

Staveley and Kirk Hammerton Primary Schools
Headteacher Newsletter Friday 27th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this newsletter, the children in classes 1 and 2 at Kirk are in the school hall along with various animals, courtesy of Zoo Lab. So far they have seen – and some have been brave enough to touch - a rat, a large snail, an iguana and a snake! Photos will be available shortly! Thank you very much to Friends for funding this fabulous activity, which is linked to our studies on the Chinese New Year.

Some of the children from Staveley and Kirk have been busy preparing for the Dance Festival, happening on 15th February.

At Staveley, in addition to some PE teaching from Sporting Start (for KS2) we have a new after school club (on a Thursday) provided by Sporting Influence. We are also fortunate to have staff at both schools who are skilled in teaching PE and a new subject leader for PE, Miss Fraser (based at Kirk). Music tuition lessons continue to be provided in both schools through the NYCC Music Service. Currently there is keyboard, guitar (at Kirk) and flute and brass tuition in addition at Staveley.

Lunchtime Supervisor Role

Mrs Ward, Kirk Hammerton Lunchtime Supervisor, will be leaving us at the end of this half term. We are very sorry to be saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Ward, especially as she has been working at the school for 17 years! She is leaving to concentrate on other work and we wish her well with her new role. School will be recruiting for a new lunchtime supervisor. I would encourage anyone interested (every day or part of the week) to contact Mrs Whittemore in the school office, as we will be needing to put in a temporary arrangement in the first instance.



Dates and Reminders

Parents' Evenings (both schools) – **6th and 8th February**

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

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

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

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

School finishes for half term – Friday 17th February

School begins for the second half term – Monday 27th February

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

Debating competition for year 6 children (Staveley) – **Monday 20th March**

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March

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

Celebration assembly, Staveley – Friday 7th April at 2.30 p.m. – parents and carers very welcome

School finishes for the Easter holiday – Friday 7th April

School begins for the Summer Term – Monday 24th April

Children's News

Achievements

Star of the Week and Effort Shields



Stars of the Week 20/01/17

Class 1 Esme Graham

Class 2 Olivia Main

Class 3 Minnie Moore

Stars of the Week 27/01/17

Class 1 Grace Barrington-Hirst

Class 2 Hattie Talbot

Class 3 Elsie Wilson

Effort Shield

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield 20/01/17

Jack Parnaby

Kirk Hammerton Effort Shield 27/01/17

Jessica Taft



Staveley

Stars of the Week 20/1/17

Class 1 Laurence Denton

Class 2 Ewan Taylor and Harry Gardner

Class 3 Emily Woods

Class 4 Max Doswell

Stars of the Week 27/1/17

Class 1

Class 2 Charlie Tesseyman

Class 3 Ruby Tranter

Class 4 Sophie Gentle

Effort Shield

Staveley Effort Shield 20/01/17

Max Doswell

Staveley Effort Shield 27/01/17

Laurence Denton

Writer of the Week

Last Friday saw the introduction of our new weekly award, Writer of the Week. This could be awarded to a child for an excellent piece of writing, some significant improvement in either the content of their writing or their handwriting and / or their positive attitude towards their written work. Both staff and children were very excited about the new award and keen to find out who would be the first to achieve. Well done to the following children for their excellent work and attitude towards their writing learning:

20th February

	Kirk Hammerton
Class 1	Alfie Eaton
Class 2	George Barrington-Hirst
Class 3	Madelyn Fall

Staveley

Class 1	James Dennis
Class 2	Jack Curnow
Class 3	Rowan Tennant
Class 4	Rueben Bradley

27th February

Class 1	Isabelle Taft
Class 2	Austin Horsfield
Class 3	Ollie Eaton

Class 1	Faith Green
Class 2	Willow Ross-Lee
Class 3	Ben Hogg
Class 4	Niall Huby

Kirk

The School Council agreed that the children in school would like some safe locks to be fitted to the toilet doors. Henry Bennett and Jack Parnaby spoke with Mrs Whittemore about this and she has found some possible locks to purchase. We are wondering if there is a parent who could help us to

decide which locks are best and also could fit them. If you are willing and able to help school with this or know of someone else who could do this, then please contact Mrs Whittemore.

Staveley

Children in both school councils have written a letter of introduction to the school council at Castleton School in Leeds. The letters will be sent by email very soon.

The minutes of the School Council meetings are kept in the entrance hall in each school.

Bags2school Collection

Staveley - collection date Monday, 13th February.