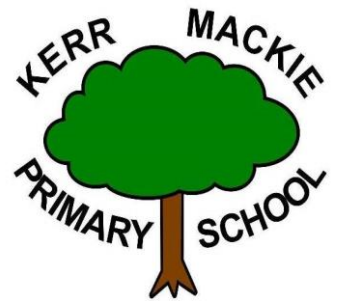


# KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015



Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to the many parents who have complimented the school on ensuring we had cleared the snow to make pathways in the playground prior to Breakfast Club opening. My snow shovel came in very handy last week!

Because of the snow, you may not have noticed we have new playground markings now in both playgrounds. We have had football, netball, tennis, rounders, cricket and champ areas marked out. Roll on the better weather so the children can make good use of them.

This week, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, at 3.45pm we are holding a meeting for parents on assessment. The meeting will explain how Kerr Mackie has adapted its assessment system to fit in with the new statutory National Curriculum. I hope you will be able to attend. The meeting is being held in Y6 Cherry classroom.

We are currently updating our school website and we have posted photographs of our fabulous main entrance, school hall and classroom displays. You will find them on the tab 'Our School' and click 'School Tour'. Please take a look.

Car parking is still an issue at the start and end of the school day despite all the letters we have sent home about it. Any cars parked inappropriately will be photographed and reported to the Police. The registration numbers we have reported recently are:

V329 RGB Red Nissan, Y502 UTK Black VW, PF08 DZP Black Seat, AF57 VHJ Skoda Octavia, YH12 DYX Silver Nissan, KP13 ZZD Silver Peugeot, Y413 OVS Green Vauxhall. Please consider others when parking.

Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

## CURRICULUM

### YEAR 1

Year One took a frosty adventure down to Oakwood Clock. After cautiously navigating our way using a map, we watched in amazement as the workmen removed the clock face and bundled it carefully into the van, ready for restoration. We used our amazing art skills to sketch and shade the clock. We then returned to school to critique each other's work, something we will be working on throughout our Oakwood project.

A big thank you to all who joined us on our walk!

## INFORMATION

### PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS YEARS 1-6

A letter was emailed to parent/carers last Monday with details of the parents' evenings taking place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The online booking system for appointments is now open and will close on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. Please visit <https://kerrmackie.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointment. Please enter the full details we hold for your child together with the name of the first priority parent. Any queries please speak to a member of the office staff. Thank you.

### CHARITIES

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, we all dressed smart for WaterAid and raised a magnificent £431.65. The children made a fantastic effort – well done and thank you for your donations! We will shortly be fundraising for our local charity, St Gemma's Hospice, and will provide further details nearer the time.

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance per class for the period 12<sup>th</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> January is as follows. Please note that our attendance target is 95%.

Elm	94.8%	Alder	99%	Holly	97.9%
Willow	96.3%	Rowan	97.5%	Cherry	97.3%
Oak	95.7%	Cedar	97.4%		
Sycamore	95.3%	Lime	96%		
Maple	98.5%	Larch	98.7%		
Spruce	97.3%	Lilac	98.2%		

### SCHOOL CROSSING

Leeds City Council has vacancies in this area, including Kerr Mackie, for School Crossing Patrol Wardens. There are variable hours available. For more information please telephone 3781829.

NEWSLETTER

### **PUNCTUALITY**

Please can we remind parents/carers that the cloakroom doors are **locked at 9am** as lessons begin at this time. Any children arriving late, 9am onwards, should be brought to the office, by their parent/carer, and signed in on the system with full name, class, reason and choice of dinner. Classes finish at 3.15pm for Reception and 3.25pm for Years 1-6. Parents/carers should be outside the cloakroom doors at this time ready to collect your child. Any children not collected within 5 minutes of the end of the school day will be brought to the office in order that we can try and contact parents/carers. In exceptional circumstances, where you are going to be late, please telephone the office so that we can reassure your child that someone is on their way. Please note punctuality is very important and something that we monitor and follow up on a regular basis.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

We have a large amount of lost property again. This will be disposed of on Friday if not claimed. Please ensure your child's name is in all their clothes, lunchboxes etc so that items can be returned to them in future. Thank you.

### **SCHOOL DINNER ACCOUNTS**

Please can we remind all parent/carers that dinner accounts should be maintained with a credit balance. We have a number of children in Years 1 and 2 who have arrears from the last academic year. Although you now qualify for free school meals we do need the arrears clearing on their accounts. Your urgent attention to this matter would be appreciated. All dinner accounts need to be in credit by 31<sup>st</sup> March as this is our financial year end. If you need to know how much is owing please ask a member of the office staff for assistance. Thank you.

### **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

We are now collecting the vouchers issued by Sainsburys for the above campaign. Please drop your vouchers into the box by the office and help us to get some free items for sport.

### **REMINDER: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM**

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening	No after school clubs
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening	No after school clubs
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School re-opens	No after school clubs
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Tempest photographers taking class photographs	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February & Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 bikeability training on the playgrounds	
w/b 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 bikeability training all week on the playground	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	No after school clubs	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Red nose day	Details to follow
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter egg competition	Details to follow
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School closes for Easter	