

Staveley and Kirk Hammerton CE Primary Schools Newsletter 4th November 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to children and parents following the half term holiday. The children are already busy with their new learning themes for this half term.

Dates and Reminders

Flu Immunisation for children in years 1, 2 and 3 (through parental consent) – **Friday, 18th November, 9.30 a.m.**

Children in Need day – **Friday 18th November** – letter attached

Travelling Book Fair – **Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th November** (more details to follow)

Open Morning at Kirk for Prospective Parents -Thursday 24th November 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Open Morning at Staveley for Prospective Parents - **Friday 25th November 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.**

Nativity for children in Class 1 and 2 at Kirk Hammerton – Thursday 8th December, 2.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m.

Nativity for children in Class 1 and 2 at Staveley – **Friday 9th December, 2.00 p.m.**

Pantomime for children in both schools, **Wednesday 14th December** – just Classes 2, 3 and 4

Carols around the Tree at Kirk – Friday 2nd December (change of date)

Christmas lunch at Staveley – Thursday 15th December

Carols around the Tree at Staveley – **Thursday 15th December**

Christmas Parties at both schools – **Friday 16th December**

School finishes for the Christmas holidays – **Friday 16th December**

Tuesday 3rd January – INSET day for staff only

Wednesday 4th January – School begins for the children

Federation Update and Parent Governor Election

The first meeting of the new federated governing body has taken place this week. I would like to thank the three candidates who nominated themselves as potential parent governors, Louise Walsh, Leanne Eaton and Mark Holt. The results of the election show that Leanne Eaton and Mark Holt have been successful and are now part of the new governing body.

As the new governing body is formed, the individual governing bodies at Staveley and Kirk are disbanded. A most sincere thank you to all of the governors who have given their time, expertise and enthusiasm in supporting and challenging both schools. Governors who are stepping down are:

Sue Lawrie, Kirk
Alan Wray, Staveley
Vicky Hogg, Staveley
Natahsa Astill, Staveley

Fiona Roberts, Staveley
Claire Forster, Kirk



Children's News

Achievements

Star of the Week and Effort Shields



Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Merlin Rowell
Class 2 Tess Goodwin
Class 3 Ollie Eaton and Olivia Sarkar-Lee

Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Faith Green and Skye Vigurs-Pearson
Class 2 Jack Hogg
Class 3 Brooke Lee
Class 4 Olivia Garner

Effort Shield

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Martha Main

Staveley Effort Shield

James Dennis



Start of School Arrangements

The children have settled very well to the new start of school arrangements. As a reminder, the start of school times remain unchanged – 8.50 a.m. at Staveley and 8.55 a.m. at Kirk Hammerton. The doors will open 10 minutes before the start of the school day to allow children to enter school independently and organise themselves quietly and calmly so that they are ready for their learning. Please do ensure that you know your child has entered the school building safely by watching them as they go into the building for safeguarding reasons. Thank you.

The teacher should be available at the end of the day if there are matters you wish to mention concerning your child. If you feel, at any time, that you need a longer conversation with your child's teacher, then please do either arrange an appointment time directly with them or phone or email the school office. I will continue to be outside at the start of the school day whenever possible.

Writing Information Evening

Thank you to the parents from Staveley and Kirk who came along to the Writing Information Evening, held at Staveley this week. The evening provided an oversight into developments concerning children's writing. Thank you to Mrs Appleton who prepared the information to share with parents. The information shared will be available on the school websites shortly.

Pupil Premium Funding for Schools

Some of you may be aware that the school can access additional funding to support children in families that can claim income support or other benefits (as detailed on the attached form). We ask that should this apply to you, you would kindly return the attached documentation by Friday, 11th November, in order that the school can access all government funding that the children are entitled to. The form can be returned to the school office or be sent to the School Welfare Team (address at bottom of the form). Please note that this information will be kept confidentially in school and that personal details will not be used publicly in any form. Paper copies are available from the office if required.



Whats App Communication

FOSS (Friends of Staveley School) are starting a What's App link for Staveley Parents to try and improve communications out to the parents. Should you wish to be included in order to receive communication about school FOSS events quickly then please could you let Wendy McCulloch or Leanne Procter have the relevant details. Thank you.

Wishing you a happy and safe Bonfire Night celebration over the weekend.
Liz Mellor