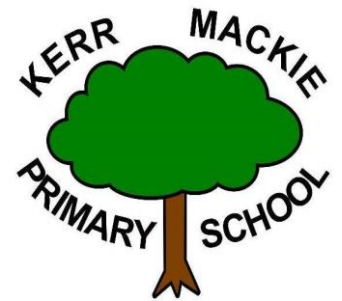


# KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

12<sup>th</sup> September 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,  
Welcome back to a new school year and I hope everyone had a good summer break. So, what's new at Kerr Mackie this year – where do I start?  
Firstly, we have 60 new children to the school in Reception who have already settled well, helped by the supportive and caring staff.  
Our new teachers; Miss Jones in Nursery, Miss Boyne in Year 1 and teaching assistants Mr Loftman, Mr Moyes and Mrs Rashid are already well established as part of the Kerr Mackie team. We have planned many new projects this year for the children to meet the requirement of the new curriculum, and we have ensured they are as exciting and interesting as our previous ones. If you get the chance, please have a look at your child's classroom and their exercise books, the teachers worked very hard over the summer to make them really appealing for the children.  
We are very excited about the new kitchen we have had installed for the children to cook in. Mrs Hutchinson, a qualified nutritionist employed by Kerr Mackie, is currently planning a range of recipes and cookery lessons, informed by the new national curriculum. Over the year, we hope all children will have several opportunities to cook, maybe we will even have our own Bake Off or Masterchef competition!

These are just a few of 'what's new' at Kerr Mackie and you will be able to find out more at our forthcoming Welcome Meetings which I hope you will be able to attend. You can find out when it is your child's welcome meeting from the 'Dates for your diary' that went home last week, our website and the outside noticeboards.  
Also, don't forget to follow us on Twitter!  
Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

#### PSA FOR 2014-15

Many of you will know that unfortunately Rachel Wilson stepped down as the Chair of the PSA in July. For the last few years Rachel and the PSA volunteers have worked extremely hard to run some fantastic events for the children and raised a huge amount of money for the school. We are really keen for the PSA to continue and are looking for new volunteers and in particular someone to take over the role of Chair. If you are interested please speak to a member of the office staff or one of the existing PSA volunteers.

#### INFORMATION

##### MILK

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you would like them to have milk please obtain a letter from the office and return your payment of £18.00 as soon as possible.

##### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Remember, all children in Reception – Year 2 are now entitled to a Free School Meal each day. Children choose their meal each morning in class and menus are available by the school office if you would like to take one home.

##### OPEN MORNINGS FOR RECEPTION SEPT 2015

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2015 please come along to one of our open mornings. These will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, and Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.30am. Mrs Ronicle will meet with you to talk about the school, answer any questions and give you a tour of the school.

##### Roundhay School Open Morning – Secondary Campus 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 27 September 2014.

Headteacher's Address throughout the morning – Main Hall.  
Parents of Year 5 and 6 children are invited to attend the above open morning at Roundhay High School.

##### YOUNG PERSONS PHOTOCARD FOR HALF-FARE TRAVEL

Metro have asked us to remind students who use public transport to apply for their half-fare Photocard. A valid photocard ensures young people can enjoy the benefit of half-fare bus travel throughout West Yorkshire. Without one, pupils over 11 will be charged full-fare of buses; and could be challenged for proof of entitlement when travelling by train. You can apply for a photocard online at [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com). The first young person's photocard is free.

##### BRASS & WOODWIND LESSONS

The company that provides brass and woodwind lessons to children in school are here on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 3.45pm to give a presentation to parents. If your child is interested in taking lessons at school then please come along.

NEWSLETTER

### **LIFE STAGE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS**

If your child (8-18 year old) is interested in drama, dancing and singing then you may like to know about a club that takes place at Carr Manor Community School every Wednesday 5.15-7.45pm. You can contact them on 07510088932 for further information.

### **NORTH LEEDS MUSIC CENTRE**

North Leeds Music Centre provide music and singing lessons and all ages are welcome. You can contact them on [north.leeds.musiccentre@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:north.leeds.musiccentre@leeds.gov.uk) or 07545 603957 for further information. There is a leaflet in our outside noticeboard with the timetable of classes offered.



### **TWITTER**

Please remember to follow us on @KerrMackieP and we will keep you updated with all the fun things that are going on in and around school.

### **PSA**

### **BAG-2-SCHOOL**

Please could you save any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, hats, jewellery, soft toys, scarves and ties for our bag-2-school collection which will be taking place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.

**Reminder: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September are staff training days and children should not attend school.**