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

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STAVELEY AND KIRK HAMMERTON NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near half term I am writing the last newsletter for this half term. The children at both schools have been involved with some exciting learning activities, including a very full and exciting day trip for Class 3 (Kirk) and Class 4 (Staveley) to Murton Park.



Dates and Reminders:

Celebration Assembly / Worship on **Friday 21st October.**

Parents are invited to join us for a Celebration of Work assembly where we will congratulate the Star of the Week and present the Effort Shield. Children will also be able to share some of the learning that has been happening in each classroom during the half term.

Times are as follows:

Celebration Assembly at Staveley, 9.00 a.m.

Celebration Worship at Kirk, 3.00 p.m.

Parents Evening

These are being held at Kirk Hammerton on Monday 17th October and Wednesday 19th October – please sign-up for appointments using the sheets in classroom entrances.

School Photos

The deadline for returning order forms for Nikki Mitchell photos is Wednesday 19th October.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATES – Open Morning for Prospective Parents

We have decided to move the date for the Open Morning for Prospective Parents. The new dates are as follows:

Thursday 24th November, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. at Kirk Hammerton

Friday 25th November, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. at Staveley

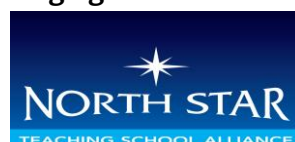
Change to Start of School Arrangements

After half term there will be a change to the way children come into school on a morning and we will **trial this on Thursday 20th October.** At present parents/carers bring their children into the school playground for a start of school bell at 8.55 a.m. (Kirk). We are changing the procedure so that children will be able to enter school independently to start school by 8.55 a.m. At Kirk Hammerton the school doors currently used as entry points for the children will be opened at 8.45 a.m. and the children will be able to enter school as soon as they arrive. They will be expected to organise their own belongings and come quietly and calmly into the classroom for a start of the day activity. Registration will start as normal at 8.55 a.m.



We would ask that parents/carers continue to bring their child/children into the school playground as normal.

The starting time for the school day is not changing.



Medication

Our policy for giving children medication has changed slightly. We can no longer give children any medication that is not prescribed. This means that any medication, such as Calpol, cannot be given by members of staff in school. If you feel that your child needs a non-prescribed medication while they are at school, then a parent/carer or nominated person (grandparent, family friend etc) would need to come into school to give the medication.



Federation Update

As you will know from previous newsletters, the two governing bodies for Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools have formally agreed to federate. A new governing body, which will operate strategically across both schools, is in the process of being formed. We received three parent governor nominations, which requires us to hold a ballot. Ballot papers need to be returned to school using the correct procedure (as outlined in the documentation sent with the ballot papers) by Friday 21st October. We have received one staff governor nomination.

The staff in school and current governors have been considering a name for the new Federation. We are considering either of the following:

The Federation of Staveley Community Primary School and Kirk Hammerton C of E Primary School
OR

TIG Federation– Togetherness Inspires Growth
Staveley Community and Kirk Hammerton CE Primary Schools

We would welcome any thoughts, ideas and suggestions concerning the name for our federation, or simply just to say which name you prefer. Please email either Adele Collins (Staveley) or Becki Whittemore (Kirk Hammerton) with your suggestions.

Children's News

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 since the last newsletter are:



Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1	Luca Poran Arthur Hoggarth
Class 2	Louis Moore George Barrington-Hirst
Class 3	Jan Gordon Joseph Lamb

Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1	Skye Bigurs-Pearson
Class 2	Charlie Tesseyman
Class 3	George Tesseyman Ben Hogg
Class 4	Whole class

Effort Shield

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Henry Bennett

Staveley Effort Shield

Ryan Chapman

Sporting Start

Cross Country

We have now received information about which children are invited to attend the next round of the Cross Country, to be held at Knayton Park on 10th November from 1pm-3pm. More details of the event to follow.

Children invited to the Cross Country event are:

Year 3

Emily
Olivia
Minnie
Archie

Year 4

Livia

Year 5

Barnie
Jack

Sporting Start have informed us that the next round of Cross Country is open to KS 2 children only.

Curriculum:



School Council

During the week beginning 17th October children will be asked to nominate themselves to be a class representative in the school council. It is important that children put themselves forward to be part of the school council if they feel they would like to represent the views and opinions of other children in the school.

There is no compulsion for children to nominate themselves. We are running this process in line with the formation of the new Governing Body for the Federation so that the 2 groups have a similar starting point. If your child decides to

nominate him / herself they will need to prepare a short 'pitch' or speech to read / say in front of the children in their class as to why other children should vote for them. This will happen during the week beginning 31st October. A ballot will then be taken and a school council formed.

The school council will be made up of:

Staveley

Year 6 – 2 children

Year 5 – 2 children

Year 4 – 2 children

Year 3 – 2 children

Years 1 / 2 - 2 children

Kirk

Year 5/6 – 2 children

Year 3/4 – 2 children

Year 1/2 – 2 children

Children in EYFS will be involved with some activities run by the school council.

We are hoping to have our school councils formed by Friday 4th November.

As part of the formation of a new school council in both schools, we will be receiving a visit from children from Castleton School in Leeds, who have had an active school council for several years. The new school councils at Kirk Hammerton and Staveley will be able to learn from the children at Castleton Primary School about their programme of meetings, some of the projects that they have been involved in and why a school council is important to them. I am hoping that this link with children at Castleton can be built upon for other activities / reasons.

Music Tuition

There are places available for children to learn the keyboard in school. If you would like further details please contact Becki Whittemore in the school office.

Coats and PE Kits

As the weather is turning colder, please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day.

Children also need a full PE kit in school every day to ensure that they don't miss their PE lesson. The list of kit is available on the school website but should include a white t-shirt, black/navy shorts or jogging bottoms, trainers and a pair of socks.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and relaxing half term holiday.

Liz Mellor