



**Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools  
Headteacher Newsletter Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are drawing towards the middle of the summer term, this newsletter contains details of events that are happening in the remaining eight school weeks left of the school year. (Where has that time gone??)

**RSE Week**

As mentioned in the last school newsletter, next week is RSE week (Relationships and Sex Education).

During the week, children in Reception and Years 1 – 4, will also be taking part in some learning around relationship and sex education, appropriate to their age and stage of development. Should you wish to discuss anything relating to this week please do contact your child's teacher or Mrs Hartshorn, PSHE Leader (Personal, Social and Health Education). Mrs Hartshorn is based at Staveley and normally works on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I am attaching an information sheet about how the curriculum for this area progressing as the children move through school, for your information.



Please be aware that the children may have some questions about some of the material covered in the curriculum or may need some time to discuss aspects with you. They will also have opportunities to pose questions in school by verbally asking or by writing down their questions. Be assured that we will answer all questions sensitively. This is the first year that both schools are teaching RSE in this way, so you may find when you look at the curriculum information sheet, that there are aspects that your child has not covered in previous years.



**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 20<sup>th</sup> June at Staveley (wet weather reserve day 21<sup>st</sup> June)**
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Kirk (wet weather reserve day 23<sup>rd</sup> June)**

**Carnival of the Animals**

Children in Years 1 and 2 in both schools are currently enjoying a series of three musical workshops from Bryan Western. This will be closely followed by a performance at Staveley Nature Reserve on 13<sup>th</sup> June. If your child is involved in this performance (years 1 and 2 only) you are very welcome to come along and enjoy the performance. It will start at 11.00 a.m. on 13<sup>th</sup> June.



**End of Year reports and transition to next classes**

End of year reports from teachers, including a summary of any national tests that your child has taken during the summer term (in years 1, 2 and 6) will be sent out to parents during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July. Alongside that will come information about which class your child / children will be in next year.



**Phonics screening tests**

Phonics screening tests for children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will be carried out during the w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June. This will involve your child carrying out a verbal test, where they are asked to read some real words and some 'alien' words, using their phonetic knowledge. The number of words sounded out correctly are then totalled to make a raw score for the test result. There are generally forty words in the test. The government sets the threshold to determine what the pass mark is. Children either pass

the test or not; if your child is in Year 2 and did not reach the threshold last year, they are required to complete the test again this year. The result of this test will be reported to you as part of the end of year report.

### School Council News

Here is an update on the fundraising in we held in school (bake sale) of which we would like to purchase new or add to existing break time equipment – members of the School Council spoke to each class and asked them what they would like to play with at break times. We now have a list of equipment that we considering. The school Council also wrote a thank you letter to Miss Fraser who very kindly tidied our school PE shed. We have also received a letter from Mrs J Lamb, regarding our sporting activities and looking ways to purchase a team “kit” so that it is easy to identify who is representing our schools and looking at different ways of doing this. Further information on this will follow soon.

### School Council

### Children’s News

#### Achievements

#### Star of the Week and Effort Shields

#### Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Grace Barrington-Hirst, Merlin Rowel

Class 2 Henry Bennett, Louis Moore

Class 3 Elsie Wilson, Eva Rusted-McArdle

#### Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Amalie Summersgill

Class 2 Bella Taylor

Class 3 Ellie-Mai Majkowski, Oliver Holt

Class 4 Daniel Atkins



#### Effort Shield

#### Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

George Barrington-Hirst (Class 2)

and Victor Broquet (Class 3)

#### Staveley Effort Shield

Skye Vigurs-Pearson (Class 1) Jack Curnow (Class 2)

#### Writer of the week

#### Kirk Hammerton Writer of the Week

Class 1 Martha Main, Isabelle Taft

Class 2 Ben Abbott, Anna Whittemore

Class 3 Victor Broquet, Emily Parnaby

#### Staveley Writer of the Week

Class 1 Elsa Sudron

Class 2 Oliver Summersgill, Bella Taylor

Class 3 Jack Gibson, Eleanor Gibson

Class 4 Reuben Bradley

#### Dates for the Diary

w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – RSE week in both schools

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Class 1 leading worship at Kirk - 3.00 p.m.

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

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May– Celebrating our Learning Assembly, Staveley, 2.45 p.m. parents and carers welcome**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School finishes for the half term holiday**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School starts back for the second half of the summer term**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – School Photos at Staveley**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Performance of Carnival of the Animals at Staveley nature Reserve**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day at Staveley**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Sports Day at Kirk

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> July – Bikeability for Year 6**

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

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers’ Celebration at Staveley – 2.00 p.m.**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Leavers’ Celebration at Kirk – 2.00 p.m.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – School finishes for the summer holiday**



Yours sincerely,

Liz Mellor