

Kerr Mackie Newsletter

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Upcoming Diary Dates

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1 st June	School reopens
3 rd June	New Reception Parents welcome meeting
1 st -5 th June	Science week
8 th -12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
10 th June	Reception & Year 6 height & weight check
17 th June	EYFS Sports Day at 1.30pm
22 nd & 23 rd June	Transition Days
22 nd & 23 rd June	Nursery Closed
24 th June	Reception Scarborough Trip
30 th June	Year 2 Temple Newsam
2 nd July	Year 6 Production 2pm
3 rd July	Year 1 Harlow Carr Trip
7 th July	Year 6 Production 5pm to 6pm
8 th July	Art Exhibition
8 th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
9 th July	Year 6 Leavers Party 6pm to 8pm
10 th July	Summer Fair
W/C 15 th July	School Reports
16 th July	Leaver Assembly
17 th July	School Closes for Summer Term

News

It has been another incredibly busy and successful half-term at Kerr Mackie Primary and we could not be prouder of our wonderful children. Their behaviour, kindness, resilience and enthusiasm have shone through in everything they have done.

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who approached SATs week with such maturity, determination and positivity. We are so proud of the way they supported one another and gave every challenge their very best effort. Year 6 have also enjoyed an amazing residential visit, where they showed fantastic teamwork, courage and resilience whilst taking on new experiences and challenges.

Year 3 had a brilliant time on their visit to Murton Park, bringing their learning to life through hands-on experiences and immersing themselves in history.

Across school, Geography Week linked to Earth Day was a huge success, with children enjoying a range of exciting activities_— including a memorable visit from the planetarium, which inspired lots of curiosity and awe about our world and beyond!

As always, thank you to our families for your continued support. If you would like to see more of what has been happening in school, please visit our [school website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

We're looking forward to welcoming you all back on **1st June** for a wonderful half-term full of sunshine (hopefully!), sports, art exhibitions, learning and fun.

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We are hiring!

Are you friendly and approachable with a wide range of skills? Do you have knowledge of health & safety matters? Are you hands on with repairs and maintenance?

Then we might have the role for you.

We are seeking to appoint two Site Superintendents to start 1st September 2026. One working mornings and one working afternoons.

One working mornings 7am – 1pm (27.5 hours per week)

One working afternoons 12:15pm – 6:15pm (27.5 hours per week)

Experience in working in a school in a similar role is desirable.

Please visit our school website [Staff Vacancies](#) for further details and how to apply.

The Leeds Dental Institute

The Leeds Dental Institute are offering free dental treatment to children aged 5-14 years old, provided via their undergraduate scheme. The offer is for non-urgent treatment and parental consent is required. Please see attached for poster and referral form.

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PE and Sports News

We've had an exciting two weeks with our first Dance Spectacular meeting ahead of the event at Headingley Stadium next month, all our clubs in full swing and lessons starting to feel like summer is around the corner with rounders, athletics, tennis and cricket taking place across school.

Sign-up for our Summer HT2 Clubs goes live this Friday at 7pm. As always please make sure to sign up quickly to avoid disappointment as they are very popular. Health and Sports Week takes part next term too with our KS1 and KS2 Sports Day on Wednesday 8th July and our EYFS Sports Day on Wednesday 17th June.



Medical Appointments - Important Reminder

If your child has a medical or dental appointment during school hours:

Before the appointment:

- Email the school office at office@kmps.org.uk with the appointment details and evidence (appointment card, letter, text, or screenshot)

If you haven't emailed in advance:

- Complete a medical appointment form at the office when you collect your child
- Provide evidence of the appointment

Without evidence, the absence may be recorded as unauthorised.

Please book appointments outside school hours where possible, and return your child to school after morning appointments if they're well enough.

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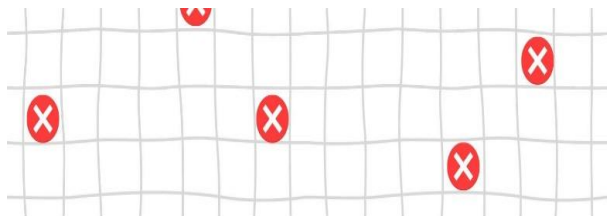
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Our whole school target is 94% a week.

