



Friday 4th November 2016

Together Everyone Achieves More

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term and I hope that the holiday was an enjoyable time for you all with your children.

Open Days Reminder

All parents of children who are due to start Reception in September 2017 are warmly invited to join us for one of our Open Days next week. Please spread the word to any parents who would be new to our school as we hope that soon they will see why Kerr Mackie is 'the place to be!'

The Monday session is from 9.15-11.00, with refreshments on arrival. On Tuesday its 1.15-3.00pm and on Wednesday it's from 5.45-7.30pm. Our school ambassadors will be there to meet and greet you.

School Dinners

Please can I remind you that all children need to choose **either** our hot meal option, which now has 4 meal choices, **or** packed lunch for the **whole half term**. As we get closer to Christmas we will write to you again about choosing your child's meal option for January and February. Thank you to those parents who have responded proactively to the lunchtime changes, it's much appreciated.

Don't forget that we will be meeting again about school dinners at 9.30 on Tuesday 22nd November so that we can review how things are going. Hope you can come!

Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday



Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday 7th November as we lead up to Armistice Day on Friday 11th November and Remembrance Sunday, on 13th November. We hope you will join us in remembering those killed in the two World Wars and the 12,000 British servicemen killed or injured since 1945. We will be coming together as a school community for a 2 minute silence at 11am on Friday 11th November.

Children in Need – The big Spotacular!



On Friday 18th November we are celebrating Children in Need. Make Kerr Mackie spotty for the day by dressing in spots – adults and children! Even people who don't like dressing up can pop on a pair of spotty socks or don a pair of spotty Pudsey ears. By everyone donating £1 or more to BBC Children in Need in exchange for ditching their uniform, we are sure to raise plenty of cash, as well as a few eyebrows! By adding a few extra touches, we can turn our dress up day into a day to remember. To find out more about how you could join in and raise money go to www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk

Takeover Challenge



What is the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge?

Takeover is a fun, hugely successful and exciting engagement project which sees organisations across England opening their doors to children and young people to take over adult roles. Children gain an insight into the adult world and organisations benefit from a fresh perspective about their work.

Friday 18th of November is also Takeover Day. This is a day when children can decide to try out a job in school for the day. If your child has expressed an interest in the Takeover Challenge, they will bring home an application form to complete. Please return these forms to the Pastoral Team by 11th November. If your child 'gets the job', they will be asked to dress appropriately for the job (with some additional spots perhaps as it coincides with Children in Need!) and will take on the role - with support and guidance- for the day. This has always been a fun and rewarding day for children and adults and we are very much looking forward to working with our new recruits!

Available Roles include:

Headteacher, Teaching Assistant, Deputy Headteacher, Caretaker,
Assistant Headteacher, Office Staff, Teacher, Lunchtime Assistant.

Project Celebrations

This half term we hope you can join in your child's Learning Project celebration event, listed below:

Year Group	Date and Time	Venue
Year 1	To be confirmed as soon as possible	
Year 2	Wednesday 16 th November 2.30pm – 3.15pm	Spruce and Maple class
Year 3	Tuesday 22 nd November 2.15pm – 3.15pm	School Hall

Year 4	Wednesday 23 rd November Cedar Class – a.m. Lime Class – p.m.	Popup Shop on Vicar Lane, Leeds (more details to follow)
Year 5	Wednesday 23 rd November 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Oakwood Library
Year 6	Wednesday 30 th November (time to be confirmed)	Oakwood Library

Christmas Celebrations

You are warmly invited to join in our forthcoming celebrations.

Year Group	Event	Date	Time
Nursery and Reception	Christmas performance	Wednesday 14 th December	9.30-10.30 and 1.45-2.45
Year 1 and 2	Lights, Camel, Action!	Tuesday 13 th December	9.30-10.30 and 6.00-7.00
All year groups	Christmas lights switch on and music	Monday 5 th December	2.45pm

Please note that at performance by Year 3 and 4 will take place at the end of the Spring Term 2017 and the Year 5 and 6 performance will be at the end of the Summer Term 2017
We hope this information will enable you to continue participating in the life of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Millington
Head Teacher