



*'Growing and learning
through faith, inspiration
and fun'*

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STAVELEY AND KIRK HAMMERTON NEWSLETTER – Friday 30th 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 6th 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 23rd 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 14th 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 and 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!

Isabelle Taft

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

Sporting Start

Several children have recently been involved in a Gifted and Talented event, organised and run by Sporting Start. Well done to all of you in both schools who took part. We look forward to hearing how you got on! Some children at Kirk Hammerton took part in the KS 1 Fun Run and KS 2 Cross Country. Well done to all who took part; we were blessed to be running in the sunshine!

Children who will be taking part in the next round (who were in the first 12 children in their race) are:

Key Stage 1:

George Barrington-Hirst, Cassius Walsh and Jessica Taft

Year 3:

Emily Parnaby, Olivia Bushby, Minnie Moore and Archie Whittemore

Year 4:

Livia Sarkar-Lee

Year 5:

Jack Parnaby and Barnie Bennett

Well done to all of you!

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. For Kirk Hammerton parents, please make any cheques payable to '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 11th November. Please do return the consent forms by 7th 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 6th October.

Parent View

Please may I remind all parents and carers that if you have any feedback or comments regarding the School, then you can complete a questionnaire via ParentView. I am always looking for constructive feedback and hope to find some time over the weekend to look at any recent comments that you may have submitted.

School dinners

As of this week, the pudding every Friday will be a healthy homemade energy bar or biscuit and fruit.

Dates:

- Tag Rugby for children in Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 5th October. Children have been asked whether they would like to take part in this event and parents have already been notified.
- **Staff training day 2 will be on 31st October – school restarts for children after half term on 1st 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 22nd May at 3.00 p.m.

Class 2 – Monday 13th February at 3.00 p.m.

Class 3 – Monday 10th October at 3.00 p.m.

Staveley Class Assemblies

Class 1 – Wednesday 10th May at 2.50 p.m.

Class 2 – Wednesday 18th January at 2.50 p.m.

Class 3 – Wednesday 8th February at 2.50 p.m.

Class 4 – Wednesday 23rd 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

