



# Lessness Heath Primary School

## Newsletter

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Respect Belonging Co-operation Honesty Perseverance Responsibility

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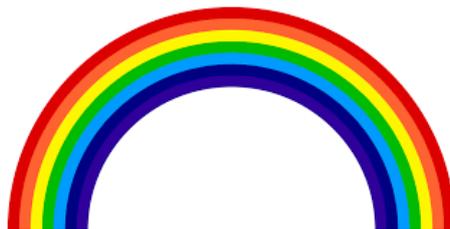
Dear Parents and Carers,

As you all know, at Lessness Heath, we have high standards in all areas of what we do. This week, I want to talk to you about some changes we have made to our behaviour policy this term to ensure all of your children grow into resilient young people who understand that hard work and effort gets rewarded.

I hope your children have spoken to you about some of the small changes we have made to the policy since we have been back at school. One of these changes is how we reward positive behaviour choices, showing our school values and showing effort in their learning and how we communicate this with you. We have added a rainbow onto our traffic lights and children are added to the rainbow when they have shown the school values or put effort into their learning – we call them Rainbow Moments! Adults then communicate these moments with a postcard home, a positive phone call, work sent home or showing learning to another adult. Rainbow Moments are also celebrated in assembly along with our merits and blue badge winners.

We believe that telling a child "you worked really hard" or "you're doing very well" teaches them that reward comes through effort and encourages them to challenge themselves. When we congratulate children for their effort are more open to taking on challenges, better at problem solving and more likely to believe they can improve themselves by working hard. It is called a 'Growth Mindset' and is something we are trying to install in our children at school.

As parents and carers, give it a go!



Kate O'Connor  
Head teacher

### A very special visitor in Year 6

On Monday this week, Year 6 had a special visitor as part of their WWII topic. Margaret was a WWII evacuee in 1939. She gave the children a wealth of knowledge as she described what life was like as an evacuee: living through the war away from family and friends, rationing and much more. The children had a great afternoon and gained so much from this first-hand experience. A big thank you to Margaret.



### Harvest Festival donations

A reminder to all families we have Bexley Foodbank in school on Monday to lead our assemblies for the children. If you haven't done so already and you wish to donate to our local Foodbank, please bring in all donations by Monday morning. The Foodbank will be taking all of our wonderful donations away after the assemblies.



### Mental Health Awareness Day

As some of you may know, Mental Health Awareness day is fast approaching on Tuesday 10th October. As part of raising awareness, the Wellbeing Ambassador Team has collated a themed assembly for that day, for both KS1 and KS2. This will be an interactive assembly and the wellbeing team have worked incredibly hard in creating this assembly and feel very proud and passionate about this subject. In the next newsletter we will report on what we learnt about Mental Health and the activities we participated in.

### Parent Forum

Our first Parent Forum has been arranged for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in the school hall. All parents are encouraged to attend the meeting to listen to what the school's priorities are for this term, to hear your views and to hear your ideas for improvement. Mrs O'Connor and Mrs Shields will lead the meeting and we look forward to seeing you all there.

### End of term reminders

It only seems like last week we started back after the long summer holidays but we break up for a 2-week half term holiday on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We will finish at the earlier time of 2pm on this day and all children can wear their own clothes to school. The LSFA have organised a cake sale in the hall after school. All donations are welcome; shop made or homemade (please send in with a list of ingredients with any homemade cakes – thank you).



This half term, we have been electing our **Junior Leadership Team** (JLT) for 2017-18.

The JLT has now been running successfully at Lessness Heath since last year. The main aim of the JLT is to ensure that our children have a voice in their school. It gives our children the opportunity to contribute their ideas and thoughts on school life. We listen to our children's suggestions on how to improve areas such as: learning, school environment and enrichment.

At the start of September, our Year 6 children spent time writing job applications for various roles in the Year 6 JLT. They then gave up time during their lunch break to attend interviews for their roles. They were asked a series of questions, for example: "Why would you like to do this role?" and "What skills could you bring to this role?" Our children's positive responses and attitudes showed that we have an extremely responsible group of children who truly want to contribute to school life in the best way possible. The different roles they applied for included: learning, communication, sports, environment and play buddy leaders.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding a very special celebratory assembly for all Year 6 children in recognition of their perseverance and responsible attitudes towards becoming JLT leaders. You will be able to recognise our JLT leaders from the badges that they wear proudly on their school uniform and which demonstrate their commitment to promoting the school values.

Additionally, we have also recruited a JLT representative from every class (Years 1-6) as part of the wider leadership team. Their role is also very important and will involve attending JLT meetings, discussing key issues with their peers and then reporting back to the JLT to be actioned. Please see below for a list of our exemplary JLT representatives.

We would like to congratulate all those children who are now part of our JLT and we look forward to working co-operatively with them over the course of the year in order to make our school the best it can be!

## Weekly attendance

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

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Clarke AM	92.1
Miss Clarke PM	97.4
Miss Ransom	95.3
Miss Bennett	98.2
Miss Nkwo	95.5
Mrs Jones	93.2
Ms Harding/Miss Harmer	93.3
Miss Thorpe	97.9
Mrs Khan	95.5
Mrs Cross	98.0
Miss Jayne	96.6
Miss Bulbul/Miss Gawley	97.9
Miss Egan/Miss Bolton	96.1
Mr Jackson	98.6
Miss Kanu	97.9
Mr Liddiard	98.8
Mrs Leach	96.9
Mr Martin-Pitt	90.4
Mr Watt	91.5
Mrs Handley	98.9
Miss Long	93.3
Miss Steele	96.1

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 Clarke in Duckling 2.