Every class that manages to achieve 94% attendance or above wins the weekly Classopoly prize!

Overall, school attendance this week has been

Whole school attendance	94.6%
Best classes	✓ Spruce 99%
Classes receiving the Classopoly prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lilac ✓ Cedar ✓ Alder ✓ Rowan ✓ Maple

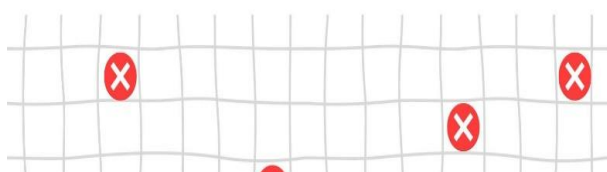


ABSENCES ADD+UP!

MISSING JUST 2 DAYS

A MONTH MEANS YOU MISS

10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!



GOOD ATTENDANCE

MEANS BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 94% OF THE TIME... OR HAVING NO MORE THAN 8 DAYS OFF!

0 DAYS ABSENCE (100% ATTENDANCE)

8 DAYS ABSENCE (96% ATTENDANCE)

19 DAYS ABSENCE (90% ATTENDANCE)

29 DAYS ABSENCE (85% ATTENDANCE)

38 DAYS ABSENCE (80% ATTENDANCE)

47 DAYS ABSENCE (76% ATTENDANCE)

- ATTENDANCE +

LESS TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS LESS TIME TO BECOME THE VERY BEST YOU!

POOR ATTENDANCE MEANS DRASTICALLY REDUCED LIFE CHANCES!

EDUCATION + ATTENDANCE + EFFORT = ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!

DON'T BOOK APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME

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Attendance reminders and expectations

Parent expectations

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence. Call the absence line on 0113 3368499 and Chose opt 1 to leave a message stating your child's full name, class and reason for absence. **Please do not email to inform school for absences.**
- Inform the school office in advance, of any medical appointments and let the office know if your child requires a school dinner for that day as this will need to be ordered in the kitchen before 10am. If the office is not informed beforehand we cannot guarantee a dinner after this time and you would need to provide a packed lunch. Please also bring in appointments cards, letters so the absence can be authorised.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Please ensure your child attends school on time every day this is very important as it encourages habits of good time keeping and lessens any possible disruption in the classroom. A regular routine supports the child to feel settled and secure especially at the beginning of a school day. A pupil who arrives late after registers closed will be marked as late. If they arrive after 9.30am they will be marked as (U) which counts as an unauthorised absence.
- If you or your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help.

School expectations

- Check your child's attendance every day including punctuality.
- Phone home or send letters.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for your child's absence, we will carry out an unannounced welfare home visit. This also applies to a child that has been off school for more than 4-5 days regardless of any medical evidence that has been shown.

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Other News and Information

Office Messages

Office opening times:

Monday to Thursday 8am – 4pm

Friday 8am – 3:30pm

Late Arrivals: Please make sure your child arrives at school **on time, every day**, as it lessens any possible classroom disruption. If your child is late, **please make sure you bring them into the building and sign them in.**

Mobile Phones: To protect our children during school hours please can parents refrain from using mobile phones when inside the school building.

Appointments: All medical appointments should be made out of school hours (after 3:25pm). This is so our pupils can utilise all of their learning time, to enable them to progress. If for whatever reason this isn't possible, you will need to provide the school office with evidence of your appointment, which could be a text, letter or appointment card. Unless it is emergency appointment please inform the school office a week in advance by sending an email to office@kmps.org.uk

Key contacts – a reminder

At Kerr Mackie Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all our students. The welfare of the children is our paramount concern and we aim to ensure that they are protected from harm. If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please do not hesitate to contact the following members of the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team:-

Mrs Furlong Mrs Davies Mr Swanston Ms Mahmood Ms Fraser