



Lessness Heath Primary School

Newsletter

Headteacher

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Respect Belonging Co-operation Honesty Perseverance Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry to say that parking in and around the school is still a huge issue and last week we have had a further two complaints about unsafe and inappropriate parking.

The main culprits are parking on the main road outside of school and in Vanessa Close. Cars are being parked on single yellow lines and across driveways. The school needs our families and community to be respectful on the parking restrictions and our local residents to ensure we keep our children safe and our local residents happy.

There have also been regular occasions where adults who are in charge and responsible for children, are running across the road, crossing the road in between parked cars and allowing their children to run across the road without even an adult being there.

Many incidents like these have been witnessed and there have been many times an accident very nearly happened. I am worried, that it is only a matter of time before a horrible accident happens because adults have made unsafe decisions. I urge you all to make sure that you are making safe choices about crossing the road and that you are role modelling these right choices to your children. Your children will copy your actions because you are the people they look up to so please make sure you are showing them the safe ways to cross the road.



Kate O'Connor

Head teacher

IMPORTANT PLEA - Can you help?

The school is in need of toddler toys, for example: Pop up toys, shakers, shape sorters etc. If you have any toddler toys lying around unwanted or unused, we would really appreciate your donation. We ask that the toys are clean and in good condition. Please send any donations to the school office. Many thanks in advance for your co-operation.

New school dinner menu

Let's see what's for lunch...

Meat Free Monday
 Meat Free Monday is a great way to improve health and well-being
 by naturally increasing your vitamin and mineral intake.
 One day a week can make a real difference - www.schoolfoodplan.com

<p>Meat Free Monday</p> <p>Main Meals Char grilled Vegetarian Fajitas with Hand Cut Cajun Spiced Potato Wedges V Five Bean Chili with Lime Infused Brown Rice V Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce V</p> <p>Vegetables Carrots & Garden Peas V Desert Caramelised Apple & Raisin Crumble with Custard V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals Mild Chicken Masala with Yellow Rice Country Vegetable Cottage Pie Topped with Herby Sweet Potato V Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise</p> <p>Vegetables Broccoli & Sweetcorn V Desert Sticky Ginger Cake with Custard V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals Farm Assured British Roast Turkey, Traditional Gravy, Bread Sauce with Roast Potatoes Teryaki Noodles with Stir Fried Vegetables & Mixed Beans V Wholemeal Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce V</p> <p>Vegetables Roasted Seasonal Root Vegetables & Seasonal Cabbage V Desert Vanilla Shortbread Biscuit V</p> <p>Vegetables Classic Colelaw & Sliced Tomato Salad V Desert Traditional Lemon Sponge with Custard V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals British Beef Burger in a Bun with Homemade BBQ Relish & New Potatoes Red Lentil & Cheese Loaf with a Rich Tomato Sauce & New Potatoes V Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise</p> <p>Vegetables Baked Beans & Garden Peas V Desert Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals Fish Fingers & Chips with Tartar Sauce Free Range Egg, Cheese & Vegetable Frittata V Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce & Grated Cheese V</p> <p>Vegetables Baked Beans & Garden Peas V Desert Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream V</p>	<p>Meat Free Monday</p> <p>Main Meals Mediterranean Tagine with Mixed Barley & Cous Cous V Ultimate Mac & Cheese V Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise</p> <p>Vegetables Chopped House Salad & Sweetcorn V Desert Pear & Apple Oaty Crumble with Custard V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals Farm Assured British Beef Lasagne with a Garlic Bread Shard Sweet Potato & Chickpea Korma with Citrus Infused Rice V Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce V</p> <p>Vegetables Seasonal Shredded Cabbage & Carrots V Desert Chocolate Beetroot Brownie V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals Honey Glazed Garlic & Lemon Infused British Roast Chicken, Traditional Gravy with Roast Potatoes Roasted Aubergine & Sweet Cherry Tomato Moussaka V Wholemeal Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce V</p> <p>Vegetables Roasted Seasonal Root Vegetables & Garden Peas V Desert Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream V</p> <p>Vegetables Broccoli & Carrots V Desert Traditional Sultana Sponge with Custard V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals Chicken Sausages with Bubble & Squeak Mash in a Yorkshire Pudding with Onion Gravy Green Lentil & Spinach Dhal with Coconut & Lemon Grass Rice V Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise</p> <p>Vegetables Baked Beans & Garden Peas V Desert Maryland Cookie V</p>	<p>Meat Free Monday</p> <p>Main Meals Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Hand Cut Potato Wedges V Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potato in a Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy V Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce V</p> <p>Vegetables Carrots & Sweetcorn V Desert Summer Berry & Apple Crumble with Custard V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals Slow Cooked Shredded British Chicken Taco with Coriander Brown Rice & Apple Colelaw Balsamic Caramelised Red Onion & Cheddar Cheese Quiche with New Potatoes V Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise</p> <p>Vegetables Peas & Cauliflower Florets V Desert Orange & Courgette Sponge with Custard V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals Farm Assured British Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & Traditional Gravy with Rosemary Roast Potatoes Chickpea & Sweet Potato Falafel Wrap with Minted Yoghurt Slaw V Wholemeal Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce V</p> <p>Vegetables Roasted Seasonal Root Vegetables & Broccoli V Desert Fruit Flaggjack V</p> <hr/> <p>Main Meals Creamy British Chicken & Tarragon Pie with Mashed Potato & Gouvy Spinach, Mushroom & Mazarrella Lasagne with a Garlic Bread Shard V Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise</p> <p>Vegetables Carrots & Green Beans V Desert Traditional Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce V</p>	
<p>Available Every Day</p> <p>Salad Bar Mediterranean Bean with Orzo Pasta & Mint V Pasta Salad with French Dressing V Asian Colelaw V Sweet Chili, Watermelon & Mint Salad V Grated Carrot, Cucumber Sticks, Sweetcorn, Mixed Leaf & Tomato Salad V</p> <p>Freshly Baked Bread Chickpea & Coriander Masala V Wholemeal V Desert Fresh Fruit Platter V</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Week 1: 22 Apr, 15 May, 5 Jun, 24 Jun, 15 Jul, 2 Sep, 25 Sep, 14 Oct</p>	<p>Available Every Day</p> <p>Salad Bar Mexican Mixed Bean & Pasta Salad V Crunchy Apple & Potato Salad V Red Cabbage & Pineapple Slaw V Rainbow Quinoa Salad with Pumpkin Seeds V Grated Carrot, Cucumber Sticks, Sweetcorn, Mixed Leaf & Tomato Salad V</p> <p>Freshly Baked Bread Rosemary, Oat & Caramelised Red Onion V Wholemeal V Desert Fresh Fruit Platter V</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Week 2: 29 Apr, 20 May, 10 Jun, 1 Jul, 22 Jul, 9 Sep, 30 Sep, 21 Oct</p>	<p>Available Every Day</p> <p>Salad Bar Tomato & Basil Pasta Salad V Chickpea & Butterbean Pesto Salad V Curried Rice & Sultana Salad V Roasted Vegetables & Giant Cous Cous Salad V Grated Carrot, Cucumber Sticks, Sweetcorn, Mixed Leaf & Tomato Salad V</p> <p>Freshly Baked Bread Baked Bean, Tomato & Basil V Wholemeal V Desert Fresh Fruit Platter V</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Week 3: 6 May, 27 May, 17 Jun, 8 Jul, 26 Aug, 16 Sep, 7 Oct</p>	

