

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

1st May 2015



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now two weeks in to the new term, and the final term of this academic year, and we are as busy as ever. So...

What's new this term?

Firstly, all the year groups have begun their new exciting projects and already we can see how enthusiastic the children and staff are about them. Many of the children are researching and finding out more at home, or bringing in models and pictures. This really shows us that all the work we have done on the new curriculum is engaging the children at Kerr Mackie. I am sure many parents have also been very impressed with their child's classrooms and the learning environment created by staff. Don't they look amazing! Only this morning I have conducted a tour of the school for a leadership team of another school, as they had heard about the work we are doing around our curriculum and learning environments. You can find out more on our website, in the curriculum newsletters and by following us on Twitter.

We have also revised our dinner menu this term following the feedback we had from parents. I hope you have noticed the changes. Quite a few parents have already commented on how pleased they are with the new menu and the children seem to be enjoying the dinners. You can find the school dinner menu on our website.

Following the huge success of our Easter Fair the children held at the end of last term (see below), we are hoping to organise a similar event for Wednesday 15th July. This will be instead of the school summer fair which we are not able to hold this year. We will provide more details nearer the time but we are hoping some parents will be able to help out on the day.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Bank Holiday (fingers crossed for the weather).
Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

TRAINING DAYS

Reminder: the training days for 2015-16 will be:

Wednesday 2nd September 2015 Thursday 17th September 2015

Monday 4th January 2016 Tuesday 5th January 2016

Monday 18th April 2016

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please can we remind parents/carers that school closes for the summer holiday on Tuesday 21st July 2015 and re-opens to pupils on **Thursday 3rd September 2015**. This is in line with Roundhay High School but will be different to most other schools in Leeds. A copy of the letter regarding this is available to view on our school website.

CURRICULUM

RECEPTION VISIT TO TROPICAL WORLD

On Tuesday, Reception enjoyed a super day visiting Tropical World learning lots about a whole range of creatures, their favourites being the colourful butterflies and the cute meerkats! They found the Amazon fish fascinating as well as the Tamarin monkeys they thought were squealing at them. Despite the cold day they had fun playing games in Roundhay Park before the long walk back to school. Everyone was very tired, but said they had great fun.

YEAR 4 ART EXHIBITION

On Wednesday this week Year 4 parents were invited in to look at the art and work the children have been working on. We had some wonderful comments left:

"The artwork is amazing. Great work!!"

"Lovely seeing the children's work!"

"As always an amazing range of activities executed with energy and enthusiasm!"

"Lovely range of materials used to help the children understand water, beautifully presented. Well done to all the children."

INFORMATION

ST GEMMA'S HOSPICE

We are very proud to announce that our fundraising activities on 2nd April raised a fantastic £604.20 for our local charity, St Gemma's Hospice. St Gemma's are absolutely delighted with our fundraising this year. Thank you to everyone who has helped and contributed.

NEWSLETTER

ATTENDANCE

The attendance per class for the period 30th March to 24th April is as follows. Please note that our attendance target is 95%.

Elm	91.1%	Alder	95.2%	Holly	95.7%
Willow	92.3%	Rowan	94.6%	Cherry	98.9%
Oak	90.6%	Cedar	98.7%		
Sycamore	96.9%	Lime	98.5%		
Maple	97%	Larch	96.5%		
Spruce	97.4%	Lilac	92.8%		

KERR MACKIE NURSERY

We have a few places available in our nursery from September 2015. The sessions are morning 8.45-11.45am, afternoon 12.15-3.15pm and there are no fees to pay. If you have a child who will be 3 and are interested in a place please see a member of the office staff. If you have younger children and will want a place for them in the future please provide their details at the office in order that they can go on our waiting list.

CHEQUES

Please can we remind parents/carers that cheques for school trips should be made payable to Kerr Mackie Primary School and cheques for school milk or dinners payable to Leeds City Council. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed – re-opens Tuesday 5 th May
Friday 8 th May 9-5.30pm	Year 2	Trip to Robin Hoods Bay
w/c Monday 11 th May	Year 6	SATS week
Wednesday 13 th May & Thursday 14 th May	Year 1	Bikeability in the playground
Saturday 16 th May 9am	Selected children	Roundhay High School football tournament
Monday 18 th May	Nursery	Mini beasts visiting
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 1	Trip to Bradford Colour Museum
Tuesday 19 th May	Selected children from Y5 & 6	Kwik cricket festival
Friday 22 nd May		School closes for half term
Monday 1 st June		School re-opens
Wednesday 3 rd June – Friday 5 th June	Year 6 Holly class	Herd Farm residential
Thursday 4 th June 9-4.15pm	Year 4	Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Tuesday 9 th June 6pm		Open evening for Sept 2015 Reception parents
Wednesday 10 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 6 Cherry class	Herd Farm residential
Thursday 11 th June all day	Reception	Trip to Sealife & Scarborough
Friday 12 th June	All school	Purple day for St Gemma's Hospice – further details to follow
Tuesday 16 th June 6-8pm	Year 6	Leaver's disco
Wednesday 17 th June 1pm	KS2	Sports day
Saturday 20 th June		Roundhay Primary fun run
w/c Monday 22 nd June	Year 6	Bikeability training
Tuesday 30 th June 9-3pm	Year 5 Lilac class	Trip to Temple Newsam
Tuesday 30 th June 1pm	KS1	Sports day
Wednesday 1 st July 9-3pm	Year 5 Larch class	Trip to Temple Newsam
Friday 3 rd July 8pm	Under 11 rugby team	Guard of honour for Leeds Rhinos v St Helens at Headingley
Friday 10 th July	All school	Reports home
Tuesday 14 th July 6.30pm	Year 6	Leaver's production
Tuesday 21 st July	All school	School closes today until Thursday 3 rd September

