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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,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported the school this year. We have seen a huge commitment from parents and the local community to work in a positive partnership with us to ensure we get the very best outcomes for our children here at Lessness Heath.

What a year it has been! An incredible Ofsted just before Christmas, the Wellbeing for School's award in March and the best outcomes we have had in a number of years in July are the three big things this year however there are so many other examples of success. The wonderful LSFA group who work tirelessly to organise events for your children to enjoy, the children who have made significant progress in their learning because their attendance has improved, the parents who attend the Family Matters programme who have individually grown in their own way and the wonderful smiles and greetings of 'Good morning' and 'Have a good day' from parents at the gate on the cold winter days (I am sure we all remember those!). All these things and many more make our school the school it is.

We all wish all of our families and happy and safe summer and we hope this unseasonable weather continues well into August.

We are all looking forward to seeing you all in September when we will build on all the successes of this year and looking to work on new achievements and success for 2018-19.

Kate O'Connor

Head teacher



2018-2021

Staffing for next year

Class	Teacher
Nursery	
Duckling 1	Miss Ransom Nursery Nurse: Miss Waite
Duckling 2	Miss Ransom Nursery Nurse: Miss Waite
Reception	
Owlet	Miss Bennett (Phase Leader)
Gosling	Miss Jayne
Cygnets	Miss Gardener
Year 1	
Wren	Mr Skinner
Sparrow	Mrs Jones
Robin	Mrs Mensah
Year 2	
Parrot	Miss Vankirk
Puffin	Miss Steele (Phase leader)
Pelican	Mr Chalkley
Year 3	
Woodpecker	Miss Smith
Humming Bird	Mrs Brown/Miss Begum
Kingfisher	Miss Bell
Year 4	
Dove	Miss Thorpe (Phase Leader)
Nightingale	Miss Harmer
Heron	Mr James
Year 5	
Swallow	Miss Watt
Raven	Miss Peters
Magpie	Mrs Leach
Year 6	
Falcon	Miss Bolton/Mrs Matthias
Eagle	Miss Long
Hawk	Mr Jackson (Phase Leader)

We are sad to say goodbye to a number of teachers this year. Mr Liddiard and Miss Clarke have secured teaching jobs in the Greenwich borough, Mrs Handley has moved to Chichester and is teaching there next year and Mr Martin will be leaving to teach in Thailand. Miss Kanu will also be leaving us to pursue her teaching career in other schools. We would like to take this opportunity to say and huge thank you to all these teachers who have committed to our school and made a difference to our children.

Therefore, we are excited to announce some new members of staff at Lessness Heath for September. Mr Skinner, Miss Gardiner and Miss Peters who will all be starting their teaching careers next year. Mrs Brown has been teaching a number of years and has been teaching in Reception this term. Miss Begum, Miss Smith and Miss Bell have all been teaching in schools in different areas and we welcome them all to our school.

There will be an opportunity to meet your new class teacher in all classes at the beginning of next term.

Year 5 School Journey to Wrotham

41 Year 5 children had a fantastic opportunity to experience independence, courage and a whole range of new skills on their school journey this week in Wrotham, Kent. Mrs Shields and Mrs O'Connor were lucky enough to attend on two days each. The children came home exhausted but having learnt essential new skills to help them prepare for their last year of primary school. Thank you to all the teachers who supported the trip.



Dates for the new term

A reminder to all parents we come back to school after the summer break on **Wednesday 5th September 2018**. The school gates will be open at 8.30am and our doors open at 8.40am. The bell will be rung at 8.50am.

All Year 1 teachers will be on the playground to meet their classes but all other children will be expected to go into school independently to their new classes.

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.

Book fair at Lessness Heath



Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair a couple of weeks ago. We will let you all know next term what we will be spending the commission on in school to support reading for our children.

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 bringing their child to school parks on these yellow lines.



Year 5 attended Bexleyheath Academy for their media project celebration ceremony. The music video the students created was fantastic! It will be uploaded on our school website soon. Please check it out! Our video came runners up after the winning school. Well done Year 5!!

Year 6 is getting emotional during the last couple of weeks of their time at Lessness Heath. It has been jam-packed with non-stop celebration events to ensure they have memories of Lessness for life!

Our end of years production was brilliant: the children really pulled it out the bag! From Cinderella and Rockafella, to the stagehands and choir, they really worked as a team and gave parents a good tear or two! They were fantastic!

Year 6's who were invited to Greenwich park as part of their excellent attendance acted with sheer professionalism as they supported Year 1 with the mammoth walk down (not forgetting back up!!) Upper Park Road to the train station and playing with the younger years on the swings and in the sand pit. Thank you Year 6 - you were great!

The Year 6 leavers' disco was unforgettable. With limousines, prom dresses, stilettos, suits and waistcoats, it was amazing to see them all so dressed up and looking secondary school ready as they danced the night away. They had pop corn, pizza and slushies... not forgetting the photo booth capturing lots more memories for them to cherish. A big thank you to all parents and staff involved who made this possible.

On Monday 23rd 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. Year 6 loved the trip to the beach and the sun 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. We 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!

Year 6 leavers assembly next, for what was an extremely emotional hour! Teachers, children and parents running out of tissues!! They have truly been an amazing year group and we have loved teaching them this year. They have worked hard throughout the year and deserve all of their celebrations before going to secondary school. We will really miss them next year.

On Friday, Year 6 will be playing rounders with Lessness Heath teachers - check back in September, for what will be, some hilarious photos!



