

**Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools**  
**Headteacher Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to the Spring Term and a (belated) very happy New Year to you all! The children are now well and truly settled into the new term and are starting to explore their over-arching theme of 'Where in the World?' Should you have any personal experiences or family traditions that are connected to our theme of 'Where in the World?' that you are willing to share with your child's class, then please do contact your child's class teacher. We are keen to gather the experiences of those in our school communities that widen the children's knowledge of our wonderful world.



**New Children and Staffing News**

A very warm welcome to our new nursery starters, Jack Vanden, George Graham, Mairi Astill and Lilly Andrews and their families at Staveley.

Also a warm welcome to our new children and their families at Kirk Hammerton; Claire and Eva Rusted-McArdle in Reception and Year 3, Victor Broquet in Year 5 and Lynn Xu in Year 6.



At Staveley, Mrs Hobbins will be leaving us at the beginning of February to take up a new role as a nanny. Mrs Hobbins has been part of the school community at Staveley for 8½ years and has worked alongside many children and teachers. Whilst we are very sorry to see Mrs Hobbins leave us, I'm sure you will join me in wishing her every happiness in her new role.

**Dates and Reminders**

**Class 2 assembly** at Staveley – **18<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45 p.m.** – parents and carers very welcome

**Parents' Evenings** (both schools) – **6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February** \*see note below please

**Class 3 assembly** at Staveley – **8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45 p.m.** – parents and carers very welcome

Class 2 worship at Kirk – **13<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00 p.m.** – parents and carers very welcome

Celebration worship at Kirk – **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 a.m.** – parents and carers very welcome

**Celebration assembly, Staveley – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 p.m.** – parents/carers very welcome

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

**School begins for the second half term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Debating competition** for year 6 children (Staveley) – **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day – **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Celebration worship at Kirk – **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00 a.m.** – parents and carers very welcome

**Celebration assembly, Staveley – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30 p.m.** – parents and carers very welcome

**Please note the new time (not day) for the celebration assembly / worship during this term.**

**School finishes for the Easter holiday – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**School begins for the Summer Term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**



**\*Parents' Evening**

This year we would like the children in Years 5 and 6 to be part of the discussion during the Parents' Evening appointment. The conversation will still be mostly between the teacher and the parents/carers but will include the child. This is in line with their increasing accountability for their work and attitude towards their work. Appointments will continue to be made in the normal way but we would encourage you to bring your child along so that they can be part of the meeting.

Whilst we are happy for you to bring younger children along with you, we respectfully ask that they are equipped with a quiet activity to do whilst waiting for you and ask that you refrain young children from playing or using school equipment that is in the school hall. Thank you.

### National assessments for children in both schools



#### SATs for children in Year 6

The national SATs assessments will be carried out during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May. It is essential that all Year 6 children are in school all week and we ask you to ensure that no absences are planned for that week. Children in both schools will be carrying out after school revision clubs in order to help prepare them for sitting tests in order that children feel confident about the process of taking some tests.

#### SATs for children in Year 2

During May the children in Year 2 will be carrying out some assessments which add to the teacher assessment information. These assessments will be carried out as part of the daily work in school and not carried out as formal tests. There is no need for your child to do anything in addition to their normal daily / weekly routine.

#### Phonics test for children in Year 1 and 2

Children in Year 1 will be carrying out an assessment regarding their phonics knowledge and ability in June. Again there is nothing additional that the children need to do in preparation for this assessment. This will happen in school as part of the normal school routine. Some Year 2 children will also be taking the phonics test – your child’s teacher will inform you if this is the case for your child.

### Children’s News

#### Achievements

##### Star of the Week and Effort Shields



##### Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Claire Rusted-McArdle  
Class 2 Charlie Bowes-Graham  
Class 3 Joe Goodwin

##### Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Skye Vigurs-Pearson  
Class 2 Max Thompson  
Class 3 Luke Dennis  
Class 4 Daniel Atkins

##### Effort Shield

##### Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Arthur Hoggarth

##### Staveley Effort Shield

Eleanor Gibson

### Writing Competition

Before Christmas, children in both schools took part in a writing competition. The entries were judged by 2 governors; Mrs Eaton judged the entries at Staveley and Mr Holt judged the entries at Kirk. The judges were asked to focus on the quality of the content of the writing in addition to presentation and handwriting. Judging of the entries was taken very seriously; Class 3 at Staveley entries were even presented anonymously! The children who won first, second and third places were presented with certificates on Friday last week. They have also been asked to choose another prize in recognition of their efforts. The winning entries are displayed in the halls of both schools and will be available to view on Parents’ Evening when you visit school to speak with your child’s teacher.



## Writing Competition Winners

Reception 1 <sup>st</sup> place	Kirk Hammerton	Staveley	
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Martha Main	Class 1 - 1 <sup>st</sup>	William Holmes
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Luca Poran	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Skye Vigurs-Pearson
Years 1&2 1 <sup>st</sup> place	Esme Graham	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Laurence Denton
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Tessa Goodwin	Class 2 – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Olivia Majkowski
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Olivia Main	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Timur Aktas
Years 3&4 1 <sup>st</sup> place	Joseph Long	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Max Thompson
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Jan Gordan	Class 3 – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oliver Holt
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Beau Howard	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emily Holt
Years 5&6 1 <sup>st</sup> place	Archie Whittemore	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Freyr Procter
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Charlotte Burnett-Fisher		
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Seb Watkins-Wright	Class 4 – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Olivia Garner
	Barnie Bennett	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Evie Brophy
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Max Doswell

## Headlice

There has been a report of children having head lice in school recently and it is really important that we all work together to try and stop any further spread.

Please help to eradicate this problem quickly by checking your children's hair and treating if necessary. The advice from the school nurse is to routinely groom your child's hair using a nit comb (applying a little conditioner can ease the nit comb through the hair). Part the hair into sections for combing and don't forget the nape of the neck and behind the ears. If this is done on a VERY regular basis there should be no need to use solutions as infestations will not arise. Even if you do use a head lice treatment, it is advisable to continue checking your child's hair as there is no certainty that all the eggs will be destroyed. Check for baby head lice hatching out from eggs 3-5 days after treatment and again at 10-12 days.

Please check all your children and yourselves if necessary. It is important that everyone does this at the same time so please don't put it off!

## School Council News

The School Councils in both schools will be meeting next week. Meeting dates have been planned in for the rest of the school year. We are hoping that contact can soon be made with the School Council of Castleton School in Leeds in order to share their practice. More updates from the children to follow.

## "Scoty" – School Chef of the year 2017

With one hundred competitors having registered to take part in the 2017 competition from a number of regions across the UK. Our Cook, Mrs Lee Morland and has been very fortunate to reach the semi-finals taking place next week. The competition is organised by, LACA Lead Association for Catering in Education.

LACA national chair Sally Shadrack says: "What is the secret formula for the LACA School Chef of the Year Competition? School cooks with passion, dedication and oodles of culinary skill mixed together with delicious, nutritious dishes prepared with real flair using fresh ingredients!

The competition aims to put to the test the preparation, cooking, creativity and presentation skills of school chefs. With a maximum of £1.30 to spend and just one and a half hours to prepare their dishes, each entrant is required to produce a healthy, balanced two-course meal comprising a main course and dessert that would appeal to 11-year-olds in school.

Well done Mrs Morland and good luck next week.