



Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools Headteacher Newsletter Friday 23rd June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy and exciting couple of weeks in school. Pen licences have been awarded, 'Carnival of the Animals' has been performed at Staveley Nature Reserve, Ukulele lessons have started, phonics screening tests have taken place, Open the Book Team have visited both schools, both Staveley and Kirk have held their Sports Days and this evening the children in KS 2 (both schools) are due to perform Captain Noah at Kirk Hammerton Church.

Sports Day

Sports Days took place at both schools this week. The children took part in a full day of physical challenges and skills, including competitive races. Great fun was had by all!! We were very proud of how the children conducted themselves during the day; the older children did a fabulous job of supporting the younger ones, especially during the morning activities. A real feature of our Sports Days this year was how the children worked co-operatively in their teams.

Thank you to all of the parents who helped out during the day of activities and a very special thank you to Miss Fraser for organising the event.

Carnival of the Animals

On 13th June Class 2 from both Staveley and Kirk met, alongside some children from Green Hammerton School, at Staveley Nature Reserve, for an outdoor musical experience. Both classes performed their interpretation of Carnival of the Animals, which they had been working on in school with Mr Brian Western. Mr Western currently works with the Chamber Orchestra in Harrogate. This event was a very special time, enjoyed by all the children. It was lovely to have the support of so many parents at this event – thank you for joining us.

Here are some of the children's comments:



"I enjoyed doing a performance outside" - Ewan

"I felt a bit nervous, but was proud of myself" - Lizzie-Anne

"I heard some animals" – Olivia

"At first I didn't feel I would be good at it but then I enjoyed playing the instruments" – Ellis

"I enjoyed listening" – Rebecca



School Website

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Gary Atkins for his tremendous help over the years in setting up and updating our school website. Your hard work has been much appreciated and we would like to express our thanks.

Ukulele

It has been a positive start to the lessons and the children are looking forward to future lessons in the coming weeks.

Pen Licences

During the last 2 weeks some of the children in school have been awarded their pen licence. Children are awarded a Pen Licence if they are consistently joining their letters and have developed a fluent handwriting style, for significant improvement and effort in terms of handwriting. Pen Licences won't be taken away from children, but there may be times when either a teacher suggests that a child uses pencil for a piece of work or where the child themselves chooses to use a pencil. For example, when they are needing to write quickly or where it is a first draft. Pen Licences will be awarded in a special assembly/worship. The children that have received pen licences in the last two weeks are:

Kirk

Charlotte Burnett-Fisher Yr 6
Barnie Bennett Yr 5
Jack Parnaby Yr 5
Seb Watkins-Wright Yr 6

Staveley

Olivia Garner Yr 6
Niall Huby Yr 6
Max Doswell Yr 6
Emily Holt, Sophie Holt Yr 4
Harry Gardner Yr 2

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 27th June – Year 6 children from both school to Crucial Crew (safety training)

Wednesday 28th June – Kirk whole school trip to Ripon to visit various churches

Monday 3rd July and Tuesday, 4th July – Bikeability for Year 6

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

W/B 10th July – End of Year reports and information about new classes for 2017 – 2018 to go out to parents

Thursday 13th July – Staveley Summer Concert, 6.00 pm.

Friday 14th July – Celebration Worship at Kirk Hammerton, 9.00 a.m.

Friday 14th July – Celebration assembly at Staveley, 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 19th July – Leavers' Celebration at Kirk – 2.00 p.m. * change of date

Thursday 20th July – Leavers' Celebration at Staveley – 2.00 p.m.

Friday 21st July – School finishes for the summer holiday

Tuesday 5th September - Start of term for children

INSET days for 2017 – 2018 academic year are shown below:

Monday 4th September

Monday 8th January

Monday 16th April

Monday 23rd July

Tuesday 24th July

School is closed to the children on these dates.

Over the next few weeks, transition visits will be taking place for children in Year 6 to visit their new schools.



Children's News

Achievements

Star of the Week and Effort Shields

Kirk Hammerton Stars of the Week

Class 1 - Merlin Rowell, Alfie Eaton

Class 2 - Hattie Talbot, Cassius Walsh

Class 3 - Emily Parnaby, Archie Whittemore, Minnie Moore, Ollie Eaton

Staveley Stars of the Week

Class 1 – Jonathan Dickinson

Class 2 – Rebecca Atkinson

Class 3 – Charlie Brophy, Ellie Majkowski, Jorge Dennis

Class 4 – Sophie Gentle, Olivia Garner

Writer of the week

Class 1 - Martha Main, Luca Poran

Class 2 - Amy Bushby, Jessica Taft

Class 3 - Lyn Xu, Ben Boothman

Class 1 - Elsa Sudron, James Dennis

Class 2 - Harry Gardner, Rebecca Atkinson

Class 3 - Emily Woods, Ruby Tranter

Class 4 – Maxine Wray, Finlay Doswell, Reuben Bradley

Effort Shield

Anna Whittemore, Claire Rusted McArdle

Faith Cundall, Ellis Cuthbert

FOSS – Summer BBQ

“School Summer BBQ Friday 7th July 6pm

Please remember to return booking slips and payment for your tickets for the BBQ to school by Friday 30th June. Those of you who have already returned your forms tickets will be distributed from next week. Any prizes for the tombola can be left at school – second hand books, toys, unwanted gifts all gratefully received.”

As always, should there be any issue which you would like to share/discuss with school please don't hesitate to contact either your child's teacher (in the first instance) or the school office.

Mrs Mellor