



Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools Headteacher Newsletter Friday 9th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school following the half term holiday. There are many exciting activities and learning planned for the children during the last half term of the year.

School Websites

We have recently commissioned a website provider to build new federation websites for our schools. The websites (a landing page for the federation and individual sites for the schools) will be constructed during this half term and should be ready for a launch for the start of the Autumn Term. Please bear with us during this time as information such as newsletters will be available via email or from the school office. If you are looking for any information on the current school websites which you are unable to find, please do contact the school office. Thank you for your patience.



Children's News

Achievements

Star of the Week and Effort Shields

Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Esme Graham, All of Class 1
Class 2 George Lamb, Nicole Nagornych
Class 3 Seb Watkins-Wright, Charlotte Burnett-Fisher

Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 James Dennis, All of 1
Class 2 Max Thompson, Ellis Cuthbert
Class 3 Thomas Thompson
Class 4 Finlay Doswell

Effort Shield

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Grace Barrington-Hirst, Eva Rusted McArdle

Staveley Effort Shield

Charlie Brophy Class 3, Jake Smith Class 4

Writer of the week

Kirk Hammerton Writer of the Week

Class 1 Alfie Eaton, Isabelle Taft
Class 2 Nicole Nagornych, Joseph Long
Class 3 Elsie Wilson, Jack Parnaby

Staveley Writer of the Week

Class 1 Ryan Chapman, Skye Vigurs-Pearson
Class 2 Elijah Chowdhury, Willow Ross-Lee
Class 3 Freyr Proctor, Oliver Holt
Class 4 Maxine Wray, Max and Finlay Doswell

Staffing News

Mr Johnstone

Mr Johnstone has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant at Kirk Hammerton and a Midday Supervisor at Staveley. Mr Johnstone has previous experience as a Teaching Assistant and a Midday Supervisor. We welcome Mr Johnstone to our staff team.

Mrs Moss

Mrs Moss will be leaving Staveley School at the end of this term after 7 years as a class teacher. Mrs Moss has taken the decision to leave to explore further opportunities in her career. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her every success and happiness as she moves forwards. Thank you, Mrs Moss, for all you have done for the children at Staveley.

Sports Day

Miss Fraser, PE Subject Leader and Class 1 teacher at Kirk Hammerton, has been busy planning the sports days for both schools. There are some exciting events planned,



including activities including athletic skills; standing long jump, shot put, javelin and discus as well as the more traditional races, sprints, longer distance and relay as well as obstacle courses. Sports days at both schools will take place across a full day. This is a change to previous years where sports day has taken place during one afternoon. Parents are invited to come along for some or all of the day. The morning activities will consist of groups of children working in teams on athletic skills and gaining points for their teams. The more competitive aspects (races etc) will take place in the afternoon.

The dates for Sports Days are as follows:

- **Tuesday 20th June at Staveley (wet weather reserve day 21st June)**

Carnival of the Animals

The last musical workshops with Bryan Western will be taking place in school today (Friday 9th June) for children in Years 1 and 2. This is in preparation for the performance at Staveley Nature Reserve on 13th June. If your child is involved in this performance you are very welcome to come along and enjoy the performance. It will start at 11.00 a.m. on 13th June.



Phonics screening tests

As explained in the last newsletter the phonics screening tests for children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will be carried out during the w/c 12th June.

The result of this test will be reported to you as part of the end of year report.

If you have any questions about this test (more information in the last newsletter) then please do contact your child's teacher.

Pen Licences

In the very near future we will be awarding some children in school with a Pen Licence. A Pen Licence is like a 'passport' for using a pen for work in school. School have bought in some special handwriting pens which each child will be awarded, alongside a certificate. They will only be awarded a Pen Licence if they are consistently joining their letters and have developed a fluent handwriting style, for significant improvement and effort in terms of handwriting. Pen Licences won't be taken away from children, but there may be times when either a teacher suggests that a child uses pencil for a piece of work or where the child themselves chooses to use a pencil. For example, when they are needing to write quickly or where it is a first draft.



Pen Licences will be awarded in a special assembly / worship.

Governor Update

The Governing Body are sorry to announce that Stuart Gentle is stepping down from his role as Co-opted Governor at the end of this term. Stuart has been a Governor at Staveley for nearly 5 years, including over 2 as Chair of Governors at Staveley. Stuart will be missed and his contributions to the Governor work we have undertaken in this time has been greatly appreciated.

We will therefore have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor in the Autumn Term. If you are interested in this role then can you please contact either Mrs Mellor or Leanne Eaton (Chair of Governors) on cofg@kirkhammerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Dates for the Diary

W/B 12th June – Phonics screening week



Tuesday 13th June – Performance of Carnival of the Animals at Staveley Nature Reserve

Tuesday 20th June – Sports Day at Staveley

Monday 3rd July – Bikeability for Year 6

In July – Bikeability for children in Year 6

W/B 10th July – End of Year reports and information about new classes for 2017 – 2018 to go out to parents

Thursday 20th July – Leavers' Celebration at Staveley – 2.00 p.m.

Friday 21st July – School finishes for the summer holiday