



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Dates and Events

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

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – RSE Curriculum Information Evening at Staveley, 5.00 – 6.00 p.m. drop-in session (Relationship and Sex Education) for parents / carers of children in years 5 and 6 in both schools (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

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

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

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

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

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School starts back for the second half of the summer term

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day at Staveley

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Sports Day at Kirk

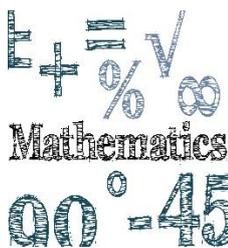
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Service at Ripon Cathedral for Kirk Year 6

In July – Bikeability for children in Year 6 in both schools

W/B 10<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year reports and information about new classes and class structures for 2017 – 2018 to go out to parents

Leavers' Celebrations in both school will be arranged for the last week of term – more information coming soon!

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – School finishes for the summer holiday



### Maths Information Evening

Parents and carers were offered the opportunity to attend a Maths Information Evening, held at Kirk Hammerton School. A very big thank you to Mrs Roberts, Maths Subject Leader and Class 3 teacher at Staveley, who organised and led the evening. Parents had the opportunity to hear a little of the current thinking (nationally) about the teaching of Maths, a little of what 'mastery' means and what the school expectations are of the children in each year group.

Mrs Roberts has produced a series of booklets, one for every year in school from Reception to Year 6, which includes our school non-negotiables for maths and ideas/suggestions for how parents and carers can help and support the learning of your child/children at home. On the back of each leaflet there are some useful links to websites that can support the learning of the children: these include [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk), [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize), [www.offbyheart.co.uk/maths](http://www.offbyheart.co.uk/maths). The complete list can be found at the back of each leaflet.

A useful booklet explaining calculation methods used in school, one for every year group, was also highlighted. The information shared at the Maths Information Evening will be posted on the school websites.



## Websites

We are very grateful to Mr Gary Atkins (Staveley) and Mr Robin Gordon (Kirk Hammerton) for their commitment to school by regularly placing items of the school websites.



The school is currently undertaking an upgrade to each school website. This will be taking place through the summer term. This will make it easier for parents, carers, children, teachers and other people to find and view information on the website. Please watch this space!!

**RSE Curriculum Information Evening** to be held at Staveley (for parents/carers of children in both schools). This session is a 'drop-in' designed for parents/carers if children currently in Year 5 and 6. It will provide an opportunity for parents/carers to find out about the curriculum coverage for the relationship and sex aspects of the PSHE (personal, social and health education).

## Staffing news

We said thank you and goodbye to Mrs Gibson on Thursday this week. Parents had the opportunity to meet informally with Mrs Maguire who will be teaching Class 2 for 4 days per week as of next term. As I am sure you are aware, Mrs Maguire is an experienced teacher who already knows the children as she has been teaching them on a Thursday afternoon and Friday through the Spring term.

Mrs Cavell will be teaching Class 2 at Kirk Hammerton every Friday starting from the first Friday of term and throughout the Summer term. Mrs Cavell is an experienced teacher, currently working at Selby CP School. We have ensured there is sufficient handover. Mrs Cavell has particular interest in humanities so the children will be able to look forward to some exciting topic work. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet Mrs Cavell during the first week of term.

## School lunches

School lunches will be £50.40 for the Summer 1 term. Please can this be paid at your earliest convenience.

## PE Kits

Looking ahead to the summer term please could you ensure that all children have the necessary PE kit in school during every school week and that every item of clothing is named.

## Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property in school. Any lost property left unclaimed at the end of term will be sent to a charity shop.

## Music lessons

If the children have been inspired as a result of watching 'The Selfish Dragon' performance at Staveley today and would like to receive music lessons, then you will need to complete an online application via [www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk)

## Diversity Week

The focus for our learning in school during the last week of the Spring Term has been around diversity. We are considering some of the ways that we are similar and different to other people and how we can show tolerance and understanding to people of different beliefs and cultures to our own. The children are always keen and enthusiastic about finding out about our similarities and differences.



At Kirk Hammerton the focus for the children has been as follows:

- Classes 1, 2 and 3 at Kirk Hammerton had a visitor from the Sikh religion who shared some traditions and answered questions from the children.



- Friends of Kirk Hammerton School for organising some great fundraising events this term
- Mrs Broquet for helping the children in Class 3 with their French lessons

A special thank you from Mrs Mellor for all the staff's hard work and commitment this term and to parents for all of your support. The children in all classes have enjoyed some fabulous learning this term.

It is just left for me to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter and of course hoping that the Easter Bunny is very generous!!

Liz Mellor