

## STAVELEY AND KIRK HAMMERTON NEWSLETTER – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably we are at the end of the first month of the school term and rapidly heading towards the half term holiday. The children have been busy with their learning and there is a hum of activity around both Staveley and Kirk Hammerton. Below are some updates, notices and reminders.

### Federation Update

As you will be aware the governing bodies at both Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools formally agreed to federate. The process of electing a new governing body to govern across both schools is underway. A reminder that parent nomination forms need to be returned by **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.

### School Council

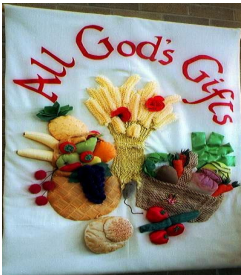
Children in Years 5 and 6 at both schools have been asked to carry out some research about school councils and present their ideas. Children that have responded will be asked to lead the process of setting up school councils. We hope to run elections during this term. More news, from the children in Years 5 and 6, to follow.

**TEAMWORK**  
coming together is a beginning  
keeping together is progress  
working together is success

- Henry Ford

### Meet the Teacher

Many thanks to all parents/carers who attended the Meet the Teacher event at school. This event was run concurrently at both schools and the teachers worked together to decide the content of the event. The sessions provided an overview of curriculum information and the teacher's expectations of the children. Feedback that we have received from parents was positive, especially concerning the jigsaws showing an overview to the learning sequences in maths and writing.



### Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival was held at Kirk Hammerton Church on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The children all contributed to the service by reading poems, prayers or by singing. Thank you to all parents, carers, extended family and members of the community who came along to support the service and gave generously to the collection for the Harrogate Homeless Project.

Harvest Festival at Staveley will be held Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 a.m. at the church in Staveley.

**Please note: any photographs taken at either service should only be used by the parents / carers for their own use and not posted on any social media site. This is due to the requirement to safeguard the children at both schools.**



### Children's News Achievements

#### Writing

Congratulations go to Charlotte Burnett-Fisher from Kirk Hammerton who won the Tockwith Show Year 5's Local Schools Poetry Competition. Fabulous news! Well done, Charlotte!

### Star of the week and Effort Shields



Every Friday the children at both schools are involved in a celebration assembly / worship where learning and effort is celebrated. Children who have been mentioned this term are:

**Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week**

Class 1 – Grace Barrington-Hirst

The whole class!

Class 2 – Tessa Goodwin

Ava Davis-Blackburn

George Lamb

Class 3 – Jack Parnaby

Madelyn Fall

Sebastian Watkins-Wright

**Staveley Stars of the Week**

Class 1 - William Holmes

Class 2 - Lizzie-Ann Green

Class 4 - Daniel Atkins

**Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield**

Ben Abbott – Class 2

Archie Whittemore – Class 3

Merlin Rowell – Class 1

**Staveley Effort Shield**

Max Doswell – Class 4

Neo Quinn – Class 3

**Thank you**

**Reading Helpers**

Thank you to all parent/carers, family members or members of the community who have offered their time to school to support with hearing readers. We really do value your time!

Thank you!

**Football Club**

Many thanks to Mr Bennett and Mr Taft for the continued support in running the football club at Kirk Hammerton on a Friday lunchtime. The football club is enjoyed by all the children who attend it.

**Christmas Cards**

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time in school to support the making of Christmas cards in school with the children; this has been organised by the FOSS at Staveley and the Friends of Kirk Hammerton School.

**Website**

Thank you to the parents who have continued to support the school websites.



**Reminders**

**Lost Property**

If your child has lost an item of clothing please do ask them to check in lost property at school. If you have an item of clothing that has been brought home by your child that doesn't belong to them, please do send it back to school so that it can be reunited with the owner! Thank you.

**Flu Vaccination**

If you have provided consent for your child to receive the Flu Vaccination, this will be taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please do return the consent forms by 7<sup>th</sup> October if you haven't already done so.

This is applicable to children in Years 1, 2 and 3 only.

**New Starters Photographs for the Harrogate Advertiser or the Knaresborough Post**

The photographs for the new starters from Kirk Hammerton and Staveley will be in the newspapers on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**Dates:**

- Years 5 and 6 at Staveley will be taking part in the Shakespeare event in York on 12<sup>th</sup> October
- Tag Rugby for children in Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Children have been asked whether they would like to take part in this event and parents have already been notified.

- Swimming Gala for children in KS 2 from Staveley on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Children have already been selected and parents notified.
- Teddy Bears Picnic for all children on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. **Please note:** picnic provided by school as part of the universal free school meals for KS 1- KS2 children the cost of the lunch is £2.10 for those who would not normally have a school lunch. Please bring your teddy to join in the fun!
- **Staff training day 2 will be on 31<sup>st</sup> October – school restarts for children after half term on 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

**Join us!**

**Class Assemblies / Worship – Additional dates for the year. Please book these into your diary!**

The children in each class will be leading one assembly / worship during the year. We would like to invite the parents of children in the class to join. Please see the list of dates below:

**Kirk Hammerton Class Worship**

**Class 1 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.00 p.m.**

**Class 2 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00 p.m.**

**Class 3 – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 p.m.**

**Staveley Class Assemblies**

**Class 1 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2.50 p.m.**

**Class 2 – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 2.50 p.m.**

**Class 3 – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.50 p.m.**

**Class 4 – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2.50 p.m.**

**Collective Worship / Assembly themes:**

This half term we are considering **Generosity**. After half term (Autumn 2) our theme will be **Compassion**.

Wishing you all a happy weekend!

Liz Mellor