

# KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

29th February 2016



Dear Parent/Carer,

Please accept my apologies for having to close the school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. When I arrived at school, the caretaker and School Business Manager reported that there was a fault with the school boiler and it would not light. School was very cold. At first I thought if we could get it fixed as soon as possible then school would be able to remain open. However, the caretaker reported that he had also smelt gas in the boiler room and we also smelt it when we checked. It was this that made it necessary to close the school for the safety of everyone. I appreciate the disruption this will have caused and would like to thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Are you following us yet on twitter? The staff at Kerr Mackie regularly post tweets and photographs showing what the children are doing. It's a great way of finding out what's happening in school. Just last week's tweets show Year 1 children having a fantastic day as pirates and Reception children learning maths outside. You can find Twitter on the home page of our web-site.

Mrs Ronicle,  
Headteacher

**Dates for your diary are below;**

## March

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 - World Book Day  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Sports Relief  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 – Easter Egg competition  
School closed Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Good Friday  
School closed Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Easter Monday  
School opens Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## April

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 – School closes  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 – After school clubs finish  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Training Day  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – School opens

## Please note: Training Days

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Spetember2016 – school will be closed  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – school will be closed

NEWSLETTER

## SPORT

### Year 4, 5 and 6 Girls Football Team

Kerr Mackie 8 – 2 Gledhow Primary

The girl's team played Gledhow Primary on the 12<sup>th</sup> February at the Rounday Sports Hall. This was the girl's first indoor game and they won the match 8-2. All of the girls played well and great team spirit was shown throughout. There was also two girls making their first appearance for the school team and I know that they were very proud to get a win for their school.

### Year 4 Football Team Datacable Cup

Kerr Mackie 6 – 2 Weetwood Primary

Year 4 boys yet again put in a strong performance in their latest cup game. They were 4- 1 up at half time and kept their composure to see the match out. The boys displayed excellent teamwork and communication throughout. A big thank you to the parents, who came to watch and for their support on the sidelines. They now progress to the quarterfinal stage against Newlathes Primary.

## EVENTS

### PARENT/CARER COURSE (Family Health) – STARTS 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

The Well Being Class are fitness sessions i.e Pilates, Zumba which started yesterday Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February. The tutor will have specialists to help support the sessions i.e. instructors and somebody from the Health and well-being team. The second part of the session is developing parents understanding of family well-being. Included in the course there will be a key focus on language skills and numeracy and literacy with the children.

The class will start at 9.15am till 11.15am and there is also a crèche available. If you would like more information please speak to Mrs Lal. (Pastoral Team).

**RECORDER LESSON** – Please note that there will not be a recorder lesson on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March. Lessons will start back on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### SPORT RELIEF

Sport Relief is rapidly-approaching, like a big, sporty, awesome thing. This year we are really excited to be raising money for Sport Relief 2016! As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives.

Sport Relief 2016 will be kicking off at Kerr Mackie on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March through to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> during our P.E lessons.

**Kerr Mackie Primary** has decided to get involved and help raise money for this incredible cause. To do our bit and raise money, each key stage will hold different events for which they can be sponsored.

**Key Stage 1** – Taking part in a Sport Relief activity course which includes tightrope walking, target throwing and football skills.

**Key Stage 2** – Running a Sport Relief mile around the school.

**Sponsorship forms will be sent out nearer the date.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pupils can show their support by purchasing a wristband for £1.00. They will be available to purchase from the school office from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February.

### **ACTIVE KIDS IS BACK**

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

### **SAVE THE RACE**

The annual Run4fun at Roundhay Park will be Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Please make a note of this date – more information to follow.

We also need a group of parent volunteers to help organise the event. Please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible.

## **INFORMATION**

### **World Book Day Lunch**

There is a change to the menu on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please see school notice boards for further details.

### **PUPIL ABSENCE**

If your child is absent from school please can you ensure you contact the school office on 0113 3368499 **BEFORE 9am** and leave a message on the attendance line. The message must include your child's name, class and reason for absence. Failure to provide a valid reason for your child's absence on the first day may result in us having to escalate the matter.

### **PAYING BY CHEQUE**

Please can we remind parents that cheques for school trips should be made payable to Kerr Mackie Primary School. Everything else, i.e. milk, dinners, after school clubs should be payable to Leeds City Council.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Please check with the school office for lost items as we have a small amount of lost property.

### **SCHOOL GATES**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU CLOSE THE SCHOOL GATE BEHIND YOU WHEN ENTERING AND LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**