The new dinner menu starts on 22nd April. There will be paper copies on the main reception area and the menu will be advertised on the menu board in the canteen for all the children to see.

Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police Service. This project is known as **Operation Encompass**.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child.

The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family.

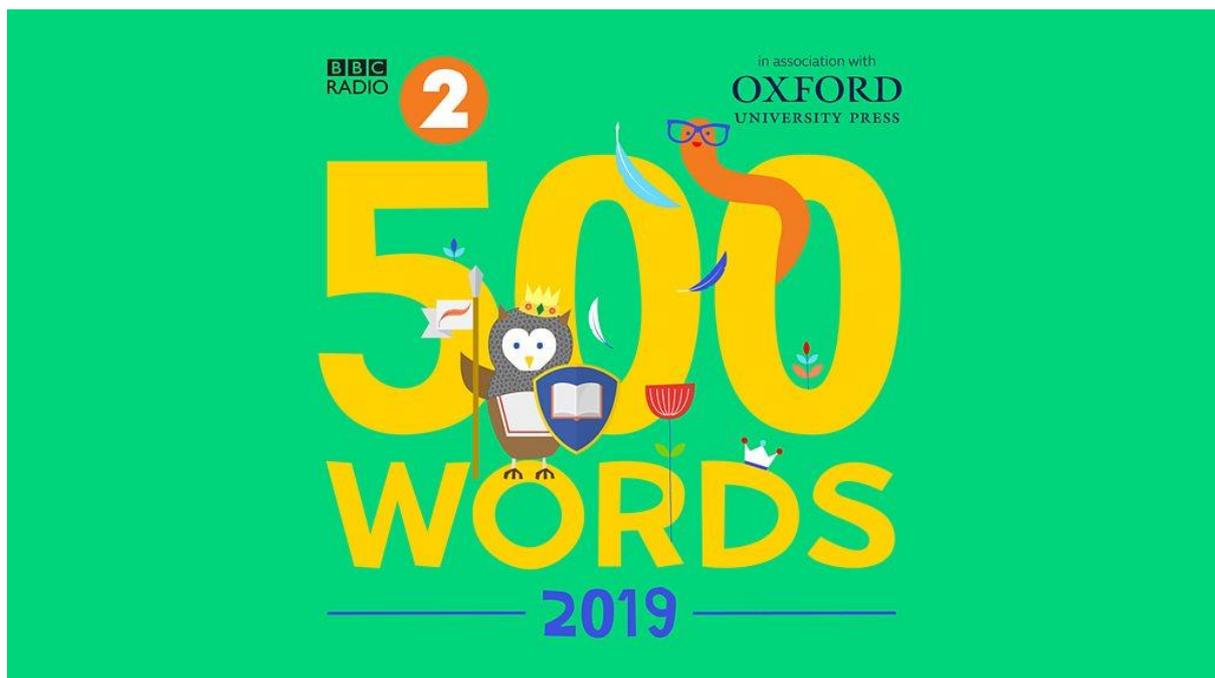
We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Working with the local community

