



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of this half term.

Dates and Events

Monday 27th February – School starts back after half term

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

W/b 6th March – Tree planting week at Staveley

Monday 20th March – Year 5/6 at Staveley involved in Debating competition

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day

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

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 – SRE Curriculum Information Evening (Sex and Relationship 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.

Friday 26th May - Celebrating our Learning Worship, Kirk, 9.00 a.m. parents and carers welcome

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



World Book Day – 2nd March

We are planning to hold some activities in school to celebrate World Book Day. This will involve various appropriate activities and will NOT involve children being asked to dress up in a costume!

Red Nose day – 24th March

Plans involve inviting the children (and adults) to dress up in colourful clothing and bringing in their favourite jokes, written in their neatest handwriting – of course!!



Staffing News

Mrs Forster, one of our teaching assistants at Kirk Hammerton, will be leaving the school on Thursday 2nd March. Whilst we are very sorry to see Mrs Forster leave the school, I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success and happiness in her new role. Mrs Forster has worked at Kirk Hammerton for 15 years and has also spent some time supporting the school through her role as a staff governor before the schools federated.

We will be spending some time considering the most effective way to support the children at both Staveley and Kirk. More information about roles and staffing will follow in future newsletters.

Children's News

Safer Internet Day – 7th February 2017

Although Safer Internet Day was officially on 7th February, I would like to pass on some information which you may like to use with and for your child/ren. There is an Education pack for parents and carers on the safer internet day website www.saferinternetday.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers . Other useful resources include:

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/
- www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
- www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers

Curriculum Theme



The children will be continuing with the overarching curriculum theme of 'Where in the World?' In Key Stage 1 (both schools) this will follow a 'food' flavour and at KS 2 the children will be continuing with the overarching curriculum theme of 'Where in the World?' The children will be continuing with the overarching curriculum theme of 'Where in the World?' with children from KS1 focusing on 'Fantastic Food'. Children are invited over half term to gather some information or carry out some of their own research in order to start their new learning for the next half term off with a bang!



Assembly – Collective Worship Theme

During the year to date the children have spent some time considering the themes of Generosity, Compassion and Courage. During the next half term, their reflection and learning during Collective Worship / Assembly will focus on Forgiveness.

This is in line with our planned approach to considering our 12 Values of:

Generosity, Compassion, Courage, Forgiveness, Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Trust, Perseverance, Justice, Service and Truthfulness over a two year period.

Writing Week

The children have been VERY busy during the past week composing all manner of exciting writing. Some of the activities throughout the week are:

BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition

200 words newspaper article for the Harrogate Advertiser (Kirk)

Young Writers' Poetry Competition

Story starters with a hint of mystery

Our own Dear Zoo stories

The Aliens have landed

Sporting Activities

During this half term, some of the children in the local schools have been learning dances to perform at a Dance Festival. The festival has been organised by Sporting Start and held at Roecliff School. The children at both school who took part enjoyed the activity very much, having learnt a dance based on a musical theme. Thank you to parents and carers who supported this event by arranging costumes for the children.

At Kirk Hammerton various sports clubs have been taking place – Tag Rugby, run by Miss Fraser (thank you Miss Fraser) and Football, run by Mr Taft and Mr Bennett. Thank you very much to the two dads who religiously help out on a Friday to run this club. The children and staff very much appreciate you giving up your time. After half term, Miss Fraser will be running a netball club after school. More details to follow!

At Staveley, the after school club run by Sporting Influence is well attended and very much enjoyed by the children. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for putting us in touch with Sporting Influence!

Children's News

Achievements

Kirk Hammerton Stars of the week

Class 1 Martha Main, Alfie Eaton, Claire Rusted McArdle

Class 2 Amy Bushby, Jack Taylor, Henry Bennett

Class 3 Ollie Eaton and Archie Whittemore, Olivia Bushby, Beau Howard



Effort Shield

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Sebastian Watkins Wright, Hattie Talbot, Alfie Eaton

Writer of the week

Kirk Hammerton

Class 1 Luca Poran, All of class 1, Arthur Hoggarth

Class 2 Anna Whittemore, Joseph Long, Cassius Walsh

Class 3 Jack Parnby, Elsie Wilson, Barnie Bennett

Staveley - Stars of the week

Class 1 Skye Vigurs-Pearson, Laurence Denton, Faith Green

Class 2 Bella Taylor, Agnes Astill, Oliver Summersgill
Class 3 George Atkinson, Ben Hogg, Ellie-Mai Majkowski
Class 4 Sophie Gentle, Daniel Atkins

Effort Shield

Staveley - Effort Shield

Izaak Dawson, Ben Hogg, Harry Robinson-Wakefield

Staveley - Writer of the week

Class 1 Faith Green, James Dennis, William Holmes
Class 2 Harry Gardner, Harry Gardner, Max Thompson
Class 3 Matthew Kennedy, Sophie Holt, Jack Gibson
Class 4 Niall Huby, Maxine Wray, Isabella Akers

Revision Clubs

Children in Year 6 across both schools are preparing for the end of primary school tests. In order to support the children in their preparation for the assessment/test, Mrs Appleton at Kirk and Mr Howson at Staveley are running some after school revision clubs. A big thank you to the children for attending and to the teachers for running these clubs!

School Lunches for 2nd half spring term £63.00

Clubs – will commence on the first week back and are as normal

Information regarding leaflets/flyers

Please be aware that children will be coming home with leaflets either today or on Monday regarding activities available in the school holidays. As you can appreciate, we get requests regularly for leaflets to be sent out on behalf of other organisations.

Please may I make parents aware that if the school hands out leaflets via book bags, this does not mean that the school endorses the organisations advertised. It is advised that if you intend to leave your child for the day at any school holiday activities, that you ensure that the staff running the events are fully qualified and DBS checked. Thank you.

Thank you

I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all of the parents and members of the wider school community for helping in so many different ways. Thank you to:

- Mrs Long and Mrs Burnett-Fisher for hearing children read at Kirk; Diane and Camilla for hearing children read at Staveley;
- Mr Taft and Mr Bennett for organising and leading the Football Club at Kirk on a Friday lunchtime;
- the Open the Book Team for coming into both schools to lead an interactive Collective Worship / Assembly;
- Rev Paul Spurgeon for leading Collective Worship at Kirk on Wednesday afternoons;
- Rev Camilla Denton for leading an assembly at Staveley once every half term;
- Edd Mason, from Queen Ethelburga's, for leading a PE session in both schools every week;
- Friends of KH for organising the removal of the unsafe trim trail from the grounds and Mr Horsfield and Mr Howard for carrying out the work.

Thank you all for the support you show for school on a regular basis.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable half term break.

Liz Mellor