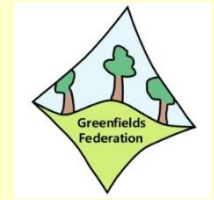


Greenfields Federation Newsletter

Littlehaven Infant and Northolmes Junior Schools

Newsletter Date September 2022



Headteacher's Update

I have spent a lot of time over the last few weeks talking to members of staff and outside visitors about our schools, our curriculum and our focus for the year. This has meant I have also been able to be in the classrooms quite a lot which is definitely the best bit of the job!

As a staff our main focus this academic year is to ensure that changes and tweaks we have been making to our curriculum are working the very best that they can be. We want to keep you informed as much as possible about our curriculum and what it means for your child's learning. Mr Shrubbs has started this with his two information sessions today about our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle, and how you can support this at home by helping your child to become a fluent reader. Reading really is a vital key to unlocking the rest of a child's schooling.

Learning is a real partnership between school and home and there are so many things that we would struggle to do in school without your support. If you are able to volunteer a few hours a week, or on an ad-hoc

basis we would love to hear from you. We are always in need of support for:

- Listening to children read
- Looking after our school libraries
- Keeping our flowerbeds and pots looking healthy
- Supporting with trips and visits
- Sharing ideas and opinions at our Parent Partnership meetings
- Becoming a School Governor

If you are able to support us in any way please do contact the school offices.

Later this term we will hold our Autumn parents evenings where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, hear how they are doing, and what their targets and next steps are going to be. Please look out for details of how to sign up which will be sent to you over the next week.

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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)

Behaviour Policy

As we do every year, our staff team has looked at and reviewed our Behaviour Policy. One of our discussions this year was around how many rules we set and how sometimes we have different rules for the same part of the school depending on the activity. To help all the children really understand our rules we have developed three core rules which underpin all the other rules and expectations that we ask of the children.

Our School Rules

- **Be respectful**
- **Be kind**
- **Be ready**

Through these three rules we will demonstrate our core values of **respect, independence, perseverance, being reflective and working together.**

We have shared these new rules with the children in assembly and they have been discussed further in classes.

Our focus this term has been around 'Be Kind' and how we need to be kind to everyone in school. We have talked about what makes a good friend and how unkind words hurt as much if not more than if we use our hands or feet.

Please could you also spend some time discussing these rules with your child so that they can understand what each one means and how they can ensure they are meeting these in school.

New Reception 2023 - Tours / Northolmes Year 3 Visit

We have only just welcomed our Reception 2022 class into school and helped them settle in but our thoughts already need to turn to next September! Those of you with children who are due to start school next year should have already received information from West Sussex about applying for a school place.

We have some dates in the diary for families who would like to come and have a look around Littlehaven before they make their applications. These dates are on our website but if you have friends or neighbours who you also have children due to start school, please do share these dates with them too.

We are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 12th October at 6.00pm for families who can't get to see us during the school day.

Alternatively, we have a number of tours taking place during the school day as follows:

Monday 3rd October @ 10.30am
Tuesday 18th October @ 1.30pm
Thursday 3rd November @ 1.30pm
Friday 11th November @ 9.30am
Monday 21st November @ 9.30am
Friday 2nd December @ 9.30am

If these dates are not convenient then the School Office is able to arrange other times for families to visit.

For those of you with children in Year 2, who are due to transfer to Northolmes in September 2023 we will be holding an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 1st November at 3.30pm. Again, if you are unable to attend, please contact the Northolmes office to arrange a different time.

Reminders

Thank you for your co-operation with ensuring that the children are wearing the correct school uniform to school each day. They are looking really smart.

As ever, please can we ask that you label all belongings that come into school. Jumpers, water bottles, coats and lunchboxes are taken off or put down in the most unusual of places and we can only re-unite them if they are named. Telling us that is a new jumper, aged X does not help! Any items that are unnamed are kept in the class or school office for a few weeks and then are recycled or disposed of.

As the Autumn weather starts in earnest, please make sure your child comes to school in a warm and rain-resistant coat

each day (even if they insist no-one else does!). If it isn't cold or wet then it can hang on their peg for the day but it will be there just in case. We do try to get the children outside even if it is drizzly or there is light rain and they do need a coat otherwise they end up damp and soggy for the rest of the day as we don't have the staff to allow children without coats to stay indoors.

