

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

26th September 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who has attended our year group welcome meetings this week. I hope you found them informative and helpful. A welcome pack has been emailed to parents/carers of children in Y6, Y5, Y4 and Y3. The remaining welcome packs will be emailed on the day of the meeting.

We have got off to a great start with the gardening. Groups of children have been outside in the afternoons and have already harvested: potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, sweetcorn, raspberries, redcurrants, blackcurrants, marrow and butternut squash. We also have a pumpkin ripening!

The children have also tidied up the plants in the polytunnel and the raised beds. This is a fantastic learning experience for the children, they are learning a lot about how to care for a range of fruit and vegetables and healthy food. Soon, children will also be cooking, using the fruit and vegetables grown, in our fabulous new kitchen.

At the start of the year we asked children to really think about what rights they feel they should have whilst at school, and also what their responsibilities are. We are very proud of the ideas they came up with. We have put them together to create a 'Children's Charter' (see below). We plan to display the Children's Charter in every classroom, and the school hall. We are also using the charter for discussion in class and whole school assemblies.

Kerr Mackie Children's Charter

- We have the right to be respected, and the responsibility to listen to and care for those around us to make sure we are showing respect to them
- We have the right to learn to our full potential, and the responsibility to behave in way that means we are not disturbing the learning of others
- We have the right to equipment that will help us with our learning, and the responsibility to treat all equipment with respect and not damage it for others
- We have the right to be healthy, and the responsibility to make smart choices with our food and drink, and join in with as much physical activity as we can
- We have the right to be treated equally, and the responsibility to treat everyone else the same as ourselves

Communication

The vast majority of communication is now done via email, and very few paper copies of letters will be sent home. If you are not receiving our emails please contact the school office on 3368499 or email office@kmps.org.uk

Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

CURRICULUM

TOILET TWINNING

Last year's Year 6 would like to share with you our successful fundraising total for the Toilet Twinning charity. We raised an amazing £2184.00 which is enough to create 37 brand new sanitation projects in communities across the globe that need them. We could not have done this without the support of our fantastic parents/carers and fellow pupils. On behalf of the communities, the charity and ourselves we would like to say a massive THANK YOU!!

Please keep your eyes peeled for the next fundraising target to be announced shortly by our current Year 6's.

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.

PASTORAL TEAM

The Pastoral Team are providing emotional/well-being friendship groups from Years 1-6 throughout the year. Your child may have the opportunity to be included in these groups from time to time.

NEWSLETTER

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.

LOST PROPERTY

We have three pairs of unclaimed children's glasses in the office together with a pink purse and a bracelet. If you think they may belong to you please speak to a member of the office staff.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance per class for the period 3rd September to 19th September is as follows. Please note that our attendance target is 95%.

Elm	97.9%	Alder	98.5%	Holly	98.1%
Willow	94.4%	Rowan	97.1%	Cherry	98.5%
Oak	97.5%	Cedar	97.8%		
Sycamore	98.8%	Lime	98.5%		
Maple	92.2%	Larch	97.2%		
Spruce	94.2%	Lilac	97.9%		



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.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DISCO

Can we please confirm that the date for the Year 6 leavers disco will be Tuesday 16th June.

HEALTHY COOKING & EATING SESSIONS

There are still a few places available for the parents 'healthy cooking and eating session' course that starts on the Monday 29th September 2014 at 9.00am - 11.00am in the new kitchen. The course will run for 4 weeks. If you are still interested please come and see Mrs Lal for further information. Thank you.