Lessness Heath has been given the wonderful opportunity to work with another elderly residential home this term called Flaxman Court. 15 children from Kingfisher class, accompanied by Miss Bell and Miss Wong, walked to the home on Thursday to work and learn alongside the residents. Both parties made some fantastic memories and they will continue their journey together over the next two weeks when the project grows. We look forward to hearing from the children and the residents about the benefits this project has had on them.

500 Words

Over the past two weeks, the children have enjoyed using their imaginations to create wonderful short stories for the BBC Radio 2, 500 Words Competition. The competition is run every year and encourages children to test their creativity and design a story about absolutely any topic they are interested in or inspired by. There are many prizes available for the winners in each of the three age categories including enormous number of books for the children and the school. HRH The Duchess of Cornwall is leading the judging panel this year and will present the prizes to the winners!



Readathon

Our readathon with Read For Good is now in full swing with the first donations starting to come in. In our readathon, the children have set their own reading targets and have been working hard to try and secure sponsorships from friends and family. All money raised goes to a fabulous cause - helping sick children in hospital to gain access to new books, giving them a way to escape the incredibly difficult circumstances they may be in. The money is also used to fund trained storytellers to go into hospitals and brighten up children's days with workshops and story sessions. Thank you so much to all of you who have donated so far!



Nursery Places for 2019/20

We had a large number of familiar faces attend our Nursery open days as well as new families who are considering applying to our nursery for a September start. It was lovely to see such a big group of people who saw first hand the amazing work that goes on in our nursery provision.

The closing date for all applications is **Friday 6 April 2019**. The online site will be open until **11.59pm on 6 April**.

All applications made during the application period are treated in the same way in accordance with the procedure described in the following sections.

Applications are not processed on a first come, first served basis.

It is very important not to apply late, because applications made after the closing date will be considered only after places have been allocated to children whose parents applied on time. Nursery class places are in considerable demand and most schools will not have vacancies once all on time applications have been processed.

Forest School

Another windy day today, so the kite-making bag got thrown in the car as a last minute thought and Year 1 had a go at making kites. This proved more difficult than expected as everything just kept getting blown away and plastic bags are tricky to cut even in still conditions! Still, about 4 or 5 kites were made, and Forest School is about the 'process not the product', so maybe the skills practised today will be useful at a later date... The bears were good at hiding today and we started the session with a discussion about what bears eat and used the words 'carnivore' and 'omnivore' to describe the different types of bear.

Year 3 were all about the zip wires and rope swings again, with every available tree used. Some important lessons about proprioception were learnt when children walked into swinging branches at head height or they stood too close to the swings. Some of the older children planted wild flower seeds in recycled cardboard tubes. It will be lovely to see the flowers grow over the next few weeks.



Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 96.9%. Each week we aim for an overall school attendance of 96%.

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



Registration Group	Percentage Attendance
Miss Ransom Duckling 1	96.7
Miss Ransom Duckling 2	98.3
Miss Gardner	96.7
Miss Bennett	98.7
Miss Jayne	98.6
Mrs Mensah	99.5
Mrs Jones	92.9
Mr Skinner	93.3
Miss Steele	96.6
Mr Chalkley	94.3
Miss Vankirk	99.3
Mrs Brown/Miss Rashid	97.0
Miss Smith	98.6
Miss Bell	96.2
Mr James	99.0
Miss Thorpe	100.0
Miss Harmer	96.3
Miss Peters	93.8

Miss Watt	94.7
Mrs Leach	96.0
Miss Bolton/Miss Matthias	98.7
Miss Long	96.7
Mr Jackson	98.0