CRICKETING EXCELLENCE SUMMER CAMPS

Ryan Sidebottom has asked us to promote his cricket summer camps which will be taking place on Tuesday 11th August – Friday 14th August and Tuesday 25th August – Friday 28th August. Please visit his website ryansidebottomcricketacademy.co.uk for further details.

ST ANDREW'S ROUNDHAY URC – CALLING ALL ACTORS

St Andrew's is running a holiday club from 21st July until 2nd August (excl weekend 25/26th July) and they are putting on a production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The cost is £100 for two weeks (help with funding is available). This is open to children aged 7-18 years. Children can also go along and help make props, costumes and paint stage sets. To book a place contact Beverley Gilbert on 07584137698 or email children@standrews.cc

HOLIDAY CAMP HELD AT GLEDHOW PRIMARY

We have been asked to pass on the following information:

Bookings are filling up quickly for the Spring Bank Holiday Camp @ Gledhow Primary School. As always, we listen to what you say and we have extended our operating hours at no extra cost! The camps will now finish at the later time of 5pm.

<u>Where</u>	Gledhow – Gledhow Primary School, Ls8 1PL.		
<u>When</u>	Tuesday May 26th – Friday May 29th 8am - 5pm		
<u>Times</u>	Full week	Tuesday May 26th – Friday May 29th	£60
	Full day	8am – 4pm	£18
	Half day	AM 8am – 12pm	£10
	Half day	PM 1pm – 5pm	£10

Who Boys and girls aged 4-11.

What The camp will include a variety of sports including Football, Hockey, Basketball, Tennis, Athletics and Rugby. There will also be gymnastics, dance and drama games throughout the week. Indoor activities will include quizzes, nutrition tasks and team games. See [here](#) for more details.

How Bookings can be made via email or by phone (07871 336 345)

SPORT

NETBALL

On Monday the 27th of April the year 6 netball team played in a tournament at Roundhay High School. There were 22 teams competing. We were placed into a group, with four other schools. We played everyone once and the winner of our group then went through to the quarter finals. We played extremely well against the other schools but unfortunately we didn't win the group stage. It was great to play competitively and we learnt a lot from the tournament.

“On Thursday the 30th of April we played against a school called Bracken Edge and we won the match with the score of 12-2. We changed our tactics and positions and this helped us to secure our win. Thanks to Miss Howard for arranging these matches and we are all looking forward to our next match”. Written by Alex Watson, Ruqayyah Boston, Maya Hone, Amy Wilkinson and Lily Furness, the members of the year 6 netball team.

GOLF

“On Thursday 30th April, Tia, Iqra, Oscar, Monica, Edie, Qasim, Meekaeel, Hamza and Bernard all went to Roundhay High to play a tri golf tournament. There were 8 different stations, which were all different. There were three school in total and we came second, but we really enjoyed it. Our favourite stations were bullseye and dominoes.” Written by Edie and Oscar in Larch class.

RUGBY

We've been drawn against Alwoodley Primary in the quarter final of the Under 11 Watson cup. The match will take place after SATS but it will be a home match. Plenty of practice required team!

PSA

ROUNDHAY PRIMARY FUN RUN

This year is the 10th year of the Roundhay Primary Schools Run for Fun. Come rain or shine this is a wonderful event to be involved with, either as a child or adult joining in with the run or as a marshall on the course giving support and encouragement. The money raised is split equally between all the organising schools, with sponsorship monies that our school raises going direct to our PSA funds. The run will take place at Roundhay Park on the morning of Saturday 20 June 2015. There is a 1km run and a 5km run, so something for all children and adults regardless of age and fitness level!

The entry form was emailed to you recently and copies are available from the school office.

Completed forms and entry fees / t-shirt money should be returned to the school office no later than 8 May (although you can enter on the day - details on the entry form). Running packs will be sent out nearer the time with t-shirts, running numbers and further information to all those that return their form and fees as directed. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Louisa Riches and Michael Allen

Kerr Mackie Run for Fun reps