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# Lessness Heath Primary School Newsletter

Respect Belonging Co-operation Honesty Perseverance Responsibility

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Lessness Heath we embrace achievement in every area, which now encompasses attendance and we will be continuing to reward whole classes for weekly attendance at the end of each week.

Getting your child to school is the most important factor in ensuring they are not losing learning time or falling behind academically and we will, of course, call you to arrange their collection if they are obviously struggling to participate in school activities.

We closely monitor the attendance and punctuality of every child in the school and we have noticed that there have been a number of parents 'late' dropping their children off at the school office in the morning. Arriving late, even by a minute, can unsettle the class, cause embarrassment to the child who is late and disrupt the learning process of all those present. It can also lead to the establishment of a pattern of behaviour whereby lateness is seen as acceptable and inconsequential.

Did you know, that some children clock up over 4 hours of lost learning time over a term. That is nearly a whole day. If you have any difficulty in regularly getting your child into school, before 8.50am, please talk to a member of staff.

If we notice that your child is frequently absent or late we will make a referral to our School Educational Welfare Officer who will then contact you directly.

We look forward to reducing the amount of children who are late into school and maximising the amount of learning time your children get in school.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Kate O'Connor

Head teacher



Wellbeing Award  
for Schools

2018-2021

### Immersing ourselves in our learning

On Tuesday 18th September, Year 4 took part in a fantastic Viking immersion day to kick off their Vikings topic. They started the day by making a shield wall and practising their warrior cries. They had the opportunity to look at and handle replicas of Viking weapons including spears and swords (which were not sharp of course!). They dressed up in Viking armour and clothing and had the chance to handle everyday Viking objects such as combs made from bone, ear wax tools, coins and jewellery.

The children had a brilliant day and are now very enthusiastic to find out more about the Vikings!



On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018, Year 5 had the opportunity to dress-up as a Harry Potter character as part of their curriculum topic: Heroes and Villains. It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to get into character and, as a result, they produced some excellent descriptions in their English lessons. The day started with a Quidditch word puzzle, followed by “sorting” into Hogwarts houses: Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff. This was followed by a writing lesson where the children were able to write in character. The children also had the opportunity to design a new Hogwarts shield. Prior to their Hogwarts luncheon, the children took part in a maths skills test, using their magical, mathematical powers. Lunchtime was fun, as the children were able to venture into the playground, still dressed as their characters.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting the day and for enabling your child to dress-up in some amazing costumes.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Leach, Miss Watt and Miss Peters



On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, Year 5 got to dress up as a character from Harry Potter. Most people were Harry and Hermione. I was Harry, Mrs Leach was Moany Murtle and someone was even Professor Albus Dumbledore. We had to answer the register in character and that was fun. My teacher and I had a really interesting, wizardry conversation! Jack Gibbs (Magpie)

### The football season has started!

The children of Lessness Heath played in a football tournament this week against Bedonwell Primary, Hillsgrove Primary and Belmont Primary. Lessness managed to win all of their games and not let in a single goal.

“I was so impressed with the boy’s efforts; they had big shoes to fill from last year. My aim this year as it is with all years for school football is two things:

1. Be the best that you can be.
2. To transition the boys from the foundation phase into the development phase. This is bringing in competition but at the same time if the results do not come our way then learn from it.

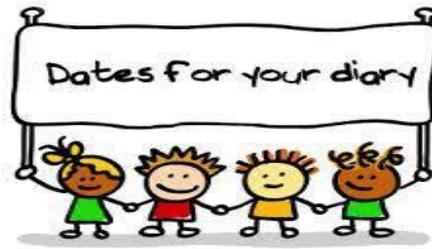
I could tell from the look of determination they went there to be the best that they can be and they simply did that. “ Mr Farrell.

Due to the results, the boys are now in the Sevens Final, which will take place on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Days Lane (4 o’clock kick off) myself. The boys would like to invite as many people to attend.

### Dates for the new term

Important dates for the diary:

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Workshop – Introduction to the new Feedback Policy 5pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term – finish at 2pm
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents evening
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Inclusion team coffee morning 9am
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Workshop – Phonics for Year 1 9am



### Competition Time!

**The deadline for this competition is today BUT if you have an entry sitting at home, please bring it in on Monday – this will be the last day for all entries.**

The Primary First Trust are running a competition this term to design a Wellbeing logo that can be used across the Trust in our schools in many different ways. Look out for the flyer that comes home and don't forget that the deadline for all entries is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Good Luck!

A flyer for a competition titled '#wellbeingrevolution'. The background is a colorful, abstract design with splashes of blue, green, yellow, and pink. The text is as follows:

**#wellbeingrevolution**

*Looking after our Wellbeing, as an adult or a child is important. The Primary First Trust is committed to looking at our community's Wellbeing this year and we want to celebrate this at this year's Woodville Halls celebration.*

This year, we are holding another Trust wide competition in conjunction with our fourth annual celebration event in October.

The theme this year is 'Wellbeing' and we would like all children to get involved and enter our competition:

***Design and make a Wellbeing logo that will be used across all of our Trust schools in a number of ways; on Wellbeing noticeboards, to make badges for schools' Wellbeing Ambassadors, on Twitter and our Wellbeing Associates can use it in their role.***

The logo can be painted, collaged or designed in any way you wish. We are looking for individual and innovative ideas. The design needs to be 2D.

Each school will be given the same template and all entries need to be back to your school by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

**There will be 8 individual winners from each school and overall winners from across the Trust will be invited to the celebration**

THE PRIMARY FIRST TRUST

### Flu Vaccines for children

In the autumn/winter of 2018/19, the vaccine will be available free on the NHS for eligible children, including:

- children aged 2 and 3 on August 31 2018 – that is, children born between September 1 2014 and August 31 2016
- children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- in some parts of the country, all primary school-aged children will be offered the vaccine (following a pilot in some areas)
- children aged 2 to 17 with long-term health conditions

Children aged 2 and 3 will be given the vaccination at their general practice, usually by the practice nurse.

Children who are 4 years old are also eligible for flu vaccination provided they were 3 on August 31 2018. These children should be offered the vaccination at their general practice.

Children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be offered their vaccination in school. In a couple of areas it might be offered in primary care settings

## Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 96.5%. Each week we aim for an overall school attendance of 96%.

Congratulations to Gosling in EYFS, Wren and Wren in KS1, and Hummingbird in KS2 for getting the highest attendance this week.



Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Ransom Duckling 1	N/A
Miss Ransom Duckling 2	N/A
Miss Gardner	96.7
Miss Bennett	97.7
Miss Jayne	98.6
Mrs Mensah	95.0
Mrs Jones	93.2
Mr Skinner	99.5
Miss Steele	90.3
Mr Chalkley	97.5
Miss Vankirk	96.5
Mrs Brown/Miss Begum	99.3
Miss Smith	95.2
Miss Bell	97.1
Mr James	96.5
Miss Thorpe	96.9
Miss Harmer	96.2

Miss Peters	98.9
Miss Watt	96.9
Mrs Leach	99.0
Miss Bolton/Miss Matthias	94.0
Miss Long	95.2
Mr Jackson	97.3



**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Burger in a Bun & Tomato Relish  
with Oven Cooked Curly Fries**

**Vegetarian Burger in a Bun & Tomato Relish  
with Oven Cooked Curly Fries V**

**BBQ Baked Beans & Garden Peas V**

**Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Grated Cheese V**

**Strawberry Jelly & Ice Cream V**

**Fresh Fruit Platter, Fresh Yoghurt V**

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