

# KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A "Good" school (Ofsted January 2018)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

05 September 2018

Welcome back to school from all the staff at Kerr Mackie. It was wonderful to see all the children arriving punctually this morning as the new school year begins. A special welcome to all of our new Nursery and Reception children. Our revised transition arrangements will ensure that the children settle quickly and confidently to their learning journey at Kerr Mackie. Thank you, as ever, for your efforts in ensuring that the children are smart and in full school uniform.

**As a reminder, the school uniform is as follows:**

Navy trousers/skirt/shorts

Navy sweatshirt/cardigan

White/sky blue polo shirt

White shirt/blouse

Black shoes/PLAIN black trainers (Non logo)

Grey/navy tights

Grey/navy/white socks

Blue and white gingham/striped dresses may be worn in the summer months.

As you know, we welcomed new teachers this year - Mr Quirk, in year 4, Miss Slingsby in year 2 and Mr Monkman in year 5. We also welcomed three new teaching assistants, Mrs Smith, who will be working in year 5 and Miss Longhorn, who will be working in the Reception classes and Miss Preston, who will be working in year 3. They have all settled in very well and begun to build great relationships with the children. Unfortunately, Mr Whincup and Mrs Lal will be delaying their return to school through illness, and we send our best wishes to both for a speedy recovery.

Much planning and hard work by the staff has gone into preparing for a successful school year. We have continued to work on improvements to our school building over the summer. There was work across several areas of the school. We have replaced the toilets in the Reception classrooms and also replaced the floor to our kitchen area. A number of our fire doors have been replaced to ensure that we meet all the safety criteria required by law.

Miss Horwell would like to take this opportunity to remind you that P.E. is a national requirement for children and all children need to have their P.E. kits in school on the days that they do P.E. Ideally P.E. kits should be kept in school for the whole half term.

P.E. kits consist of a white T-shirt, shorts and pumps for indoor activities. For outdoor activities the children can wear a white T-shirt, jumper or sweatshirt, leggings or tracksuit and trainers.

As part of promoting a healthy lifestyle, children will be encouraged this year to participate in additional physical activity sessions during the week. You may have noticed our new playground markings in Key Stage 1 and 2. These are in line with the 'Daily Mile' which we will be carrying out this year. If you are interested in finding out more about the Daily Mile and its benefits, please refer to:

<https://thedailymile.co.uk>.

School received its draft Ofsted report on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, following the 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection of the academic year, on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July. As soon as it is published we will ensure that you receive a copy as well as it being available to read on the website. The draft Ofsted targets have linked well with current school improvement measures and have been the main focus of our two staff training days this week. Our continuing drive towards school improvement will ensure that Kerr Mackie enables every child to achieve their full potential and we value your partnership with us in achieving this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Millington'.

Mrs J Millington  
Headteacher

For your information, important dates are listed below, beginning with welcome meetings during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Events	
<b>W/C 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Welcome meetings for Parents in year group class rooms: Y1 & Y2 10.09.2018 3:25 and 5:00pm Y3 & Y4 11.09.2018 3:25 and 5:00pm 12.09.2018 Y5 & Y6 3:25 and 5:00pm 13.09.2018 New Reception Parents 3:25 and 5:00pm *Please note Nursery welcome meeting is 19.09.18 at drop off times in the morning and afternoons.
<b>01.10.18-05.10.18</b>	Dyslexia Awareness Week
<b>10.10.18-19.10.18</b>	Y6 Bikeability Sessions
<b>17.10.18-18.10.18</b>	Parents Evening
<b>05.11.18-07.11.18</b>	Open days for new parents with Reception children starting in September 2019: 05.11.18 09:15am 06.11.18 1:15pm 07.11.18 6pm
<b>12.11.18-16.11.18</b>	Anti-bullying Week
<b>10.12.18</b>	Community choir 1:45pm at Gledhow Lodge
<b>13.12.18</b>	Community Choir 1:45pm at MHA Gledhow
<b>13.12.18</b>	Music Concert 6pm
<b>W/C 17.12.18</b>	Curriculum exhibitions: 17.12.18 Y1 & Y6 3:00-3:25pm 18.12.18 Y2 & Y3 3:00-3:25pm 19.12.18 Y4 & Y5 3:00-3:25pm

Holiday	School Closes	School Opens
<b>Summer</b>		Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018
<b>Autumn mid-term</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
<b>Christmas</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Spring mid-term</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>Easter</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>Easter weekend</b>	Thursday 18 April 2019	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
<b>May bank holiday</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>Summer mid-term</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
<b>Summer</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	