



**Staveley and Kirk Hammerton CE Primary Schools  
Christmas Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to the Christmas newsletter!



**Dates and Reminders:**

Dates for the last week of the Autumn Term

Kirk Christmas lunch\* - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Trip to the pantomime (**classes 2, 3 and 4**) – **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Class 1 (from both schools) Christmas crafts at Staveley – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Staveley Christmas lunch\* – **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Carols around the tree at Staveley – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30 p.m.**

Christmas parties at both schools – **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Term finishes – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Children are welcome to come in their own clothes along with Christmas accessory on Christmas party day.

\*Children are invited to bring in a Christmas accessory to wear on Christmas lunch days but still need to be dressed in school uniform.

**Dates for the Spring Term**

INSET day for staff only - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Term starts** for children - **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Class 2 assembly at **Staveley, 2.45 p.m. - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**Parents' Evening** at both schools - **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

**Parents' Evening** at both schools - **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**Class 3** assembly at Staveley - **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Class 2 leading worship at Kirk - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Celebration assembly at **Staveley, 9.00 a.m. - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Celebrating our work worship at Kirk, 3.00 p.m. - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

**School finishes for half term - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

World Book Day - **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Celebration assembly at **Staveley, 9.00 a.m. - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Celebrating our work worship at Kirk, 3.00 p.m. - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Term finishes - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April



**School Lunches** for 1<sup>st</sup> half spring term £69.30

**Clubs** – will commence on the first week back and are as normal

**Important – just a reminder that both schools are NUT FREE SCHOOLS. Please refrain from sending your child into school with any food containing nuts. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

**Text messaging communication**

In January Staveley will be trialling the use of text messaging as a way of communicating dates and important information with parents/carers. The service is a one-way communication service and will not change how regular communication such as newsletters and emails are delivered to you.

Communication from yourselves to school will also not be affected by this.

We would be very interested to hear your views about this, once it is up and running.





If the trial goes well at Staveley, the service should be adopted (budget permitting). We are expecting that the service will then also be trialled at Kirk.

### **Thank you!**

On behalf of staff at the schools I would like to thank the following people for their very valuable support of the children, families and staff:

#### **Staveley**

- 😊 Diane Bracken – for hearing readers
- 😊 Rev Camilla Denton – for leading an assembly in school once every half term
- 😊 Chris Denton – for supporting the choir at Staveley
- 😊 Camilla Backhouse – for hearing readers and supporting the work in the classroom
- 😊 FOSS – for organising the Christmas Disco, providing crackers for the Christmas lunch and paying for ice-creams during our trip to the pantomime
- 😊 FOSS for donating our Christmas tree
- 😊 Mrs Quinn for decorating the Christmas tree

#### **Kirk**

- 😊 Alison Burnett-Fisher, Phyllis Pick and Kate Long for coming into school regularly to hear children read
- 😊 Matthew Bennett and Matthew Taft for running the football club every Friday lunchtime
- 😊 Ainsty Farm Shop for donating our Christmas tree
- 😊 Johnsons for donating the tree for the school entrance and for organising a tree and bulb planting session for children in National Tree Week
- 😊 Playground Buddies for supporting all children to have positive play times and for organising the playground equipment
- 😊 Rev Paul for leading worship on some Wednesdays throughout term
- 😊 Friends of Kirk for organising the Film Night for the children, the Christmas Fair for families and the community and the Wreath Night. Also, a very big thank you to Friends of Kirk for purchasing our fabulous new mobile smart board.

#### **Both Schools**

- 😊 All the parents, carers, governors and staff that supported our open mornings
- 😊 Edd Mason – for teaching PE once every week and organising events through our link with Queen Ethelburgas School (both schools)
- 😊 All parents/carers who sent in contributions for the Christmas hampers
- 😊 Open the Book team – for leading an interactive assembly in school once every half term (the children love your visits!) The Open the Book team have asked if there are any members of the community at Kirk who would be interested in joining in with their events in school. No previous acting experience is needed!! If so Glennis Copnall would love to hear from you. Glennis is happy to be contacted – her contact details are with Becki in the school office.





