



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of this half term.

Dates and Events

Monday 27th February – School starts back after half term

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

W/b 6th March – Tree planting week at Staveley

Tuesday 7th March – Kirk Hammerton School Council cake sale

Monday 20th March – Year 5/6 at Staveley involved in Debating competition

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day

W/b 3rd April – Diversity Focus Week (more information to follow)

Friday 7th April – Celebrating our Learning Worship, Kirk, 9.00 a.m. parents and carers welcome

Friday 7th April – Celebrating our Learning Assembly, Staveley, 2.45 p.m. parents and carers welcome

Friday 7th April – School finishes for the Easter holiday

Monday 24th April – School starts back for the Summer Term

Wednesday 26th April – SRE Curriculum Information Evening (Sex and Relationship Education) for parents / carers of children in years 5 and 6 (intended for parents to find out what the school will be teaching the children in years 5 and 6)

Monday 1st May – School closed for the May Day bank holiday

W/b 8th May – Year 6 SATs week – please ensure all children are in school every day

Wednesday 10th May – Class 1 leading assembly at Staveley – 3.00 p.m.

W/b 15th May – Year 2 assessments

Wednesday 22nd May – Class 1 leading worship at Kirk - 3.00 p.m.

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

Friday 26th May – Celebrating our Learning Assembly, Staveley, 2.45 p.m. parents and carers welcome

Friday 26th May – School finishes for the half term holiday

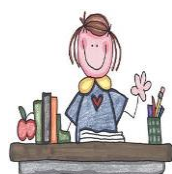


World Book Day – 2nd March

We are planning to hold some activities in school to celebrate World Book Day. This will involve various appropriate activities and will NOT involve children being asked to dress up in a costume!

Red Nose day – 24th March

Plans involve inviting the children (and adults) to dress up in colourful clothing and bringing in their favourite jokes, written in their neatest handwriting – of course!!



Staffing News

Mrs Forster, one of our teaching assistants at Kirk Hammerton, will be leaving the school on Friday 3rd March. Whilst we are very sorry to see Mrs Forster leave the school, I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success and happiness in her new role. Mrs Forster has worked at Kirk Hammerton for 15 years and has also spent some time supporting the school through her role as a staff governor before the schools federated. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please can this be received by Tuesday 28th March.

We will be spending some time considering the most effective way to support the children at both Staveley and Kirk. More information about roles and staffing will follow in future newsletters.

Children's News

Safer Internet Day – 7th February 2017

Although Safer Internet Day was officially on 7th February, I would like to pass on some information which you may like to use with and for your child/ren. There is an Education pack for parents and carers on the safer internet day website www.saferinternetday.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers . Other useful resources include:

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/
- www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
- www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers

Curriculum Theme

The children will be continuing with the overarching curriculum theme of 'Where in the World?' with children from KS1 focusing on 'Fantastic Food'. Children are invited over half term to gather some information or carry out some of their own research in order to start their new learning for the next half term off with a bang!



Assembly – Collective Worship Theme

During the year to date the children have spent some time considering the themes of Generosity, Compassion and Courage. During the next half term, their reflection and learning during Collective Worship / Assembly will focus on Forgiveness.

This is in line with our planned approach to considering our 12 Christian Values of:

Generosity, Compassion, Courage, Forgiveness, Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Trust,

Perseverance, Justice, Service and Truthfulness over a two year period.

We now have a Collective Worship Council, consisting of 7 children in KS2. These 7 children will be responsible for planning and leading some Collective Worship in school. We consider this to be a very important role and are very much looking forward to the children sharing their ideas and demonstrating and developing their leadership skills!

The members of the Collective Worship Council are:

Barnie Bennett (Chair), Charlotte Burnett-Fisher (Vice-Chair), Joseph Lamb, Ollie Eaton, Minnie Moore, Beau Howard and Emily Parnaby.

In addition, we will be asking some children in school to evaluate our collective worship and would also welcome the views of parents. If you have a particular interest in this area and are willing to help us evaluate our collective worship sessions please contact either myself or Mrs Appleton.

