



Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools
Headteacher Newsletter Friday 5th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,
A very warm welcome back to school
after the Easter holiday. This half term

is very short and busy, with plenty of exciting events to
keep us all on our toes!!

Our overarching learning theme across the two schools
is 'The Living World'. This is being adapted to suit the
ages and curriculum requirements for children of
different ages. Our Collective Worship / Assembly focus
is 'Friendship'.



SATs

Next week, children in Year 6 across both schools will be involved with national SATs tests. The timetable is as follows:

Monday 8 th May	English reading
Tuesday 9 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: short answer questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10 th May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 11 th May -	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

A very big thank you to Mr Howson and to Mrs Appleton for supporting the children in their preparation for the SATs tests.

We already feel very proud of all of the children in Year 6 for their very positive attitude towards their learning and we recognise that the test that the children will be taking next week are one small part of their 'learning journey'.

We realise that some of the children may feel a little nervous and that this is normal but we would like to reassure the children that they have every reason to be confident and approach the tests with calmness. It would be very helpful for the children if they could have a relaxing weekend ahead of the tests, where they can be well rested and mentally prepared for giving their best during next week.

Children in Year 6 are invited to bring in a small special 'treat' to eat at the end of each days tests.

Children across the school have some exciting learning to look forward to once the tests are all finished!!

During the w/b 15th May, children in Year 2 are likely to be taking part in more formal assessments. We are required to administer the KS1 tests in English, Reading and Mathematics during the month of May 2017. The tests do not have set days for their administration, and they may be administered to groups of pupils on different days. We will seek to carry out the testing process for Year 2 in such a way that the children see the test as part of their normal day at school, wherever possible.

RSE week

During the w/b 22nd May, children in both schools will be taking part in a week where the focus is RSE (Relationship and Sex Education). Parents and carers of children in Year 5 and 6 were invited to attend an information drop-in session on 26th April, where information specific to this area of the curriculum for older primary school children was shared. If your child is currently in Year 5 and 6 you should also have received a letter, both a paper copy and emailed to you, which outlined the aspects of RSE. If you have not received a copy of this letter, please do contact the school office.



Children in Reception and Years 1 – 4, will also be taking part in some learning around relationship and sex education, appropriate to their age and stage of development. Should you wish to discuss anything relating to this week please do contact your child's teacher or Mrs Hartshorn, PSHE Leader (Personal, Social and Health Education). Mrs Hartshorn is based at Staveley and normally works on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sports Day

The framework for our annual Sports Day is currently being planned. We are hoping to be able to include some competitive races and also some athletics activities. More details to follow soon!

Carnival of the Animals

On the last day of the Spring term, children in both schools joined together at Staveley to listen to a musical version of The Selfish Dragon. A 10 piece orchestra came to school to perform the piece. Children had the opportunity to learn about the instruments that made up the orchestra; a string quartet, double bass, bassoon, clarinet, flute, French horn and an oboe. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and asked some interesting questions of the musicians. Thank you to Mrs Dickinson for organising this.

Children's News

Achievements

Star of the Week and Effort Shields

Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Claire Rusted McArdle, Alfie Eaton
Class 2 Austin Horsfield, Jack Taylor
Class 3 Joe Gill, Beau Howard

Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Ryan Chapman, Laurence Denton
Class 2 Oliver Ellis Cuthbert, Harry Gardner
Class 3 Dylan Ross-Lee
Class 4 Max Doswell/Niall Huby, Alex Holden

Effort Shield

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Jessica Taft (Class 2) and Livia Sarkar-Lee (Class 3)

Staveley Effort Shield

Amelia Dooley (Class 3) and Maxine Wray (Class 4)



Writer of the week

Kirk Hammerton Writer of the Week

Class 1 Arthur Hoggarth, Esme Graham
Class 2 Tessa Goodwin, Amelia Wilson
Class 3 Seb Watkins-Wright, Jan Gordon

Staveley Writer of the Week

Class 1 Faith Cundall, James Dennis, Ryan Chapman
Class 2 Harry Gardner, Oliver Summersgill
Class 3 Matthew Kennedy, Emily and Sophie Holt
Class 4 Reuben Bradley, Isabella Akers

Dates for the diary

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

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

Tuesday 23rd May – Year 5 and 6 to Staveley for RSE day.

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

Monday 5th June – School starts back for the second half of the summer term

Tuesday 6th June – School Photos at Staveley

Tuesday 13th June – Performance of Carnival of the Animals at Staveley Nature Reserve for Class 2, 11am-1pm – packed lunch needed and parents are welcome to attend

Tuesday 20th June – Sports Day at Staveley

Thursday 22nd June – Sports Day at Kirk

Monday 3rd July all day and the afternoon of Tuesday 4th July – Bikeability for Year 6 at Kirk

Tuesday 4th July – Leavers' Service at Ripon Cathedral for Kirk Year 6

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

Thursday 20th July – Leavers' Celebration at Staveley – 2.00 p.m.

Friday 21st July – Leavers' Celebration at Kirk – 2.00 p.m.

Friday 21st July – School finishes for the summer holiday

School Lunches reminder

School lunches are £50.40 for the Summer 1 term. Please can this be paid at your earliest convenience, if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your continued support of school. We appreciate the support you provide for your child with their learning at school, through hearing them read, supporting them with their basic number work and other homework. Please do use the planners to keep in regular touch with your child's teacher, catch them at the beginning or end of the school day or ask for an appointment.

Mrs Gibson has asked us to pass on her heartfelt thanks for the kind gifts and in particular the lovely messages you and the children gave at the end of last term.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Mellor