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# Lessness Heath Primary School Newsletter

**Respect Belonging Co-operation Honesty Perseverance Responsibility**

Headteacher

Mrs K O'Connor

Deputy Head

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Dear Parents/Carers,

May I take this opportunity to say Happy New Year to all of our community from all of the team at Lessness Heath. We hope you all had a great Christmas.



We often make resolutions at this time of the year and we have been reflecting on how our school values will help us keep some of the resolutions we have made. How will perseverance and responsibility help you make changes to something? Perhaps, like a lot of us, you want to change the amount of exercise you do each week or perhaps you want to try something different this year, like visiting a different place you have never been to before.

As we enter a new term, it will open up new and exciting learning opportunities for your children. All of your children have begun new topics this week and they will be eager to learn more as the weeks go by. Children in our Reception classes have been solving mysteries of disappearing penguins this week and Year 6 have been dissecting animal hearts to engage them in their new learning. What great ways to hook children into their new learning topics!

Kate O'Connor  
Head teacher

### Additional INSET day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

All the schools in the Primary First Trust are having an additional INSET day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. All schools in the Trust will be closed to the children on this day. This day is in response to the government's changes in Primary Assessment. We are notifying parents now in order to give you reasonable notice of the long weekend for the children.

### Come and join the fundraising team at Lessness

You will remember our wonderful Family Christmas event at the end of term. We are pleased to announce we made over £900! A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who put in an enormous effort to ensure this event was successful.

To build on the success of last term we are meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9am to look and plan for future events at school. Everyone is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you all there.

A message from our Junior Leadership Team

In Year 6 our theme for this term is 'Blood and Guts.' Our core text is 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman and in our science lessons we are learning about the circulatory system. On Wednesday, we witnessed a lamb's heart being dissected right in front of our eyes! Alyssa, one of the Year 6 pupils, told us "It was an interesting experience that I enjoyed thoroughly." Ashley also explained, "I was surprised by the shape and look of the heart and I thought it would look a little less gruesome than it did!" Year 6 learnt a lot from this experience, including the main parts of the heart and its function. It was an amazing experience and Year 6 are looking forward to doing something like this again!

Written by the Year 6 Communication Leaders



# Parent and Toddler Musical Morning

**With Melody Irlam**

**Every Wednesday**

**9-9.30am**

**In the school hall**

**For sounds, songs, smiles and silliness!**

**NEW  
starting  
1/2/17**

**This fun group aims to boost children's confidence, help with social skills, prepare them for nursery and improve speech and language**

Asthma pumps

Will parents kindly return their child's Asthma Pumps with the relevant completed forms, as soon as possible please.