Writing Week

The children have been VERY busy during the past week composing all manner of exciting writing. Some of the activities throughout the week are:

BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition

200 words newspaper article for the Harrogate Advertiser

Young Writers' Poetry Competition

Story starters with a hint of mystery

Our own Dear Zoo stories

The Aliens have landed

School Council

Please see the note from the School Council below:

The School Council are holding a cake sale on **Tuesday 7th March at 3.30pm** to raise funds for the toilet door locks. If you are able to, please bring in some cakes/buns to sell and buy some for your children. Thank you.

Sporting Activities

During this half term, some of the children in the local schools have been learning dances to perform at a Dance Festival. The festival has been organised by Sporting Start and held at Roecliffe School. The children at both schools who took part enjoyed the activity very much, having learnt a dance based on a musical theme. Thank you to parents and carers who supported this event by arranging costumes for the children.

At Kirk Hammerton various sports clubs have been taking place – Tag Rugby, run by Miss Fraser (thank you Miss Fraser) and Football, run by Mr Taft and Mr Bennett. Thank you very much to the two dads who religiously help out on a Friday to run this club. The children and staff very much appreciate you giving up your time. After half term, Miss Fraser will be running a basketball club after school. More details to follow!

At Staveley, the after school club run by Sporting Influence is well attended and very much enjoyed by the children. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for putting us in touch with Sporting Influence!

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Achievements

Kirk Hammerton Stars of the week

Class 1 Martha Main, Alfie Eaton, Claire Rusted McArdle

Class 2 Amy Bushby, Jack Taylor, Henry Bennett

Class 3 Ollie Eaton and Archie Whittemore, Olivia Bushby, Beau Howard



Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Sebastian Watkins Wright, Hattie Talbot, Alfie Eaton

Kirk Hammerton Writers of the week

Class 1 Luca Poran, All of class 1, Arthur Hoggarth

Class 2 Anna Whittemore, Joseph Long, Cassius Walsh

Class 3 Jack Parnby, Elsie Wilson, Barnie Bennett

Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Skye Vigurs-Pearson, Laurence Denton, Faith Green

Class 2 Bella Taylor, Agnes Astill, Oliver Summersgill

Class 3 George Atkinson, Ben Hogg, Ellie-Mai Majkowski

Class 4 Sophie Gentle, Daniel Atkins

Staveley Effort Shield

Izaak Dawson, Ben Hogg, Harry Robinson-Wakefield

Staveley Writer of the Week

Class 1 Faith Green, James Dennis, William Holmes

Class 2 Harry Gardner, Harry Gardner, Max Thompson

Class 3 Matthew Kennedy, Sophie Holt, Jack Gibson

Class 4 Niall Huby, Maxine Wray, Isabella Akers

Revision Clubs

Children in Year 6 across both schools are preparing for the end of primary school tests. In order to support the children in their preparation for the assessment/test, Mrs Appleton at Kirk and Mr Howson at Staveley are running some after school revision clubs. A big thank you to the children for attending and to the teachers for running these clubs!

School lunches

The cost of school lunches for next term is £63.00. Please can payment be received at your earliest convenience.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

Please bring any vouchers that you collect in to school – we will be able to purchase sporting and cooking equipment in the Summer as a result of the vouchers received.

Thank you

I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all of the parents and members of the wider school community for helping in so many different ways. Thank you to:

- Mrs Long and Mrs Burnett-Fisher for hearing children read at Kirk; Diane and Camilla for hearing children read at Staveley;
- Mr Taft and Mr Bennett for organising and leading the Football Club at Kirk on a Friday lunchtime;
- the Open the Book Team for coming into both schools to lead an interactive Collective Worship / Assembly;
- Rev Paul Spurgeon for leading Collective Worship at Kirk on Wednesday afternoons;
- Rev Camilla Denton for leading an assembly at Staveley once every half term;
- Edd Mason, from Queen Ethelburga's, for leading a PE session in both schools every week;
- Friends of KH for organising the removal of the unsafe trim trail from the grounds and Mr Horsfield and Mr Howard for carrying out the work.
- Thank you to Hester and Andy Rowell who have framed our wonderful Wind in the Willows artwork.

Thank you all for the support you show for school on a regular basis.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable half term break.

Liz Mellor