## Children's News

### Achievements

#### Star of the Week and Effort Shields

##### Staveley Stars of the Week



Class 1	w/e	2/12	Laurence Denton
		w/e	25/11 Jonathan Dickinson
Class 2	w/e	9/12	Lizzie-Ann Green
	w/e	2/12	Jack Curnow
	w/e	25/11	Willow Ross-Lee
Class 3	w/e	9/12	Amber Crosby and Jack Gibson
	w/e	2/12	Alice Wray
Class 4	w/e	9/12	John Lee
	w/e	25/11	Reuben Bradley

#### Staveley Effort Shield

w/e 9/12	Skye Vigurs-Pearson
w/e 2/12	Isabella Akers-Oakes
w/e 25/11	Emily Woods

#### Messages from the School Councils

**Staveley** – *“The School Council decided the rules of giving people roles so it would be more organised. One of our most important rules is you have to:*

- *Listen to people whilst they speak.*
- *Only one person speak at a time*
- *Respect each other's ideas whatever they say*

*We decided on our roles and the way we decided on our roles was we all voted on people based on their skills after a civilised conversation”.*

*Maxine elected as Chair*

*Izaak – Vice Chair*

*Evie and Oliver – Fund raising Ambassadors*

*Joe and Emily – Community Ambassadors*

*Reuben and Sophie – Playtime Ambassadors*

*Ben and Olivia – Food Ambassadors*

*Yours sincerely*

*School Council*

#### Staffing news





### **Teaching staff**

With effect from January 2017, Mrs Gibson (Class 2 teacher) will be working on Monday through to Thursday every week and Miss Maguire will be working in Class 2 on Fridays. The children already know Miss Maguire as she has been teaching them on a Thursday afternoon during the second half of this term.

### **Volunteer School Counsellor**

A volunteer school counsellor has offered some time to support the children, staff and families within both Staveley and Kirk Hammerton. Her name is Mandy Dadswell and she currently works as a school counsellor at Harrogate Ladies College. She is carrying out some further training focussing on counselling support for younger children. Please see the message below from Mandy:

Hi my name is Mandy Dadswell and I have been working with children and adolescents in a counselling role for several years. I became interested in supporting young people when I worked for The Harrogate Probation Office and the Police service whilst supporting my Psychology degree and Forensic science/criminology diploma. I wanted to help those who had taken the wrong path and support them in finding their feet again. My role incorporated helping young people with job applications, work experience and general integration within the community. This sparked my interest in counselling work and I embarked upon a Diploma in Counselling supported by St Michael's hospice (working with bereaved and terminally ill people) and The Market Place Counselling agency (working with 13-23 year olds). After 2 years I became qualified and registered with the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists. As I have always been interested in continued professional development I decided to take the BACP accreditation course which is awarded to Counsellors who have attained a higher level of experience.

Currently I work for a local school (11-18 year olds) and as a Private Practitioner in Harrogate. I began my Masters course in Psychotherapy (child and adolescents) earlier this year. My experience has taken me onto the course at year 4 meaning I will be working toward the Masters degree for a 2 further years. The course is registered by the UK Counsel for Psychotherapy and it is run by The Northern Guild for Psychotherapy in Newcastle (under Newman University). In order for me to be able to gain the most from the degree I wanted the opportunity to work with a very young age group so began to look at the schools in Knaresborough where I have always lived. My preference being to work in a smaller school where I believe that I could easily and quickly become integrated with staff, parents and children.

My intention is to work with the children at the school for approximately 4 hours a week offering support with any difficulties they may be encountering or any worries they may have. I work with many different models of therapy including play and art therapy and I will be helping the children to manage their difficulties better by using certain tools and thinking about things in different ways. I also work with Dyadic Development Psychotherapy which incorporates other members of the family should there be a need to ask parents to come along and join in our sessions occasionally.

Should you wish to know anything further about me please log onto 'The Counselling Directory' and enter my post code 'HG5'. You should find me in the top few listings of the directory where there is a lot more information that you may find useful.

Just to clarify, Mandy would not be working with all of the children and any support offered would be through communication with yourselves. No involvement would take place without your knowledge and agreement.





Mandy will be available at the start of school either during next week and/or the first week of the Spring Term as an opportunity for you to meet her.

**Nativity**

Thank you to all the children who performed in our nativity plays 'A Miracle in Town' at Kirk and 'Prickly Hay' at Staveley. Thank you also to Miss Fraser, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Gill, Mrs Moss, Mrs Hartshorn and Mrs Dickinson for working with the children on such fine and enjoyable performances. We clearly have some very talented children at both schools. I felt very proud of them all!

**Happy Christmas and New Year!!**

On behalf of the staff teams at both schools, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy new year. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the start of the Spring Term!

Liz Mellor





## **Kirk Hammerton & Staveley Primary Schools Governors' Newsletter, Autumn 2016**

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Governors' Newsletter.

So far it has been a very busy term, with both schools welcoming Mrs Mellor to the role of Executive Headteacher and completing the Federation process.

