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Lessness Heath Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This time of the year is a mixture of emotions in a school for both children and adults. Many children are excited about the long summer holidays and possibly looking forward to moving into a new year at school with a new teacher and new friends. For adults in school we are definitely eager for a break but it is also a time to reflect on the last year and to look forward.

This year at Lessness we are saying good bye to many members of staff. As you all know Mrs Smith is retiring this year and we will be sad to see her leave after giving so many years to our school.

We also have three members of staff jetting off abroad. Mrs Sadler is going back home to Canada, Miss Hunt is taking time out to travel the world and Miss Butler has secured a job in Thailand with her partner.

Two members of staff live a distance away from the school and have secured jobs nearer to home. Well done to Miss Baker and Mrs Adedoyin.

Mr Butler and Mrs Fredua have secured promotions in inner London schools for September and Mr Brett is going to work in another one of our Trust schools in Gravesend. Mrs Dhana's contract has ended and she has decided to take a break from teaching.

On Monday and Wednesday next week all of our new teachers will be visiting school and your children will be given the opportunity to meet their new teacher for September. We have appointed some brilliant teachers and we look forward to meeting them properly next week.

A letter will be given out on Monday informing all parents of their child's new teacher and new class.

Kate O'Connor

Head teacher

End of year reports

All children came home with their report today. You will see that there is a section of the report where there is a space for parental feedback. It is really important to us that we hear your views and would very much appreciate you spending 10 minutes to fill in the feedback form and sending it back to the class teacher.

On Thursday 20th July there is an optional parents evening after school if you would like to discuss any part of your child's school report with their class teacher. There is no need to book, your child's class teacher will be available any time after 3.45pm after school.

Reading Day at Lessness

Quote 1 - I loved reading with the younger children and helping them to understand - Poppy Sheppard

Quote 2 - I really think the day has helped the children to understand that reading can be fun all of the time - Lucas Marshall

On Thursday, the children took part in a fantastic reading day! There were fantastic book based activities going on in every class such as making treasure maps, acting out our favorite stories and creating snuggly dens for reading in. In the Early Years Foundation Stage, the children had a wonderful pajama party all day, taking part in lots of amazing reading based fun. At the end of the day, the children buddied up with another class and shared some reading together. The day was enjoyed by everyone and left our children feeling so positive about reading.



The farm came to our school this week!

We had a visit from Mobile Farm. "The man was called James". They had a "Lamb", "Sheep", a "hog", some "cows" and some "goats". "The cows had no black spots", but they were "twins". "We stroked a dog", "chicks" and a "chicken". "The chicks were 3 weeks old". They were "super soft". "Mrs Beaseley touched a pig and it made a noise". It went "oink!". The pigs were called "Stuart and Bob". "We all had a great day"

- Children in Owlet class, July 2017



Important dates for next year

We break up for the summer next **Friday 21st July**.

There are two INSET days at the beginning of the year on **Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September** and school will be closed to all children. Years 1 to 6 come back on **Wednesday 6th September** and your new class teacher will be waiting for you on the playground. Nursery and Reception parents have had letters regarding their start times back after the summer.

Don't forget the times of the school day change from September. The beginning of the day stays the same and reception finish at 3.10pm Monday to Friday and Years 1 to 6 finish at 3.15pm Monday to Friday. There is no early finish at 2pm from September.

Junior Leadership Team



On Wednesday 12th July, Year 6 visited Joss Bay beach (near Broadstairs) as an end of year reward for all their hard work over the course of the year! As Year 6's journey at primary school comes to an end, Lessness Heath will be very sad to see them go but the Year 6 children look back on their years with laughter and happiness. Despite the initial downpour and winds, Year 6 loved the trip to the beach and the sun finally shone through to mark a fantastic day! They paddled in the water, played volleyball, buried each other in the sand and enjoyed ice cream with their friends. Libby told us, "My favourite part of the day was splashing about in the sea!" whilst Alex stated that he loved playing around in the sand! I would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers, staff and parents who took us on the trip – a fantastic day was had by all!

Written by Darcy Parkes (Year 6 Communication Leader)



More ideas for the summer holidays from Mrs Hannaghan

Staying at home this summer

Of course, on some days, you will find yourselves stuck at home, but that doesn't mean anyone has to be bored.

- **Arrange a movie day - choose a couple of favourite films get some popcorn and put your feet up with the kids.**
- **Get cooking - pick a recipe with the kids, go shopping for ingredients and cook something together that you can enjoy eating afterwards. Depending on your child's age and interest, this could be anything from a simple sponge cake to a mushroom stroganoff! Dig out the puzzles, games and books and give them a go. Some good old-fashioned entertainment can be real fun.**
- **Have a look in your cupboards and play dress up with your old clothes. Sort through your clothes together and recycle the ones that you never wear and the stuff your little one's grown out of.**
- **Encourage the kids to put on a play or a magic show. They could even use the dress up clothes and props from around the house. If you have a camera, you can even film it, for great memories.**
- **Build a den with the kids - if the weather is ok, you could even risk doing this outside! All you need is some boxes or sofa cushions, a few blankets, and a bit of imagination.**
- **Create a scrap book together**

Weekly attendance

Congratulations to Parrot in KS1 and Hummingbird in KS2 for getting the highest attendance this week.

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Clarke AM	88.0
Miss Clarke PM	76.5
Miss Baker	97.4

Miss Ransom	97.8
Miss Bennett	94.0
Miss Hunt	93.8
Mrs Adelaja	95.8
Mr. Liddiard	97.9
Miss Thorpe	93.5
Mrs Cross	92.7
Mr. Butler	98.3
Miss Watt	97.8
Miss Jayne	96.4
Miss Fredua	100.0
Mr Brett	95.5
Mrs. Sadler	89.2
Mrs. Adedoyin	95.1
Mr. Martin-Pitt	94.8
Mr. Jackson	94.4
Miss Kanu	97.1
Miss Steele	97.1
Mrs. Handley	92.8
Miss Butler	97.2

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.