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NEWSLETTER



Greenfields Federation Newsletter

Littlehaven Infant and Northolmes Junior Schools



Headteacher's Update

The school year has flown by and I cannot believe we now only have half a term to go! Over the last few weeks our Year 2 and Year 6 children have been sitting their SATS papers and both year groups have shown real perseverance and determination. The Year 6 SATS week is a little more pressured, whereas the Year 2 children hopefully sailed through the week without really realising what they were being asked to do. Next half term it will be the turn of our Year 1 children with their phonics checks and our Year 4 children with their multiplication checks.

Next half term is also busy with transition and end of term events. Please keep an eye on your messages for further details about events. Dates are listed at the end of the newsletter.

Over the last couple of weeks the PTA has hosted discos at both schools. The events were well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thank you for supporting these events which raise money for the schools. We now have the Colour Run & Family Fun Day to look forward to on Saturday 24th June. Please remember to sign up for the Colour Run by Sunday 4th June if you and your family would like to take part.

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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)

Year 1 & 2 Learning Update

Year 1 and 2 have had a busy half term with lots of exciting enrichment activities which have added to their learning.

The children really enjoyed their visit to Tilgate Park to celebrate the end of their topic 'Sunny's Spring Adventures.' They loved seeing the meerkats, which they had learnt a lot about, as well as lots of other animals including snakes, snowy owls and reindeer! They also had a workshop where they got to touch creatures such as hissing cockroaches, pancake tortoises and a water dragon.



More recently they have enjoyed participating in a drama workshop by Perform about Peter Pan as they have been learning a pirate story in 'Talk 4 Writing.'



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 do have a good supply of secondhand uniform and they can be contacted via the Classlist app.

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.

If your child has been sick or had diarrhea, 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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Half Term

Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Wednesday 7 th June	RSE information meeting for Littlehaven parents
Thursday 8 th June	RSE information meeting for Northolmes parents
Thursday 8 th June	Curie Cake Sale
Friday 9 th June	Uniform Switch – Trainers & Odd Socks
Monday 12 th June	Northolmes Sports Day (morning)
Thursday 15 th June	Lower School Library Visit
Friday 16 th June	Uniform Switch – t-shirts (not football shirts)
Wednesday 21 st June	Edison Class Assembly
Thursday 22 nd June	Littlehaven Sports Day (afternoon)
Wednesday 28 th June	Curie Class Assembly
Thursday 29 th June	Peacock Class Assembly
Thursday 29 th June	Edison Cake Sale
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day
Sunday 9 th July	Horsham Children's Parade
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 6 Production (afternoon & evening)
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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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

