



## Staveley and Kirk Hammerton CE Primary Schools Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to children and parents following the half term holiday. The children are already busy with their new learning themes for this half term.

### Dates and Reminders

Flu Immunisations for children in years 1, 2 and 3 at Kirk Hammerton (through parental consent) – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9.00 a.m.

School Film Night at Kirk Hammerton, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Open Morning at Kirk for Prospective Parents - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Open Morning at Staveley for Prospective Parents - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Carols around the Tree at Kirk Hammerton – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2.45pm **(change of date)**

Friends of Kirk Hammerton School Christmas Fair – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Friends of Kirk Hammerton School Wreath Making – the evening of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Nativity for children in Class 1 and 2 at Kirk Hammerton – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Performances at 2.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m.

Nativity for children in Class 1 and 2 at Staveley – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00 p.m.

Christmas lunch for children at Kirk Hammerton – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Pantomime for children in both schools Class 2 and 3 – morning of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Carols around the Tree at Staveley – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Parties at both schools – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

School finishes for the Christmas holidays – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – INSET day for staff only**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School begins for the children**

### School Lunches

The cost for school lunches this term is £71.40.

### Federation Update and Parent Governor Election

The first meeting of the new federated governing body has taken place this week. I would like to thank the three candidates who nominated themselves as potential parent governors, Louise Walsh, Leanne Eaton and Mark Holt. The results of the election show that Leanne Eaton and Mark Holt have been successful and are now part of the new governing body.



As the new governing body is formed, the individual governing bodies at Staveley and Kirk are disbanded. A most sincere thank you to all of the governors who have given their time, expertise and enthusiasm in supporting and challenging both schools. Governors who are stepping down are:

Sue Lawrie and Claire Forster - Kirk Hammerton

Alan Wray, Vicky Hogg, Natasha Astill and Fiona Roberts - Staveley

## Children's News

### Achievements

#### Star of the Week and Effort Shields



#### Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Merlin Rowell

Class 2 Tessa Goodwin

Class 3 Ollie Eaton and Livia Sarkar-Lee

#### Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Faith Green and Skye Vigurs-Pearson

Class 2 Jack Hogg

Class 3 Brooke Lee

Class 4 Olivia Garner

#### Effort Shield

##### Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Martha Main

##### Staveley Effort Shield

James Dennis

#### Start of School Arrangements

The children have settled very well to the new start of school arrangements. As a reminder, the start of school times remain unchanged – 8.50 a.m. at Staveley and 8.55 a.m. at Kirk Hammerton. The doors will open 10 minutes before the start of the school day to allow children to enter school independently and organise themselves quietly and calmly so that they are ready for their learning. Please do ensure that you know your child has entered the school building safely by watching them as they go into the building for safeguarding reasons. Thank you.



The teacher should be available at the end of the day if there are matters you wish to mention concerning your child. If you feel, at any time, that you need a longer conversation with your child's teacher, then please do either arrange an appointment time directly with them or phone or email the school office. I will continue to be outside at the start of the school day whenever possible.

#### Writing Information Evening

Thank you to the parents from Staveley and Kirk who came along to the Writing Information Evening, held at Staveley this week. The evening provided an oversight into developments concerning children's writing. Thank you to Mrs Appleton who prepared the information to share with parents. The information shared will be available on the school websites shortly.

#### Pupil Premium Funding for Schools

Some of you may be aware that the school can access additional funding to support children in families that can claim income support or other benefits (as detailed on the attached form). We ask that should this apply to you, you would kindly return the attached documentation by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, in order that the school can access all government funding that the children are entitled to. The form can be returned to the school office or be sent to the School Welfare Team (address at bottom of form). Please note that this information will be kept confidentially in school and that personal details will not be used publicly in any form. Paper copies are available from the office if required.

Wishing you a happy and safe Bonfire Night celebration over the weekend.

Liz Mellor.