



Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools
Headteacher Newsletter Friday 19th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are drawing towards the middle of the summer term, this newsletter contains details of events that are happening in the remaining eight school weeks left of the school year. (Where has that time gone??)

RSE Week

As mentioned in the last school newsletter, next week is RSE week (Relationships and Sex Education).

During the week, 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.

I am attaching an information sheet about how the curriculum for this area progressing as the children move through school, for your information.

Please be aware that the children may have some questions about some of the material covered in the curriculum or may need some time to discuss aspects with you. They will also have opportunities to pose questions in school by verbally asking or by writing down their questions. Be assured that we will answer all questions sensitively.

This is the first year that both schools are teaching RSE in this way, so you may find when you look at the curriculum information sheet, that there are aspects that your child has not covered in previous years.



Sports Day

Miss Fraser, PE Subject Leader and Class 1 teacher at Kirk Hammerton, has been busy planning the sports days for both schools. There are some exciting events planned, including activities including athletic skills; standing long jump, shot put, javelin and discus as well as the more traditional races, sprints, longer distance and relay as well as obstacle courses.

Sports days at both schools will take place across a full day. This is a change to previous years where sports day has taken place during one afternoon. Parents are invited to come along for some or all of the day. The morning activities will consist of groups of children working in teams on athletic skills and gaining points for their teams. The more competitive aspects (races etc) will take place in the afternoon.

The dates for Sports Days are as follows:

- **Tuesday 20th June at Staveley (wet weather reserve day 21st June)**
- **Thursday 22nd June at Kirk (wet weather reserve day 23rd June)**

Athletics Club

Miss Fraser is going to be running an Athletics Club (to replace the Basketball this term) every Thursday after school starting 8th June, 3.30pm-4.30pm. Letters will be sent home shortly but the club will be available to all pupils, Reception to Year 6.

Carnival of the Animals

Children in Years 1 and 2 in both schools are currently enjoying a series of three musical workshops from Bryan Western. This will be closely followed by a performance at Staveley Nature Reserve on 13th June from 11am-1pm. **Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them.** If your child is involved in this performance (Years 1 and 2 only) you are very welcome to come along and enjoy the performance. It will start at 11.00 a.m. on 13th June.



School Council News

On Friday 5th May, School Council interviewed the applicants for the Class 2 Teacher position. We asked questions about their experiences and how they thought children should be taught.

We have also had a meeting with Mrs Eaton about the overgrown wildlife area which we are hoping will be turned into a useful outdoor learning space in the next few months. We made suggestions and asked for the pond to stay, for a rockery area to be made, for there to be a mini beast hotel and to have bird feeders spread across the area.

End of Year reports and transition to next classes

End of year reports from teachers, including a summary of any national tests that your child has taken during the summer term (in years 1, 2 and 6) will be sent out to parents during the week commencing 10th July. Alongside that will come information about which class your child / children will be in next year.



Phonics screening tests

Phonics screening tests for children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will be carried out during the w/c 12th June. This will involve your child carrying out a verbal test, where they are asked to read some real words and some 'alien' words, using their phonetic knowledge. The number of words sounded out correctly are then totalled to make a raw score for the test result. There are generally forty words in the test. The government sets the threshold to determine what the pass mark is. Children either pass the test or not; if your child is in Year 2 and did not reach the threshold last year, they are required to complete the test again this year. The result of this test will be reported to you as part of the end of year report.

Children's News

Achievements

Star of the Week and Effort Shields

Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Grace Barrington-Hirst, Merlin Rowell

Class 2 Henry Bennett, Louis Moore

Class 3 Elsie Wilson, Eva Rusted-McArdle

Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Amalie Summersgill

Class 2 Bell Taylor

Class 3 Ellie-Mai Majkowski, Oliver Holt

Class 4 Daniel Atkins

Effort Shield

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

George Barrington-Hirst (Class 2) and Victor Broquet (Class 3)

Staveley Effort Shield

Skye Vigurs-Pearson (Class 1) Jack Curnow (Class 2)



Writer of the week

Kirk Hammerton Writer of the Week

Class 1 Martha Main, Isabelle Taft

Class 2 Ben Abbott, Anna Whittemore

Class 3 Victor Broquet, Emily Parnaby

Staveley Writer of the Week

Class 1 Elsa Sudron

Class 2 Oliver Summersgill, Bella Taylor

Class 3 Jack Gibson, Eleanor Gibson

Class 4 Reuben Bradley

Dates for the Diary

w/c Monday 22nd May – RSE week in both schools

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

Tuesday 23rd May – Class 1 Stay and Play at Kirk , 8.45-9.30 a.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

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

Tuesday 6th June – School Photos at Staveley

Wednesday 7th June – Year 5/6 to Tag Rugby tournament, Boroughbridge High School

Thursday 8th June – Class 1 and Class 2 to The Rainbow Factory, Leeds

Tuesday 13th June – Performance of Carnival of the Animals at Staveley Nature Reserve

Wednesday 14th June – Class 3 to Cluster Sports Day at Great Ouseburn Village Hall

Tuesday 20th June – Sports Day at Staveley

Thursday 22nd June – Sports Day at Kirk

Monday 3rd July – Bikeability for Year 6 at Kirk (all day)

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



Tuesday 4th July – Bikeability for Year 6 at Kirk (afternoon)

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. at St. John the Baptist Church

Friday 21st July – School finishes for the summer holiday

Yours sincerely,

Liz Mellor