

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL



3rd December 2012

Dear Parent/Carer,

CHRISTMAS AT KERR MACKIE

Christmas is approaching fast (too fast!) and there are a number of events happening at Kerr Mackie before we break up that I would like to remind you of:

Date/time	Event
Tuesday 4 th December 3.30pm	Year 5 Christmas concert followed by 'Big Switch On'
Friday 7 th December 3.30-5.30pm	Winter fair
Wednesday 12 th December 2pm	Reception Christmas concert
Thursday 13 th December 9.30am	Year 1 & 2 Christmas concert
Monday 17 th December 2.45-3.15pm	Nursery PM Christmas concert
Tuesday 18 th December 11.15-11.45am	Nursery AM Christmas concert
Tuesday 18 th December 2pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas concert
Wednesday 19 th December	Reception & KS1 Christmas parties
Thursday 20 th December	Nursery & KS2 Christmas parties
Friday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 7 th January	School re-opens

PSA

Reminder: Winter Fair on Friday 7th December 3.30-5.30pm.

Come and hear the brass band play and also a special performance by the pupils in school who take brass lessons. There will be curry, pizza, baked potatoes, mince pies, hot chocolate and cakes. Children can visit Santa or the Snow Queen and buy gifts in the Secrets Room. There will be craft, toy and book stalls and lots of games for the children to take part in. We hope to see you there!!

Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Food, drink, chocolates, festive decorations and toiletries.
- Small gifts and wrapping paper, second hand books, toys and teddies.
- Cakes, mince pies and biscuits for the café.

URGENT: The PSA would like help selling tickets in the playground after school for Santa and the Snow Queen – if you can spare 10 minutes please let the office know and we will pass on your details. Also, if anyone can help on a stall at the fair for half an hour please let the office know

Let's all make this a fantastic event which we can all enjoy and raise lots of money which the children can all benefit from. Thank you for your support.

SEVERE WEATHER

At Kerr Mackie our aim is never to close school and we are proud that it has been a very rare occurrence. Previously we have been able to remain open by starting the school day later e.g. 9.30am or 10am which has allowed staff time to get to school. If we need to make any changes to the school day all parents/carers will be informed by a text message. Please ensure the school has the necessary details.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The grand total raised at Kerr Mackie for the BBC Children in Need appeal was £393.77. Thank you for all your contributions.

TRIPS & VISITORS

YEAR 2

"On 29th November some owls visited our school. There were two brown feathery owls with orange eyes, one was small and the other was big. The small owl was called a tawny owl. They also brought a barn owl which had grey spots, black eyes and a heart shaped white ruff. The European Eagle owl had a big face. It had lots of feathers and sharp talons. Most people got to stroke the owls and we saw them eat chicken." Written by Abdullah Hussain in Maple class
The children really enjoyed this experience and will be producing an information book about nocturnal animals and they will be creating habitats in the next week or so.

YEAR 5

"Year 5 went to Allerton Grange. Everyone really enjoyed it as we made our own music and played with robots. On the robots, we had to get round this tricky obstacle course using a computer! Luke and Tom were together, and they went all the way round. They were the only people who got across for the second time! It was really clever because it was all made of real plastic Lego. On the computers, we made our own music using loops. I nearly listened to everyones and they were all like real songs. It was brilliant!" Written by Luke Olsen.

SPORT

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

The past week has been fantastic for sport at Kerr Mackie. On Monday 19th November our sportshall athletics team competed in the second round of the plate competition, winning all field events and finishing first in most of the individual and relay races. This fantastic team performance means we will be competing in the North East Leeds Athletics Plate final next week at Roundhay.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

On Monday 26th November a group of children from Years 4 to 6 competed in the annual Leeds Schools Cross Country event at Cardinal Heenan High School. Many schools from all over Leeds entered and we are delighted to report that we placed very highly in the races, with our Year 5 and 6 boys team finishing first out of all schools who entered. The following children also placed in the top 3 for their age group:

Zoe Hunter - 1st - LKS2 Girls

Joe Gordon - 2nd - LKS2 Boys

Jonah Evans - 2nd - UKS2 Boys

Jonah Evans, Eddie Hunter, Sam Watson and Tom Whelan - 1st - UKS2 Boys team.

A huge congratulations goes to all children who competed. Also thank you to Mrs Monkhouse and Miss Hamilton for accompanying the children to the event.

INFORMATION

MEDICATION

Please can we remind parents and carers of the arrangements regarding medication in school. If your child is prescribed medicine that is to be taken **three** times a day then the dosages should be arranged before and after school. If the medication needs to be taken **four** times a day then school is happy to give the medicine at lunchtime only. Staff can administer the medicine if a form is completed beforehand at the office. Medicine will be kept in the office. If your child has long term medicine prescribed, i.e. an inhaler for asthma, then please ensure a form is completed and this medicine will be kept in the classroom with your child's teacher. If you have any questions relating to medicine in school please speak to a member of the office staff.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Reminder: all after school clubs will finish on Thursday 6th December due to the Winter Fair taking place on Friday 7th December. Also, due to the big Christmas lights switch on taking place on Tuesday 4th December there will be no football club that evening.

SCHOOL DINNERS

This year Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 12th December for children having school meals. The menu will be:

Red – roast turkey served with mini pork sausage

Blue – roast halal chicken fillet with sage and onion stuffing

Green – roasted Mediterranean vegetable plait

Served with roast and mashed potatoes, broccoli & carrots, gravy

Snowman ice cream log

Christmas pudding and custard

Satsuma and yoghurt

ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 12th November to 23rd November for the classes is as follows:

Elm	88.8%	Rowan	96.5%
Willow	90.1%	Cedar	95.7%
Oak	94.1%	Lime	98%
Sycamore	94.1%	Larch	97.2%
Maple	92.4%	Lilac	96.9%
Spruce	92.5%	Holly	97.1%
Alder	95.2%	Cherry	99.1%

Our target for attendance is 95%. Please help us to achieve this.