



Happy New Year to you all!

We hope this newsletter finds you all well and you have enjoyed a wonderful break with your families and friends. At school, we are thrilled to start the new year sharing our achievements from the recent Ofsted Inspection. Mackie Hill is now rated a **Good School**. I would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you to the children and parents for the overwhelming congratulations we have received this last week. The staff have worked extremely hard to raise standards in all areas throughout the school and it really is a pleasure to be working with professionals who are relentless to achieve the very best for the children at Mackie Hill. Thank you!

Over the last few days, we have seen our children become immersed in new topics, learning new skills and developing a strong knowledge base. It is fair to say we have had a very busy start to the school year. As per my previous letter, the children will be bringing home a Knowledge Organiser based on their new area of learning. This will provide you with facts, vocabulary and interesting information the children will be learning in school. You can use this to talk to your child at home as this will help them remember new knowledge and skills they are learning. As ever, we are looking forward to seeing the fantastic homework you complete together.

Upcoming Events

Friday 24th January - Year 6 class assembly. 9am start

Monday 27th - Friday 31st January - Creative Arts Week

Friday 31st January - Year 5 class assembly. 9am start

Monday 3rd February - Whole School Art Exhibition (invitation to follow)

Friday 7th February - Year 3 class assembly. 9am start

Tuesday 11th February - Internet Safer Day

Thursday 13th February - Year 3 & 4 author visit to school

Friday 14th February - school closed for INSET day and Half Term

Monday 24th February - School opens for Spring Term

Tuesday 25th February - Year 6 educational visit to York

Thursday 27th February - Year 2 educational visit to The Hepworth

Friday 28th February - Year 4 class assembly. 9am start

Friday 6th March-World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed at their favourite book character.

Tuesday 10th March– Year 6 author visit to school

Friday 13th March - Year 2 class assembly. 9am start

Friday 20th March - Nursery and Reception class assembly. 9am start

Friday 27th March - Year 1 class assembly. 9am start

Art Exhibition

You are invited to celebrate our Art Achievements on

Monday 3rd February

Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2 at 2:45pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 at 3:15pm

Classes will meet parents/carers in the school hall to share their presented art work. Refreshments will be available.

Magic Breakfast

The National School Breakfast Programme

Mackie Hill has joined the government's National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), which is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast.

As a NSBP School we are pleased to offer breakfast bagels, available to all, and enjoy the benefits that brings, with children settled and ready to learn at the start of the school day.



Where is it?

The Magic Breakfast Bagels will be served outside in the pagoda and by Breakfast Monitors walking around the school playground.

How much is it?

The Magic Breakfast Bagels are free!

School Lunches

A polite reminder to parents to log onto feeding hungry minds online to order school meals for your child. Doing this enables you to discuss what they would like to eat, help you plan meals at home and ensures they can start their school day promptly without having to order in school or go to the office to order a meal.

www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk

All dinner money accounts must be kept in credit to allow school dinners to be ordered. If your account is not in credit then your child will be unable to order a school meal. If this happens, we will telephone or send a text reminding you to add credit to your account. If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to cancel the meal so you are not charged. This can be done up to 9:30am on the day of absence. Please contact the office if you would like any help ordering school meals.

Money brought into school

If your child needs to bring money into school for a payment, can you please place it in a sealed envelope with your child's full name and class on. This avoids confusion as money is transferred into the office.

Thank you.

E-Safety

As many children have received electronic tablets and toys over the festive period, I would like to share the following websites that are a useful guide to ensuring your child stays safe online:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/christmas-is-coming-so-take-control>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-giving-technology-gifts-christmas>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Before and After School Club

Parents can book places for children via the school office and complete the necessary paperwork. We provide engaging, fun and reliable childcare for families of our school at a competitive rate.

The Before School Club will run from

7:30am—8:45am

and the After School Club is from

3:15pm—6pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Elliott