

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

13th October 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,

We're improving the child's experience at school yet again, this time focusing on lunchtimes. We have already improved their experience in the playground by providing a wide range of activities and equipment, including the Trim Trails which was possible due to the work of the PSA. Now we're improving your child's experience in the dining hall. After the October half term holiday we are introducing what is known as 'Family Service'.

How is it different? The biggest improvement is that children will no longer need to stand in long queues for their food, which children have told us they don't like. It should also be calmer and quieter for them.

How does it work? There will be two sittings for lunch, the first sitting will be 12.00 till 12.15 and the second 12.35 till 1.00pm. We expect to see the length of the sitting become shorter as the new system becomes embedded.

The first sitting will be for Years 1,3 and 5. The children will sit in groups of six, made up of 2 x Yr 1, 2 x Yr 3 and 2 x Yr 5 children, known as their family. Teachers have ensured every child is sitting with a close friend.

The second sitting will be for the children in Yr 2, Yr 4 and Yr 6.

When the children come in, the table will already be laid with cutlery, water jugs and cups and snacks such as bread and chopped vegetables and children can go straight to their table. The food will be brought to the table by the lunch time supervisors and served at the table. The families will also include children who bring a packed lunch to school. At the end of the first sitting, the tables will be cleaned and re-laid for the second sitting for the children in Yrs 2, 4 and 6. I will have talked about Family Service in the school assemblies today so your children may tell you about it at home. This is quite a change and it will take a couple of weeks to get it 'running like clockwork'. We are all really looking forward to introducing Family Service, having visited other schools where it has been introduced to great success.

Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

CURRICULUM

YEAR 6 TRIP

"On the 25th of September, year 6 went to visit Eden Camp to learn about World War 2. At Eden Camp we visited all of the huts, which contained the sights, sounds and smells of life on the homefront and frontline. Each hut is uniquely designed to fill you with information about different events during World War 2. Eden Camp has a collection of World War 2 vehicles on show around the camp. Before lunch time, we also had the opportunity to watch a puppet show, where we sang songs and joined in. It was a fantastic, fun learning experience and every child thoroughly enjoyed the day."

Written by Sara Lal and Luke Gillibrand Year 6 Holly.

YEAR 3 TRIP

"We went to Leeds City Museum on Friday 26th September. We went to the workshop and made Roman helmets. After that we did our timeline. Afterwards we did a Roman trail and looked for the answers in the ancient worlds and the Roman Empire." Written by Sana and Mohammed in Alder class.

INFORMATION

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

If you have not yet returned your child's updated data collection sheet then please do so as soon as possible. It is vital that we hold up-to-date information for you in case of emergency. If you have mislaid your form please ask at the office for a replacement. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to all the parents/carers/children and staff who bought, baked and donated cakes at our Macmillan coffee morning on 26th September. We raised £196.00 which has been donated to Macmillan cancer care. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

MORRISONS LET'S GROW VOUCHERS

Once again we will be collecting the vouchers issued from Morrisons for the above campaign. Please drop your vouchers into the wheelbarrow by the office and help us to get some free items for our gardening in school.

NEWSLETTER

ATTENDANCE

The attendance per class for the period 22nd September to 3rd October is as follows. Please note that our attendance target is 95%.

Elm	96.5%	Alder	97.2%	Holly	95%
Willow	93.9%	Rowan	95.7%	Cherry	96.4%
Oak	95.4%	Cedar	96.4%		
Sycamore	97.6%	Lime	97.6%		
Maple	93.7%	Larch	97.4%		
Spruce	95.4%	Lilac	96.9%		

12 out of 14 classes achieved our target of 85% or above. Let's see if we can go for all 14 classes.

LOST PROPERTY

We already have a large box of lost property in the Parent's Room and three pairs of glasses in the office. If you have misplaced any items please can you check in the box as we will be disposing of anything unclaimed shortly.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Once again this year we will be selling poppies in school. The boxes of poppies will be available to buy in the playground at lunchtime from Tuesday 21st October.

In addition we also have the following items for sale, all with the poppy logo:

Friendship bracelet, various colours £1.00

Flexi rulers, various colours £1.00

Wristbands, various colours 50p

Bugs 50p

Tattoo – pack of ten 50p

Hair clips, various colours 50p

Pencils, various colours 50p

Erasers 50p

Reflective tag 50p

We only have a small quantity of these items and they will be sold from the office during lunchtime and after school from Tuesday 21st October. If your child would like to buy any of the above please send them with the correct change. Thank you.

3rd ROUNDHAY BROWNIES

We have been asked to advise parents/carers that Lidgett Park Methodist Church run a girls-only Brownie group on Monday evenings between 6pm and 7.30pm and they currently have places for girls aged between 7 and 10 years old. The Brownies organisation focus on team work, skills and enjoy drama, singing, craft activities, sports activities and food evenings! If you are interested please contact Jan Ridsdale on 2684873/07796 272541 or email jan_ridsdale@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

St Andre's Church in Roundhay is collecting toys, books, games, baby toys and teenage gifts for underprivileged children in Leeds. The gifts will go to St George's Crypt who work with homeless families and the Radio Aire Christmas Appeal. Any new or nearly new toys would be very much appreciated. Please bring them into school and the Church will collect them at the end of November.

PSA

BAG-2-SCHOOL

Please help raise funds for our school by donating to our Bag-2-School collection on Friday 17th October. Please return your filled bags to the school office by 9am on the collection date. There is limited storage available in the portakabin after school on Thursday 16th October. You can donate good quality clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. Please use the bag already provided, or another bag if preferred. The more bags we collect, the more money raised for our school! Thank you.