



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)

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April – Class 1 to help Yorkshire Wildlife Trust plant flowers.** Please return the permission slip if attending.

**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**

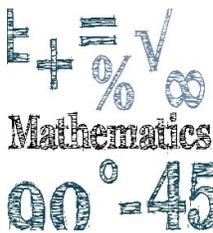
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Sports Day at Kirk

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 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 was 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 (Relationship and Sex Education)** to be held at Staveley (for parents/carers of children in both schools).

This session is a 'drop-in' designed for parents/carers of 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).



### **Parking and Road Safety**

North Yorkshire County Council Health and Safety Team have provided the following advice to schools and have asked for this information to be passed onto parents. There are ongoing concerns about safety issues arising from where parents choose to park their cars at the beginning and end of the school day. I am asking that, in the interests of safety for **all** children that you do abide with the following advice.

Please don't park:

- Where there are restrictions – single yellow lines, double yellow lines and school keep clear zig-zags. These restrictions are deliberately placed to allow safe crossing of the road by pedestrians.
- On the pavement even if only half on. Children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be. It also makes it difficult for those with buggies to get past.
- Across kerbs on people's driveways.
- Within 10m of a junction in any direction. This allows drivers visibility to see approaching traffic.
- Double park or let children out into the road. Stop so that children can get out of the car onto the kerbside and onto the pavement.

Wherever possible walk to school to avoid the need to park your car near the school.

A thank you on behalf of the children in school to those parents who always park responsibly, thinking about the health, safety and wellbeing of our children.

### **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. Please name uniform.

### **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.
- Class 3 considered some cultural traditions around food, making comparisons between our own and different cultures. They have also been using information that they have researched to write information texts.
- Class 2 have considered diversity through food, reinforcing the learning that has been taking place in the term around Fantastic Food.
- Class 1 have focussed on various areas that consider similarities and differences, thinking particularly about different families, houses, clothing and considering books related to diversity.

At Staveley, the focus for the children has been as follows:

- Class 4 researched on cultures of the Americas history and evolution of American music, comparing the beliefs and systems of Buddhism and Judaism
- Class 3 have been researching traditions around food, festivals and national dress within countries in North and South America, finding out about Easter traditions from around the world, particularly Australia, Germany, Russia and the USA.
- Class 2 have had a visit from Mr and Mrs Taylor who shared some traditions from Ghana
- Class 1 have been using a range of books and stories such as Mama Panyas Pancakes and Handa's Surprise to 'eat' themselves around the world!

### Staffing news

#### Kirk Hammerton

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.

### Children's News

#### Achievements

#### Star of the Week and Effort Shields

##### Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Arthur Hoggarth, Alfie Eaton  
 Class 2 Amy Bushby, Amelia Wilson  
 Class 3 Lyn Xu, Victor Broquet

##### Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Ryan Chapman  
 Class 2 Oliver Summersgill  
 Class 3 Ruby Tranter, Brooke Lee  
 Class 4 John Lee and William Houldsworth, Finley Doswell



#### Effort Shield

##### Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Emily Parnaby, George Lamb

##### Staveley Effort Shield

Faith Cundall, Olivia Majkowski

#### Writer of the week

##### Kirk Hammerton Writer of the Week

Class 1 Martha Main, Merlin Rowell  
 Class 2 Anna Whittemore, Seth Howard  
 Class 3 Joseph Long, Joe Goodwin

##### Staveley Writer of the Week

Class 1 Laurence Denton, Faith Cundall  
 Class 2 Ewan Taylor, Max Thompson  
 Class 3 Ellie-Mai Majkowski, Sophie Holt  
 Class 4 Sophie Gentle, Isabella Akers

The School Council at Staveley have raised £72.60 through their Cake/Bake Sale.

The School Council members would like to say a big thank you to everyone that contributed to the cake/bake sale. The money raised will be used to purchase some more play time equipment and all the children are very excited. The cakes were delicious!!!

### **Red Nose Day**

Great fun was had by all of the children and adults in school on Red Nose Day. Staveley raised £140.72 and Kirk Hammerton £80.90.

**School Lunches** for 1<sup>st</sup> half spring term £50.40.

**Clubs** – will commence on the first week back and are as normal. Please see attached sign-up sheet. Please note on Wednesday club we are now offering a French Club.

### **Growing Gumboots - Schools competition**

The children in Classes 1 and 2 have taken part in the Growing Gumboots competition to create a magical pair of trendy wellies, theme is Beauty and the Beast and Old Mother Hubbard. The display is in the gardening catwalk at the Spring show between 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April. If you can spare the time, please visit the Spring Flower show at the Yorkshire Show Ground.



### **Thank you!!**

A very BIG thank you to the following people, who have supported the children, teachers and school community this term:

- Mrs Camilla Backhouse
- Mrs Diane Bracken
- Mr Chris Denton
- Mr Sam Burke

Thank you to Miss Hardy, who has completed her teaching placement in Class 3 this half term for all her hard work and commitment. We wish her the very best for all her future teaching placements and teaching career.

A special thank you also 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**