



**Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools  
Headteacher Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to our March newsletter. As I write the sun is shining, the daffodils are out and there are crocuses displaying their beautiful colours! Thankfully the days are drawing out and we are able to enjoy those extra hours of sunlight. Please see below for a reminder of upcoming dates and events. Please note that we have booked in an additional event – the Maths Information Evening on 4<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. This is in response to parents and carers asking for this event following our Writing Information Evening in the Autumn Term. The evening is intended to be for parents and carers of children in both schools and will be held at Kirk Hammerton Primary as the Writing Information evening was held at Staveley. You may find it useful to bring your child along as well if they are in KS 2 and would be able to listen and take part in the events of the session. Please let the school office know if you will be attending this event.

**Dates and Events**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5/6 at Staveley involved in Debating competition (children involved will be notified nearer to the event)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day – see below for details of events in the school. Please note children, teachers and other adults are invited to dress up in red, white and black; spots, stripes or any combination welcome!! (The brighter and more creative the better!!)

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Maths Information Evening at Kirk Hammerton (for parents of both schools)  
6.00 p.m. start (please park at the playing fields/Nursery School car park)**

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

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – School finishes for the Easter holiday**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – School starts back for the Summer Term**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – RSE Curriculum Information Evening (Relationship and Sex Education) for parents / carers or 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 1<sup>st</sup> May – School closed for the May Day bank holiday**

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

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Class 1 leading assembly at Staveley – 3.00 p.m.

W/b 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 assessments

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

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**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School finishes for the half term holiday**

**School Councils**

**Kirk Hammerton**

The School Council organised and ran the Cake/Bake Sale on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March in order to raise funds to buy and fit locks for their toilet doors. This issues arose from the discussions in the school council; the project has been led by the children.

A very big thank you from me for all of the delicious donations you made and for coming along to support the event by buying cakes and bakes!!

The following is a message to you from the school council.

*This week we have been having a cake sale and have raised a total of £138.45 to spend on toilet door locks. Thank you to Joe Howard who is fitting these door locks for us. We appreciate your help.*



## Staveley

The school council at Staveley are in the process of organising a Cake/Bake sale for their chosen project of 'equipment for break time'.

More information to follow from the school council.

## Red Nose Day

The School Councils have been busy planning events for children at both schools, with a little guidance from Mrs Hartshorn and Mrs Appleton. Several ideas were aired by the children, including sky diving for the teachers!!

Please bring your favourite clean jokes along; we will be running a competition for the children to take part in.



Ditch your school uniform for crazy red, white and black outfits to raise money for Comic Relief. The children have asked for a catwalk again to show off their outfits. Everybody is welcome to bring in their own red noses for the day. Please bring in £2, or whatever you can afford, for this valuable charity.

During the day, we will be watching a clip based around a boy called Hassan. This will develop the children's understanding of global issues, show them real life benefits of fundraising for Red Nose Day and support learning in personal and social education as well as Geography. The children will also be learning about how past fundraising has been spent.

## Children's News

### Achievements

#### Star of the Week and Effort Shields

#### Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Martha Main, Luca Poran

Class 2 Tessa Goodwin, Seth Howard

Class 3 Jan Gordon, Livia Sarkar-Lee

#### Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Jonathan Dickinson

Class 2 Max Thompson, Timur Aktas

Class 3 William Greenwood, Isobel Cuthbert

Class 4 Evie Brophy, Isabelle Akers



### Effort Shield

#### Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Daniel Rushton (Class 3), Charlie Bowes-Graham (Class 2)

#### Staveley Effort Shield

James Dennis (Class 1), Jack Hogg (Class 2)

### Writer of the week

#### Kirk Hammerton Writer of the Week

Class 1 Merlin Rowell, Grace Barrington-Hirst

Class 2 Louis Moore, Henry Bennett

Class 3 Beau Howard, Daniel Rushton

#### Staveley Writer of the Week

Class 1 Ryan Chapman, James Dennis

Class 2 Harry Gardner

Class 3 Benjamin Denton, Neo Quinn, Alice Wray

Class 4 Reuben Bradley, John Lee



### Staffing News

Mrs Gill is currently providing some additional hours at Kirk to cover some of the hours that Mrs Forster provided. Looking ahead to the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March, we will be welcoming Mrs Fox, who is currently a teaching assistant at Staveley. This arrangement is on a temporary basis. We are expecting Mrs Fox to be joining us for a Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Gill is currently undertaking training with a view to qualifying as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). This will enable her to fulfil the role of HLTA, hopefully across Kirk and Staveley.

Mrs Gill will continue to work as a Teaching Assistant at Kirk and any HLTA hours will be in addition to her current contracted hours.

### **Nursery provision at Staveley**

As some of you may have already heard in the news, the government are proposing that nursery providers, including schools that have a nursery, will offer 30 hours of free childcare. At Staveley we are planning to offer 30 hours to nursery children (whose parents meet the criteria) from September 2017. This will apply to children who are 3 and 4 years old, until children reach the Reception year at school.

We are expecting to offer the following hours:

8.45 - 11.45 a.m. (3 hour morning session) and 12.15 – 3.15 p.m. (3 hour afternoon session). For children to attend a full day at the school, parents will also be able to book in a lunchtime session, including a school meal. This lunchtime session and school meal will be chargeable.

As the school offers before and after school childcare arrangements, parents will also be able to book in their nursery age child into these session, which are also chargeable.

### **After School Club**

At Kirk Hammerton, we are fortunate to have an established before and after school club. The after school club, or 3.30 Club, operates until 6.00 p.m.

We are planning to operate a similar after school club at Staveley, which will start in September 2017. (The before school club at Staveley will remain in place.) This means that the current system for after school clubs will finish at the end of the summer term 2017 and a new structure will begin in September 2017. The school will be sending out more details of this through the summer term and will also be recruiting for staff to run the club.

### **‘Open Door’**

I would like to reiterate that both schools do operate an ‘open door’ approach. We invite you to come into school, if possible, or contact the school to keep us informed about anything that is relevant to your child, which you feel is useful for your child’s teacher to know about. Please, if you have any concerns, however small, we do invite you to come and speak with your child’s teacher. This way, we can help and support in the quickest and best way possible. If you are feeling aggrieved about something or are just unsure then please do contact the school. Thank you.



### **Thank You**

A very BIG thank you to Mr Tennant, Joe Tennant and William Holdsworth who spent some time last Sunday clearing out the PE shed and fixing in new shelving. Thank you also to FOSS for buying the shelving. This will make a HUGE difference to the children, who regularly use the shed to locate and store both PE equipment and break time play equipment.

**Some recent events** - Our Sports Council and Gifted and Talented members meeting Olympic athlete Etienne Stott (Olympic Gold Medal Canoeist 2012 Olympics) and Class One having fun working in the Post Office:



**Open the book**

'Open the book' is a scheme which enables children to hear the stories of the bible in their primary school years. The presentations with audience participation have actions and a lot of sound effects. The aim is to set the scene, be it the Garden of Eden or the Sea of Galilee. There are colourful and fun props. Presenters are in costume with outfits created by a super team of imaginative seamstresses. As one presenter said "The children seem to really enjoy our stories. Their excitement and enthusiasm is wonderful to see and great fun is had by all".

Would you like to join the fun? We hope to involve people from each school and parish. We now visit Kirk Hammerton once each half term. Don't be shy! Can you sew, make props, take part in presentations (optional speaking/ non speaking parts) and you don't need to learn parts by heart. We would love to hear from you. For further details, please call Glennis on 01423 340575 or email [copederv@aol.com](mailto:copederv@aol.com)