



# Lessness Heath Primary School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July is a date for the diary! At Lessness Heath we will be hosting our first Reading inspired day, which has been organised by Richard Jackson. The day will consist of the local library coming in to talk to the children in assemblies, children being involved in exciting reading relating activities, sharing books with each other in mixed year groups and being involved in workshops throughout the day too.

To make this day really special we are holding a book swap. This is where children can bring in a book that they have read and swap it for another one they haven't. It is a good way of getting a free book to read that you have not read before.

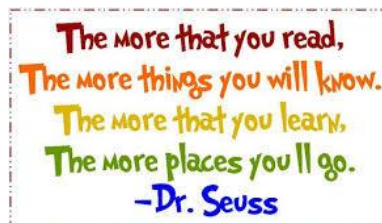
We have also organised for a travelling book shop to be on our school site for the whole week so get your children to start saving up their pocket money to buy a book!

Apart from all the fun our reading day is going to be, we are looking to raise the profile of the importance of reading and of books. A good reader will do well across the curriculum and we want to ensure all children have a love of books and reading.

Here are 10 reasons why books are important to your children:

- Sitting down with a book provides children with a time for quiet and calmness in their busy lives
- Stories can stimulate imagination and play
- Reading provides parents with more opportunities to bond with their children
- Stories provoke curiosity and discussion
- Books provide inspiration, thought and reflection
- Picture books help readers to develop an appreciation for art and writing
- Reading a variety of books exposes children to a wide range of language features and vocabulary
- Listening to stories assists in the development of literacy skills and language development
- Exposure to books contributes to the understanding of print concepts (eg. left to right, top to bottom)
- Books and stories fill a child's mind with knowledge

So I urge you all to get involved in our reading day in some way as the importance of books and reading is phenomenal!



Kate O'Connor  
Head teacher

### Uniform expectations

There are an increased number of children coming to school in trainers. Our school policy states that children should not be wearing trainers, therefore can you make sure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. If your child comes to school in trainers, they will be asked to wear a pair of plimsolls during the school day. High uniform expectations are part of what we believe to be important at school.



### Thank you to all our volunteers

Wow! Another fantastic day last Saturday improving our outdoor areas around the school. This time we focussed on painting the fences and clearing the science garden. Thank you so much to all the parent volunteers who turned up early on the Saturday morning to support – it was a hot morning and there was a lot of hard manual work to do! We are looking into ways of developing the science garden and hope to re-generate it soon.



Before



After

### Feedback from outside agencies

At Lessness we work with a lot of outside agencies who come into school to support the children and us as adults. Over the last year we have been working with Yo Patey a support teacher for social, emotional and mental health and she has been working alongside Mrs Freeman and Mrs Hannaghan in the work they do in school. Here is some of the feedback she gave this week:

*I just wanted to say what a pleasure it is working at Lessness Heath. Not only is the behaviour of the pupils good when they are with their class teachers but also when their teacher is not present which suggests that they have internalised their controls rather than being controlled by their teachers. This indicates to me that the good behaviour is achieved in a nurturing way with low criticism and high warmth. I have seen evidence of this from all adults in school where they constantly notice when pupils behave well and praise them for this. When firm boundaries are needed this is done firmly and consistently in a way which does not shame the children, using the language of choice which gives them responsibility for their own behaviour. When children's feelings get the better of them they are responded to calmly and firmly so that they feel safe and their feelings are contained. I also want to say how welcome all staff have made me feel throughout the school, offering help if they think I need it and especially your lovely coffee!*

What wonderful feedback!

### Non-uniform Day

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, we have a non-uniform day; please can we ask your child brings in donations of a bottle for the summer fair tombola and/or a pre-loved teddy bear.

### Staying safe in the sun

It looks like summer is finally here. Can we take this opportunity to ask you to support us to protect your children at playtime from the sun. Please provide your child with a hat and water (not juice) and sunglasses are optional. Sun cream should not be in school but should be applied before the children come to school.

### Mrs Handley's Writing Club

Mrs Handley's Y6 writing club came to an end this week after many weeks of thoughtful composing of some wonderful murder mystery writing. The group of Y6 children were carefully selected because they have a natural flare for writing and were given the time and space to go wild with their ideas. The end outcomes were fantastic and each of them wrote an amazing murder mystery. Well done!



### Junior Leadership Team

This week, the Year 6 children have been very busy with Enterprise Week. They have all been given £1 to 'make it grow' by selling their products and services to raise money for their end of year disco. By working collaboratively, they have planned, resourced and advertised a range of products from cakes, stationery, drinks and loom bands to washing the staff's cars! Ashley stated, "Finally, I know how it feels to start a business and how hard it is to run one." Year 6 have really enjoyed the opportunity and there has been a real buzz of excitement in the Year 6 classrooms this week. They are very grateful for all the children and parents – across the school – who have come to support them. Watch this space, as we will soon be revealing the grand total raised throughout the week!

Written by the Year 6 Communication Leaders



### Weekly attendance

Congratulations to Wren in KS1 and Woodpecker in KS2 for getting the highest attendance this week.

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Clarke AM	85.5
Miss Clarke PM	88.2
Miss Baker	94.8
Miss Ransom	95.9
Miss Bennett	94.3
Miss Hunt	94.6
Mrs Adelaja	93.7
Mr. Liddiard	98.7
Miss Thorpe	87.8
Mrs Cross	97.2
Mr. Butler	98.0
Miss Watt	100.0
Miss Jayne	98.4
Miss Fredua	97.3
Mr Brett	99.3
Mrs. Sadler	93.6
Mrs. Adedoyin	99.3
Mr. Martin-Pitt	99.3
Mr. Jackson	90.7
Miss Kanu	96.5
Miss Steele	96.2
Mrs. Handley	95.4
Miss Butler	97.8

The class who gets the best attendance in Nursery or Reception each week will be rewarded by having the teddy in their class.

Congratulations to Miss Ransom in Cygnet Class.