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Lessness Heath Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher

Mrs K O'Connor

Deputy Head

Mrs L Shields

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I would like to share a note from the Linda Thomas:

My name is Linda Thomas and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors for our school. However, before I begin, I would like to give a big 'Thank you' to the retiring Chair of Governors, Carolyn Barclay, for all her hard work in leading the Governing Body during a vast period of change and transition.

I have been a governor at Lessness Heath School for three years now and during that time I served as Vice Chair, so when Mrs Barclay resigned in January, I become acting Chair and then was elected as Chair in March.

Since then I have visited the school on several occasions to meet with Mrs O'Connor and staff to monitor and support various initiatives. I have also had the privilege of meeting with children and hearing about their school and their achievements. On my last visit, to observe a SATs test in action, I was surprised to be invited by Year 4 to become part of their conference on School Improvements and to speak on behalf of the governors. I was most impressed with their enthusiasm and the mature way they asked and answered questions. Year 4 – I hope you invite me back to find out more about your ideas.

I look forward to leading the governing body and to supporting the school and its work. If you want to know more about the work of the Governing Body and who we are, then please visit the website as it will be updated soon after half term.

Linda Thomas



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2018–2021

Thank you for all your support this half term. Have a great break.

Kate O'Connor
Head teacher

Welcome to Lola

Our new puppy has been the star of the show this week! She was introduced to the children in Assembly on Monday and has settled well into the office routine. Thank you all for welcoming her into our school community – the children cannot wait until she is ready to begin her training. She has her own section on the website and it will be regularly updated on her progress.



Enterprise week is coming!

After half term (week beg 11th June) our Year 6 children will be participating in an 'Enterprise Week' in order to develop their business skills as well as raise money for the upcoming Year 6 Leavers' Disco. As part of this, each Year 6 child have been given £1 from which they have to make as much profit as they can, using their entrepreneurial skills.

During the week beginning 11th June, all children from across the school are being invited to the Year 6 classes if they wish to purchase any of the products and items that the Year 6 teams have created. These include a selection of non-sugary food and drink items, hair bows, and play dough and loom bands! Some of the groups will also be running raffles, games and activities to help raise money.

Year 6 children will be on the main playground after school, selling a variety of items, but those that also include sweets, cakes and ice-cream. This allows you to monitor any sugary snacks provided for your children.

The Year 6 children would really appreciate support from their peers and parents in helping to raise funds for their Leavers' Disco by bringing in a small amount of money to attend the sale during this week.

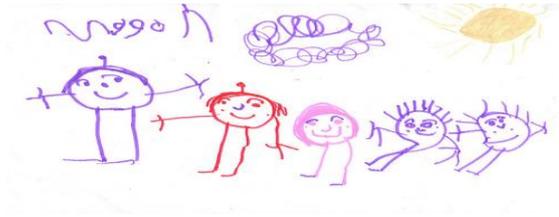
Mon 11th June - Nursery/Reception

Tues 12th June - Yr 1 / Yr 2

Wed 13th June - Yr 3

Thurs 14th June - Yr 4

Fri 15th June - Yr 5



FAMILY WELLBEING THIS HALF TERM

With half term fast approaching its time to take stock and evaluate your family's wellbeing. Here at Lessness Heath we have been on an incredible journey to look at just this and in light of our recent exciting news of being the first school nationally to receive the wellbeing award for schools, we look forward to celebrating with the pupils on June 13th. This will be a day of reflection on how far we have come as a school to protect the wellbeing and mental health of our whole school community. We thank you for your part in this and look forward to continuing to grow our positive relationships with you. It's our partnership of work that allows for the children in our school, to achieve the best possible outcomes in life.

This is a lovely video link to share with your children when talking about big feelings. You will find this here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCrjevx3-Js&t=68s>



Healthy Packed lunches

Part of good well-being is to eat a healthy and balanced diet. Can we take this opportunity to remind parents that the food you provide for your children should be enough to fill your child up and be healthy. No chocolate bars are allowed.

Cyclopark - Gravesend

Hayley House

30 children in Year 3 have been given the opportunity to take part in a research project run by a social enterprise group called Incommon. The group are looking into the benefits of young people spending time with older people.

In the first week back, our Y3 children will be visiting Hayley House to spend an afternoon with the older people who live there. We look forward to the possibility of working on a longer project.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th June is an INSET day and all the children come back to school on Tuesday 5th June. Next week is half term.

Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 97%. Each week we aim for an overall school attendance of 96%.

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

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Clarke Duckling 1	92.8
Miss Clarke Duckling 2	95.5
Miss Ransom	97.4
Miss Folan/Mrs Brown	97.4
Miss Bennett	94.1
Miss Bolton	96.7
Mrs Jones	99.0
Mrs Mensah	100.0
Miss Thorpe	93.7
Mrs Vankirk	98.6
Mrs Cross/Mrs Claire Clifford	94.1
Mr James	99.3
Mr Chalkely	96.7
Miss Jayne	97.3
Mr Jackson	99.3
Mr Liddiard	96.3
Miss Harmer	98.9
Mr Martin-Pitt	87.6
Miss Watt	87.6
Mrs Leach	98.3
Miss Steele	99.7
Mrs Handley	100.0
Miss Long	98.0

We are planning a special Attendance reward for all children with 96% or above in the last term. Good attendance is extremely important to ensure children have good routines and being in school enable children to make the expected amount of progress.