



**Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools
Headteacher Newsletter Friday 10th March 2017**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our March newsletter. As I write the sun is shining, the daffodils are out and there are crocuses displaying their beautiful colours! Thankfully the days are drawing out and we are able to enjoy those extra hours of sunlight.

Please see below for a reminder of upcoming dates and events. Please note that we have booked in an additional event – the Maths Information Evening on 4th April. This is in response to parents and carers asking for this event following our Writing Information Evening in the Autumn Term. The evening is intended to be for parents and carers of children in both schools and will be held at Kirk Hammerton Primary as the Writing Information evening was held at Staveley. You may find it useful to bring your child along as well if they are in KS 2 and would be able to listen and take part in the events of the session.

Dates and Events

Monday 20th March – Year 5/6 at Staveley involved in Debating competition (children involved will be notified nearer to the event)

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day “Comic Relief Day” – see below for details of events in the school. Please note children, teachers and other adults are invited to dress up in red, white and black; spots, stripes or any combination welcome!! (The brighter and more creative the better!!)

W/b 3rd April – Diversity Focus Week (more information to follow)

****Tuesday 4th April – Maths Information Evening at Kirk Hammerton (for parents of both schools)**

6.00 p.m. start – PLEASE reply by email if it is your intention to attend this event. Thank you.

Friday 7th April – Celebrating our Learning Worship, Kirk, 9.00 a.m. parents and carers welcome

Friday 7th April – Celebrating our Learning Assembly, Staveley, 2.45 p.m. parents and carers welcome

Friday 7th April – School finishes for the Easter holiday

Monday 24th April – School starts back for the Summer Term

Wednesday 26th April – RSE Curriculum Information Evening (Relationship and Sex Education) for parents / carers or children in years 5 and 6 (intended for parents to find out what the school will be teaching the children in years 5 and 6)

Monday 1st May – School closed for the May Day bank holiday

W/b 8th May – Year 6 SATs week – please ensure all children are in school every day

Wednesday 10th May – Class 1 leading assembly at Staveley – 3.00 p.m.

W/b 15th May – Year 2 assessments

Wednesday 22nd May – Class 1 leading worship at Kirk - 3.00 p.m.

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Friday 26th May– Celebrating our Learning Assembly, Staveley, 2.45 p.m. parents and carers welcome

Friday 26th May – School finishes for the half term holiday

School Councils

Kirk

The School Council organised and ran the Cake/Bake Sale on Tuesday 7th March in order to raise funds to buy and fit locks for their toilet doors. This issues arose from the discussions in the school council; the project has been led by the children.

A very big thank you from me for all of the delicious donations you made and for coming along to support the event by buying cakes and bakes and raised £138.45.



Staveley

The school council at Staveley are in the process of organising a Cake/Bake sale for their chosen project of equipment for break times. More information to follow from the school council.



Red Nose Day

The School Councils have been busy planning events for children at both schools, with a little guidance from Mrs Hartshorn and Mrs Appleton. Several ideas were aired by the children, including sky diving for the teachers!! However, here are the exciting events planned by the children.

At Staveley the School Council have been busy organising events for Friday 24th March. Posters will be going up around school soon, but in the meantime they have asked for everyone to start thinking about a red, white and black outfit they can wear as well as finding a fabulous joke to make us all laugh. Jokes should be practised on family members to ensure they are suitable for age range 3-11! The best 4 jokes will go through to a final in assembly.

Activities will also be happening around school. The School Council have asked for a contribution of £1 (or more!) for non-uniform as well as 50p in change to pay for stalls around school.

Your help is much appreciated!