Holidays – I have had an unprecedented number of requests for time off of school for family holidays or to attend family events. These cannot be authorised and may result in a fine but more importantly, they have a negative impact on your child's learning and education. Please do think twice about asking for time off from school.



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Key Dates

Wednesday 5 th October	9am – Parent Partnership @ Littlehaven (parents from both schools welcome)
Thursday 6 th October	Harvest Festival assemblies (please bring any donations for the foodbank into school from Monday 3 rd October)
Wednesday 12 th October	Year 6 Residential – Lodge Hill (return Friday 14 th October)
Wednesday 12 th October	Littlehaven Reception 2023 Open Evening @ 6pm
Monday 17 th October	Year 6 Bikeability (all week)
Tuesday 18 th October	Littlehaven Parents Evening
Wednesday 19 th October	Littlehaven & Northolmes Parents Evenings
Thursday 20 th October	Northolmes Parents Evening
Friday 21 st October	Reception Stay & Play Session @ 9am
Monday 24 th October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	Inset Day (Schools closed to children)
Tuesday 1 st November	Northolmes Open Afternoon for Year 2 parents @ 3.30pm
Thursday 8 th December	Reception Nativity
Thursday 8 th December	Northolmes Winter Music Concert
Monday 12 th December	Northolmes Carol Service at All Saints Parish Church
Friday 16 th December	Littlehaven Carol Service in School
Friday 16 th December	End of Term

TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

This workshop will cover how to apply for DLA, how the process works, the various rates, understanding how decisions are made, tips for making a strong claim and appealing a decision.

[Tuesday 13th September 10.30am via Zoom](#)

Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents

This workshop looks at various aspects of adolescence in young people with SEND, what should we expect and how we can help them through this period of transition to adulthood. Covering topics including puberty, relationships, managing emotions and social skills.

[Wednesday 14th September 7.30pm via Zoom](#)

Understanding ADHD

This workshop will help parents and carers to understand ADHD and the impact it has on their child's relationships, behaviour and day-to-day life. Exploring strategies to support your child and sharing information on local resources that are available to you.

[Thursday 15th September 10.30am via Zoom](#)

Making Sense of Meetings and Paperwork

Workshop to help parents and carers prepare for and face meetings with confidence to get the best outcome for their child. Looking at managing paperwork, developing good habits and hopefully make the process less stressful and more effective for you and your family.

[Thursday 22nd September 7.30pm via Zoom](#)

Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence

This workshop is aimed at parent/carers of young people aged 11 years + who feel anxious, worried or stressed. It will introduce 'anxiety' and its symptoms, offer ideas for helping in the moment, suggest ways to support your young person and provide a few tips for looking after yourself along the way.

[Monday 26th September 7.30pm via Zoom](#)

Understanding Demand Avoidance

This session aims to help parents and carers by expanding their understanding of demand avoidance, the reasons behind the behaviour and providing relevant strategies for a child that has a demand avoidant profile.

[Tuesday 27th September 10.30am via Zoom](#)

An Introduction to Makaton

This introductory workshop will provide you with an overview of Makaton and who uses it, and teach you over 30 key signs and symbols.

Wednesday 28th September 7.30pm via Zoom

TRAINING COURSES

Making Sense of It All - Foundation Course

This course has been designed to provide an introduction to all the key issues and challenges common to parents and carers. It aims to empower parents of children who are undergoing or have recently undergone diagnosis but it will be helpful to any parents who would like to learn more about how SEND processes work.

Two day course - Shoreham-by-Sea

Wednesdays September 21st and 28th 9.30am - 2.30pm

Making Sense of Wellbeing

This course includes a blend of wellbeing and mindfulness workshops and is designed to help you enhance your relationship with your child with SEND, build resilience, reduce stress and help you to relax.

Tuesdays 7.15pm - 8.15pm Via Zoom

Wellbeing: Active listening - Tuesday 13th September

Mindfulness: Listening to your inner experience - Tuesday 20th September

Wellbeing: Problem solving - Tuesday 27th September

Each session can be attended as a stand alone but we would encourage you to attend the whole course if able to
- please click on each session to book a place

If you would like more information about any of our services or we can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at

admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk

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