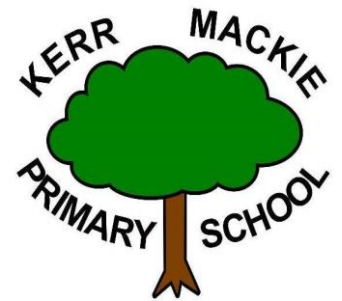


# KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

19<sup>th</sup> May 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone managed to enjoy the glorious sunshine this weekend. I went cycling along the canal yesterday from Saltaire to Bingley Five Rise Locks. I managed to cycle half way up at the locks, one day I'll get to the top. As I cycled along I thought, with the sun shining, everywhere so green and fresh and ducklings swimming on the water, you can't beat Yorkshire, if only the sun shone more often.

On Saturday I watched our six football teams take part in the inter-schools football tournament, played on the fields at Roundhay all-through school. They played with real passion and determination and we got through to three semi-finals, our best yet. One nail biting semi-final went to a penalty shoot-out. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the finals this year but I'm sure it won't be long.

Our football and rugby teams have been really busy these last few weeks and have produced some fantastic results. Please see further details on these games in our 'Sports' section below.

Last week was Yr 6 SATS week, I am always amazed how well our children cope with this, I think the staff were more nervous. I was very proud of the attitude they showed, some of the questions were very challenging, but they didn't give up and really persevered. They are a credit to their parents and the school.

Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

## CURRICULUM

### YEAR 3 REQUEST

If any parents are interested in cycling, have a bike and would like to come and talk about the sport, Year 3 would be really pleased to hear from you. Their topic next half term is the Tour De France!! Please leave your details with any of the Year 3 staff or the school office. Thank you.

## INFORMATION

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 28<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> May for the classes is as follows:

Elm	96.3%	Rowan	100%	<b>Well done Rowan class!!</b>
Willow	96.7%	Cedar	98.5%	
Oak	94.4%	Lime	96.9%	
Sycamore	98.9%	Larch	96.8%	
Maple	96.1%	Lilac	95.9%	
Spruce	92%	Holly	97.1%	
Alder	96.5%	Cherry	98.9%	

Some really great attendance figures here. Let's keep it up!

### SPORTS DAYS

The Sports Days will be taking place on the following days this year:

KS1 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon

KS2 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon

Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

### SCHOOL DINNERS & MILK PRICE – SEPTEMBER 2014

From September 2014 the cost of a school meal will be as follows:

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – Free under the Government's universal free school meals programme. Details have already been provided to the children who will benefit from this scheme.

Years 3,4,5, and 6 - £2.05 per day.

The small price increase for key stage 2 meals is being introduced following guidance from our school meal provider, Catering Leeds. We feel that the cost continues to represent value for money, as the children receive a nutritionally balanced 2 course meal which meets all government healthy eating guidelines. We continually monitor the service and are looking to introduce some improvements as to how the meals are served in September.

The cost of milk for those children in Reception, year 1 and 2 will be £18 for the next school year. Letters will be sent home in June inviting parents to sign up their children if they wish to enjoy a carton of milk daily, and requesting payment which is made upfront at the start of the year. Children who are eligible for means tested free school meals (not under the government's universal free school meal initiative) will continue to be entitled to receive milk free. Evidence of this means tested grant will continue to be required.

NEWSLETTER

### **MACKIE MAG**

Please can we draw your attention to the great work that a group of our children are doing on the Mackie Mag. They spend a lot of time writing articles and we would love more of you to see what they have been reporting on. You can access the page by using the link here <https://www.makewav.es/kerrmackie/c/themackiemag> or use the Makewaves icon on the homepage of our school website. Thank you.

### **VEG CURRY BAKE OFF**

At last week's vegetable curry bake off we had 9 entries and they were all of a very high standard. Every curry had its own unique flavour, texture and appearance. The judges found it hard to come up with a decision as all the dishes were mouth-watering. After counting all the scores we are pleased to announce that the winner was Zain Kotia in Year 6 who helped his mum to create the dish especially for the school menu. Well done to everyone that entered and good luck for next time!

### **ROUNDHAY PRIMARY SCHOOLS FUN RUN**

The Roundhay Primary Schools Run for Fun is on Saturday 7th June. If you haven't applied yet but still want to join in please ask for an application form from the office or simply register at the Education Centre on the day from 9.00 am. This is a great family event, we already have a large number of entrants but are keen to get even more of you out running 1 km or 5km.

### **TOUR DE ROUNDHAY**

Roundhay High School are holding a family fun day on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 12-5pm. There will be music, food and cycling events. Registration forms for the cycling and further details are available from the school office and there is a poster in our main noticeboard outside the gates.

### **OAKWOOD CLOCK**

We have been approached by 'Friends of Roundhay Park', who have been commissioned to lead the public consultation on the development of the Oakwood Clock area following the highly successful fund raising, and HLF grant, for local renovation.

The Oakwood Clock is arguably the most iconic building in Roundhay and they are very anxious to ensure that as many people as possible with an interest have the chance to comment on plans for the area. Please refer to the following link to give your views: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OakwoodG>.

## **SPORT**

### **FOOTBALL KIT**

We are looking to purchase a new Kerr Mackie football kit and wondered if any parent would like to sponsor it. If you are interested then please speak to the office or Miss Howard in Rowan class.

### **YEAR 4 FOOTBALL**

"On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Year 4 Kerr Mackie football team beat Meanwood C of E **6-0**. In the first half we had many chances but failed to score, however the boys played well. At half time it was 0-0. In the second half some subs came on and changed the game around. Suddenly six fantastic goals flew in within 20 minutes. In the closing moments we held on with some fantastic saves by the keeper." Written by the Cedar half of the Year 4 team.

### **RUGBY**

**Year 5 rugby team are through to the semi-finals without having to play the quarters!**

The Year 5 rugby league team are through to the semi-final of the Under 10's Burton Cup. It was decided by the organisers that the semi-finals would consist of five teams competing in a league and the top two would qualify for the final later in June. Watch this space!

**Reminder: School closes for half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**