

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near half term I am writing the last newsletter for this half term. The children at both schools have been involved with some exciting learning activities, including a very full and exciting day trip for Class 3 (Kirk) and Class 4 (Staveley) to Murton Park.



Dates and Reminders:

Celebration Assembly / Worship on Friday 21st October.

Parents are invited to join us for a Celebration of Work assembly where we will congratulate the Star of the Week and present the Effort Shield. Children will also be able to share some of the learning that has been happening in each classroom during the half term.

Times are as follows:

Celebration Assembly at Staveley, 9.00 a.m.

Celebration Worship at Kirk, 3.00 p.m.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATES – Open Morning for Prospective Parents

We have decided to move the date for the Open Morning for Prospective Parents. The new dates are as follows:

Thursday 24th November, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. at Kirk Hammerton

Friday 25th November, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. at Staveley

Change to Start of School Arrangements

After half term there will be a change to the way children come into school on a morning. At present parents/carers bring their children into the school playground for a start of school bell at 8.50 a.m. (Staveley) and 8.55 a.m. (Kirk). We are changing the procedure so that children will be able to enter school independently to start school by 8.50 a.m. At Staveley the school doors currently used as entry points for the children will be opened at 8.40 a.m. and the children will be able to enter school as soon as they arrive. They will be expected to organise their own belongings and come quietly and calmly into the classroom for a start of the day activity. Registration will start as normal at 8.50 a.m. We would ask that parents/carers continue to bring their child/children into the school playground as normal. **The starting time for the school day is not changing.** We will be trialing the new arrangements for children coming straight in on **Friday, 21st October at Staveley.** I will be outside school on that day to trial new arrangements.



Medication

Our policy for giving children medication has changed slightly. We can no longer give children any medication that is not prescribed. This means that any medication, such as calpol, cannot be given by members of staff in school. If you feel that your child needs a non-prescribed medication while they are at school, then a parent/carer or nominated person (grandparent, family friend etc) would need to come into school to give the medication.



Federation Update

As you will know from previous newsletters, the two governing bodies for Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools have formally agreed to federate. A new governing body, which will operate strategically across both schools, is in the process of being formed. We received three parent governor nominations, which requires us to hold a ballot. Ballot papers need to be returned to

school using the correct procedure (as outlined in the documentation sent with the ballot papers) by Friday 21st October. We have received one staff governor nomination.

The staff in school and current governors have been considering a name for the new Federation. We are considering either of the following:

The Federation of Staveley Community Primary School and Kirk Hammerton C of E Primary School

OR

TIG Federation– Togetherness Inspires Growth

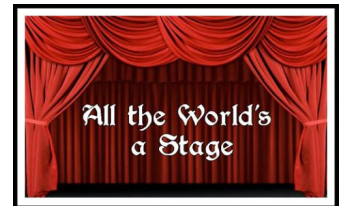
Staveley Community and Kirk Hammerton CE Primary Schools

We would welcome any thoughts, ideas and suggestions concerning the name for our federation, or simply just to say which name you prefer. Please email either Adele Collins (Staveley) or Becki Whittemore (Kirk Hammerton) with your suggestions.

Children's News

Achievements

Years 5 and 6 at Staveley have been involved with the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Joseph Rowntree Theatre. As I write Mr Howson is putting the finishing touches to their performance before they head off to the theatre for their performance this evening. In the school hall there is a 'rouges gallery' showing how the children in the class have been matched to their roles. Well done to all the children in Year 5 and 6 for their persistence in learning lines and for the way they have 'thrown' themselves into the whole activity.



Star of the Week and Effort Shields

Every Friday the children at both schools are involved in a celebration assembly / worship where learning and effort is celebrated. Children who have been mentioned this term are:



Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 Luca Poran and Arthur Hoggarth

Class 2 Louis Moore and George Barrington-Hirst

Class 3 Jan Gordon and Joseph Lamb

Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 Skye Vigurs-Pearson

Class 2 Charlie Tesseyman

Class 3 George Tesseyman and Ben Hogg

Class 4 Whole Class

Effort Shield

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield

Henry Bennett

Staveley Effort Shield

Ryan Chapman

Curriculum:



School Council

During the week beginning 17th October children will be asked to nominate themselves to be a class representative in the school council. It is important that children put themselves forward to be part of the school council if they feel they would like to represent the views and opinions of other children in the school. There is no compulsion for children to nominate themselves. We are running

this process in line with the formation of the new Governing Body for the Federation so that the 2 groups have a similar starting point. If your child decides to nominate him / herself they will need to prepare a short 'pitch' or speech to read / say in front of the children in their class as to why other children should vote for them. This will happen during the week beginning 31st October. A ballot will then be taken and a school council formed.

The school council will be made up of:

Staveley

Year 6 – 2 children

Year 5 – 2 children

Year 4 – 2 children

Year 3 – 2 children

Years 1 / 2 - 2 children

Kirk

Year 5/6 – 2 children

Year 3/4 – 2 children

Year 1/2 – 2 children

Children in EYFS will be involved with some activities run by the school council.

We are hoping to have our school councils formed by Friday 4th November.

As part of the formation of a new school council in both schools, we will be receiving a visit from children from Castleton School in Leeds, who have had an active school council for several years. The new school councils at Kirk Hammerton and Staveley will be able to learn from the children at Castleton Primary School about their programme of meetings, some of the projects that they have been involved in and why a school council is important to them. I am hoping that this link with children at Castleton can be built upon for other activities / reasons.

Samaritan's Purse

Please find attached Operation Christmas child leaflet – could any completed shoe boxes be returned to school no later than Friday, 4th November 2016. Many thanks.

Young Musicians Festival 2016 – The Rotary Club of Knaresborough

This event is part of the Rotary's National Young musicians competition anyone wishing to take part can collect an application form from the School Office before Friday, 21st October. We have been very fortunate to have had a past pupil that took part and won. Thank you.

Coats and PE Kits

As the weather is turning colder, please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. Children also need a full PE kit in school every day to ensure that they don't miss their PE lesson. The list of kit is available on the school website.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and relaxing half term holiday.

Liz Mellor