Children's News

Achievements

Star of the Week and Effort Shields

Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Martha Main, Luca Poran

Class 2 Tessa Goodwin, Seth Howard

Class 3 Jan Gordon, Livia Sarkar-Lee

Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Jonathan Dickinson

Class 2 Max Thompson, Timur Aktas

Class 3 William Greenwood, Isobel Cuthbert

Class 4 Evie Brophy, Isabella Akers



Effort Shield

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Daniel Rushton (Class 3), Charlie Bowes-Graham (Class 2)

Staveley Effort Shield

James Dennis (Class 1), Jack Hogg (Class 2)

Writer of the week

Kirk Hammerton Writer of the Week

Class 1 Merlin Rowell, Grace Barrington-Hirst

Class 2 Louis Moore, Henry Bennett

Class 3 Beau Howard, Daniel Rushton

Staveley Writer of the Week

Class 1 Ryan Chapman, James Dennis

Class 2 Harry Gardner

Class 3 Benjamin Denton, Neo Quinn and Alice Wray

Class 4 Reuben Bradley, John Lee



Staffing News

Mrs Gill is currently providing some additional hours at Kirk to cover some of the hours that Mrs Forster provided. Looking ahead to the week beginning 20th March we will be welcoming Mrs Fox, who is currently a teaching assistant at Staveley. This arrangement is on a temporary basis. We are expecting Mrs Fox to be joining us for a Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Gill is currently undertaking training with a view to qualifying as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). This will enable her to fulfil the role of HLTA, hopefully across Kirk and Staveley. She will continue to work as a Teaching Assistant at Kirk and any HLTA hours will be in addition to her current contracted hours.

Nursery provision at Staveley

As some of you may have already heard in the news, the government are proposing that nursery providers, including schools that have a nursery, will offer 30 hours of free childcare. At Staveley we are planning to offer 30 hours to nursery children (whose parents meet the criteria) from September 2017. This will apply to children who are 3 and 4 years old, until children reach the Reception year at school.

We are expecting to offer the following hours:

8.45 - 11.45 a.m. (3 hour morning session) and 12.15 – 3.15 p.m. (3 hour afternoon session). For children to attend a full day at the school, parents will also be able to book in a lunchtime session, including a school meal. This lunchtime session and school meal will be chargeable.

As the school offers before and after school childcare arrangements, parents will also be able to book in their nursery age child into these session, which are also chargeable.

After School Club

At Kirk Hammerton, we are fortunate to have an established before and after school club. The after school club, or 3.30 Club, operates until 6.00 p.m.

We are planning to operate a similar after school club at Staveley, which will start in September 2017. (The before school club at Staveley will remain in place.) This means that the current system for after school clubs will finish at the end of the summer term 2017 and a new structure will begin in September 2017. The school will be sending out more details of this through the summer term and will also be recruiting for staff to run the club.

'Open Door'

I would like to reiterate that both schools do operate an 'open door' approach. We invite you to come into school, if possible, or contact the school to keep us informed about anything that is relevant to your child, which you feel is useful for your child's teacher to know. Please, if you have any concerns, however small, we do invite you to come and speak with your child's teacher. This way, we can help and support in the quickest and best way possible. If you are feeling aggrieved about something or are just unsure then please do contact the school. Thank you.



Thank You

A very BIG thank you to Mr Tennant, Joe Tennant and William Holdsworth who spent some time last Sunday clearing out the PE shed and fixing in new shelving. Thank you also to FOSS for buying the shelving. This will make a HUGE difference to the children, who regularly use the shed to locate and store both PE equipment and break time play equipment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Change of Law for Seat Belts

On the 1st March new rules are being introduced across Europe that will change how backless booster seats (booster cushions) are made. The new rules mean that manufacturers aren't allowed to introduce new models of the backless booster seats for children shorter than 125cm or weighing less than 22kg.

The change does not affect existing models of seats or cushions and doesn't mean that they are unsafe or illegal. (source www.gov.uk)

The law requires all children travelling in the front or rear seat of any car, van or goods vehicle must use the correct child car seat until they are either 135cm in height or 12 years old (which ever they reach first). After this they must use an adult seat belt.

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that children under the age of 14 years are restrained correctly in accordance with the law.