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Lessness Heath Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time of year, there are lots of changes in our school community. Mainly, children in all year groups will be moving up to their new year group with new children, their teacher will be changing and they will be moving classrooms.

For some children this is not a problem and they will automatically deal with these changes without any reaction or fuss. For others this will be a stressful time and they will feel anxious and may start behaving in ways that are not normal for them.

As parents and carers, we need to recognise that new behaviours may be due to these changes and we need to deal with them in a sensitive way. Children are tired – it's been a long year and they have worked very hard!

Tips to help us all deal with these changes:

- Keep routines at home
- Stay calm and consistent
- Keep talking to your children
- Be prepared

Remember any support you may need at school is here and you can talk to your class teacher.

Kate O'Connor

Head teacher



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More amazing press and good news for Lessness Health

This week a journalist from the BBC came to visit Lessness to talk to us about our Well-being journey. The wellbeing work we do in our school community has been recognised across the country and we are becoming very popular! Lots of professionals have been interested in our work, which is very exciting for the school.

Here is the BBC news article:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-44722695>

Bexley Times also published an article last week. Here is the link:

<http://www.bexleytimes.co.uk/news/bexley-school-wellbeing-award-1-5576010>

Enjoy!

Puppy training

Lola and her bother and sister had their first puppy training session at school on Monday. This is a great start to Lola's training and her journey to become a therapy dog.

These children were picked as Lola Leaders and will help train Lola every Monday.





A huge thank you to Inete Stanley from Top Dog Training School for her time and expertise. One of our parents who is giving us her time to support the work we do in school.

Request for unwanted resources – Can you help support our school?

We are putting out another request for donations from parents for nearly new/complete items to boost playground and wet play materials. The items we require are:

- **dolls - especially clothed dolls**
- **board games**
- **craft sets**
- **puzzles**
- **quiz/colouring books**

- **small child pants/knickers/socks/tracksuit bottoms**

All donations please leave in the office. Many thanks for your support.

Working in partnership with Bexleyheath Secondary School

A selection of Year 5 children have been busy preparing for a competition - with 2 other schools in Bexley - at Bexleyheath Academy. They have prepared a music video to 'This is me,' with some media students from BA. We have put props on and were lucky enough to go out and around our school grounds to film some footage. We will find out if we have won at a special award ceremony on the 13th July. Check out our newsletter the following week to see how we have got on!



Police visit to Yr6

Year 6 have had our local PCSO - Jay Worrell - in this week, alongside 2 local police officers giving a talk to us about 'responsibility.' We learnt many interesting facts about the law, and our rights as citizens. Year 5 are fortunate to be having this talk next week too, so they can find out how taking responsibility affects the law.

Nursery picnic

Our youngest learners had a great time in the sun with their grown ups this week when they had a picnic. The parents and children had scones and strawberries in the sunshine and even Lola made a special appearance!



Important dates for the rest of the Summer Term

Please refer to all correspondence we send out via email and text message regarding the dates for the rest of the term. We are very busy with sports days, Y6 performances, book fairs and parents meetings!

Book fair is coming to Lessness Heath



On **Thursday 12th July** the Scholastic book fair is coming to Lessness! The fair will be here for a week and Mr Jackson and other members of staff will be out on the playground after school selling amazing books to you all. The fair provides money for the school as well as providing children with real quality books. All children have gone home with a catalogue so please have a look through with your children. A great end of year treat!

Parking

Parking on the yellow lines outside of the school is a criminal offence. It is dangerous for all of the community and we ask that no adult bring their child to school parks on these yellow lines.



Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.8%. Each week we aim for an overall school attendance of 96%.

Congratulations to Owlet in EYFS, Pelican in KS1, and Falcon in KS2 for getting the highest attendance this week.

Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Clarke Duckling 1	88.0
Miss Clarke Duckling 2	84.2
Miss Ransom	96.5
Miss Folan/Mrs Brown	97.8
Miss Bennett	92.7
Miss Bolton	96.3
Mrs Jones	96.3
Mrs Mensah	95.2
Miss Thorpe	91.0
Mrs Vankirk	97.7
Mrs Cross/Mrs Claire Clifford	91.4
Mr James	96.6
Mr Chalkely	96.3
Miss Jayne	97.3
Mr Jackson	95.3

Mr Liddiard	95.0
Miss Harmer	96.3
Mr Martin-Pitt	92.3
Miss Watt	96.2
Mrs Leach	94.5
Miss Steele	97.9
Mrs Handley	91.4
Miss Long	95.0