At the first meeting of the new Full Governing Body (FGB), I was appointed Chair of Governors for the Federation, and Mark Holt was appointed Vice Chair. At the Teaching & Learning Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> November, Joanne Lamb was appointed Chair. The Chair of the Resources Committee is still to be decided. A big thank you to the Governors who have stepped down this year - Sue Lawrie and Claire Forster from Kirk Hammerton, and Alan Wray, Vicky Hogg, Natasha Astill and Fiona Roberts from Staveley.

It was agreed at the first FGB meeting that we would meet once a term as a Full Board, but more regularly for the sub-committees and other monitoring activities that Governors get involved in.

### **School Council**

I attended the open mornings for both schools and was very impressed with the school councils. The children were working in pairs showing prospective and current parents around the schools. The children were all very enthusiastic about it and seemed to enjoy telling everyone about their schools.

### **Governor Vacancies**

The Governing Body are currently undergoing a skills audit to identify any gaps we have in skills, knowledge and expertise. Once these gaps have been identified we will be seeking volunteers in the local and wider community, to see if we can fill these vacancies. We will keep you informed of our progress.

### **School Development Plan**

Mrs Mellor has been busy working on this document to ensure we have a clear vision of areas we need to address. It was agreed that as we are now federated and have similar priorities, we would have a joint School Development Plan.

Mrs Mellor has also been working with the staff team and we now have dedicated subject leaders who will work across both schools, not just for Numeracy and Literacy, but for all subjects. Staff will now be provided with guidance and support by the subject leaders who will ensure that each subject area is taught in a consistent manor and all aspects of the curriculum are covered.





## **Ofsted**

Following the Ofsted inspection at Kirk Hammerton in the summer term, the school has:

- Re-written the school development plan that focuses on how actions to improve on will be measured.
- Gained external support via the North Star Teaching Alliance that supports teachers and leaders.
- Revised the 'Presentation' and 'Marking and Feedback' policies to ensure all children are presenting their work neatly and that children understand what is expected of them when their work is marked.
- Developed a monitoring timetable for leaders, including Governors, to ensure monitoring is not only effective but also timely.
- Democratically appointed a school council and plans are in place for the school council from a school in Leeds to visit in the new year to give advice on schools councils.
- Strengthened the leadership team with the appointment of Mrs Appleton as Assistant Headteacher. In addition to her new role, Mrs Appleton will use her strengths in literacy to lead and drive improvements across both schools.
- Introduced a tracking system for pupil progress to ensure that all children are progressing as they should or highlight where appropriate targeted support is required.

Even though these issues were raised in the Kirk Hammerton Ofsted inspection, the work is being developed and implemented across both schools.

If you need to contact me for anything relating to the Governing Body, please email me on: [cofg@kirkhammerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:cofg@kirkhammerton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year,

**Leanne Eaton**

**Chair of Governors**





## CLUBS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> SPRING TERM

<b>Child/Children's Name:</b>		<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Breakfast club – 8 00 am - <b>£3.00</b>	£99.00					
Breakfast club - 8 15 am – <b>£2.00</b>	£66.00					
<b>Monday Club – Smarty Art –</b> 4 30 pm - Separate fee arrangement – information attached with permission slip <b>(£5.00 per session)</b>	£30.00					
<b>Tuesday – Sports - 4 30 pm</b> <b>£3.00 per session</b>	£18.00					
<b>Wednesday– Games 4 30 pm</b> <b>£2.50 per session</b>	£17.50					
<b>Thursday – Arts – 4 30 pm</b> <b>£2.50 per session</b>	£17.50					
<b>Friday – Film Club 4 30 pm</b> <b>£2.50 per session</b>	£17.50					

I give permission for my child/children to attend the above clubs and enclosed the costs to cover.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_





**Smarty Art After School Club – Staveley School**

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you to all our budding young artists who attended this term, we’ve had lots of fun creating and there’s been some amazing art pieces produced, well done!

Smarty Art is again offering an Art and Craft After School Club run by an experienced, qualified Teacher. The club is open to all children who wish to experiment, have fun and get messy!

Each session provides experiences to explore different materials and mediums. Next half term we will be looking at the work of Kandinsky, having a go at mono printing on fabric and modelling.

The sessions offer great opportunities to develop a variety of skills in a social and safe environment.

Sessions will run on a Monday 3.30-4.30p.m, commencing **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**. The course will run for **6 weeks**.

The cost is **£30 per child**, this covers the cost of materials involved and each child takes home their masterpieces.

If your child is interested in attending please complete the slip below and return with payment (Cheque made payable to Smarty Art) to the school Office by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January**, clearly marked Smarty Art.

Kind regards  
Fiona

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Name of child-----

Signature of Parent/Guardian-----

