

## Staveley C.E. Primary School

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*"Committed to developing every child's full potential"*

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### End of Term Letter

Dear Parents

I can't quite believe that it is nearly the end of term, the time has flown by and we have packed quite a lot in. The children and staff are definitely all ready for a break as it has been a very busy term. I would like to thank all our families for your support and understanding over the term.

As a Local Authority school, and whilst Mr Foxwell has been absent, our general advisor has been making some regular visits and is very pleased with the work we have been doing.

At the beginning of the term we set out our School Development Plan which prioritises key areas for the school team to work on. I am very pleased with the progress we have made and wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate our achievements.

This term has seen the introduction of Lunchtime Helpers and Lunchtime Clubs, both of which the children engage well with. They love the tabards and being given a role of responsibility. They have certainly risen to the challenge.

The shed has been a great addition and means that playground equipment is more easily accessible. The children still love using the Outdoor Gym equipment and surprisingly there haven't been any arguments!

We have got more plans on the horizon for our outside areas - watch this space!

In KS2 we have introduced Forest Friday and we kick started this with Jamie Normington from Cumbria Wildlife Trust. Each class had a fantastic session with him and are looking forward to some better weather so we can go out into Craggy Wood.

We continue to provide children with a variety of learning experiences. The children and staff have enjoyed some fantastic trips and visitors; Sizergh Castle, County Show, KS1 theatre trip, Thor the Viking, Musical in a Day at QKS, Roman Residential to Birdoswald, to name a few. Music provision in school has been recognised by the Music Hub with our Music Mark Award. We have a lot of talented musicians in our school. We have also attended many sporting events and had a visit from a Commonwealth Games Silver medallist.

Our STEM theme week was very well received by our children and it was fantastic to see so many parents packed into the hall looking at what we had been doing.



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Open Afternoon was a huge success and there were lots of lovely comments about how bright and stimulating school is looking.

We continue to sponsor Chan Srey Roth through Helping Hands Cambodia. The money we are sending is making a huge difference and she is progressing really well. As well as making a difference to her education, it is making a real difference to family life too. Thank you to all for the contributions being made via the jam jars in the classrooms.

From January 2019, Mrs Roberts will be reducing her teaching commitment. We have appointed Mrs Liz Moffat who will be sharing the class with her. Mrs Roberts will continue to organise PE events in school and will continue to be an important part of the life of our school. We are excited to be welcoming Mrs Moffat into our staff team and she is looking forward to working with Year 6 and being part of our school.

Unfortunately, Mrs Curry will no longer be working in Class 5 and I would like to say a big thank you to her for all her hard work with the class. Mrs Curry has been involved with Staveley School in one way or another for a number of years and I know she will come back to us as some point.

Don't forget it is our Christingle Service in church on Friday at 1.30pm and school will finish after the service.

Spring term will begin on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

On behalf of everyone in school, I would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and hope you all have a lovely Christmas break. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year for another busy term.

Best Wishes

Miss Lisa Strange



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