today (Monday 3rd July) is our key transition day. Our current Year 6 children have been to their new secondary schools for the day and the remaining children have spent the morning in their new classes. New classes and teachers will be communicated with parents as well on Monday. Our new Year 3 families will then have the opportunity to attend the 'Welcome to Northolmes' meeting at 4.30pm on Monday afternoon.

One final reminder, please can children have water in their water bottles rather than squash or juice. Thank you.

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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)

Littlehaven Sports Day



Northholmes Sports Day



Family Fun Day

Thank you to the PTA for a fantastic day last weekend. They are still counting up a final total and they will let you know this in due course. Funds raised from events like this are spent on both schools and also provide items such as book bags in Reception, Leaver Hoodies for Year 6 and subsidised school trips. Thank you to Lucy Brearley for the photos.



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 in 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.

Parking

You may well 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 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 & Absence

Attendance at school is really important. I am 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.

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 then they need to remain off school for 48 hours after the last period of sickness. 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.

NORTHOLMES ECO-CLUB

The Northolmes' Eco Club has been very busy this year encouraging children to recycle batteries and crisp packets – both of which are still continuing in school. They have had a busy, but very successful year to date:

- runners-up in a poster competition promoting Sussex Repair Cafe (a part of Sussex Green Living, encouraging the repair of items rather than disposing of them)
- winners of £50 worth of Reading books for our school library by being one of the first 50 schools to send batteries in for recycling.
- awarded a Bronze Planet Protector Award for looking after our environment and encouraging reduce, reuse, recycle.
- lastly, through the toy tombola at the school fair they have raised over £100!



Not bad for their first year! We're very proud of them - well done to everyone involved

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Monday 3 rd July | Transition Day |
| Sunday 9 th July | Horsham Children's Parade |
| Wednesday 12 th July | Year 6 Production (afternoon & evening) |
| Monday 17 th July | Year 6 Leavers Event |
| 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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HORSHAM CHILDREN'S PARADE



WE'RE TAKING PART!

JOIN US AT THIS JOYFUL CELEBRATION
OF CHILDREN'S CREATIVITY

PARADE ROUTE

(Start 11am) Denne Road –
East Street – Carfax – West Street –
Springfield Road – Albany Way –
(End approx. 12noon) Horsham Park

9 JULY 2023

11AM-12NOON



@horshamchildrensparade



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Choosing a club, tutor or coach for your child?

A quick reference guide with
questions to ask about your child's
safety in clubs and activities



Questions to ask

- Can I observe the sessions?
- Is there a policy on safeguarding children?
- Are staff trained in safeguarding and first aid?
- Is there a written code of conduct for staff and volunteers?
- Is there a health and safety policy in place?
- What are the emergency procedures?
- Who do I speak to if I have any concerns?
- Is there any safety information available through a website or leaflet?
- Where do I go to for help and advice?

The information on this postcard has kindly been shared by Rochdale Borough Council
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Remember

- You have the right to check that the club or activity that your child attends is safe and secure.
- Good clubs, tutors and coaches will always welcome your questions about child safety.

For more information, please visit
westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/safe-clubs-for-children

