

Staplehurst School

NEWSLETTER



School Improvement Plan 2015-2016

REVIEW

Raise attainment of all pupils especially in Reading and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS)

REFLECT

Improve communication with parents and increase parental involvement

ACTION

Promote personal development and welfare of all pupils

IMPACT

Staplehurst School is an inclusive community and we do not tolerate bullying – race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age.

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school!

The children have settled well and are working hard, the sun is still quite strong so I would like to remind parents to apply sun screen and provide caps and water bottles please to ensure pupils are kept safe and hydrated.

New starters

We would like to offer a very warm Staplehurst School welcome to our new Early Years children who start on Monday and to several new pupils who joined the rest of the school at the start of term. We hope you enjoy a very happy experience with us here at school.

Roald Dahl Week

We are celebrating 'Roald Dahl week' by inviting a sculpture to work in school from Tuesday to Friday of next week, and this is to be totally funded by school. Each child from Years 1 to 6 will have the opportunity to make large pieces of art work which will be placed in the corridors for all to admire. (Your child's class teacher may ask you to provide an old shirt to protect their school uniform from paint and glue).

We are also asking children in Years 1-6 to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character on Friday 16 September.

We hope the children will enjoy this exciting week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Nearly every family will have been affected by cancer and each and every one of us will understand the need to fund raise in support of this very worthwhile charity. We will be fundraising by holding a coffee morning. More information to follow.

Cathy Farthing
Headteacher

SCHOOL PICK UP FORMS

If you have not yet completed the form giving confirmation of your child's pick up details, forms are available from the school office. Children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home or meet parents at a strategic collection point. Children in Years R to 4 must be collected from the classroom door.

ROALD DAHL DRESS UP

On Friday 16 September children in Years 1-6 are invited to dress up as a character from one of Roald Dahl's books.

NEW ASSEMBLY ROTA

The New Assembly Rota, starting from September, will be issued as soon as possible. There was no assembly for parents today and the rota will commence on Friday 16 September.

SNACKS

Please can we remind you that pupils in KS2 are not provided with break time fruit snacks. If you are sending your child into school with a snack please can it be either fruit or vegetables. No cereal bars that may contain nuts.

ATTENDANCE

The Department for Education's target for attendance is 96%. We always strive for 100%.

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 5 September was **98.66%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to Geckos, Koalas, Sea Otters, Ravens, Lemurs, Scorpions, Tigers & Lions who all achieved a fantastic 100% attendance.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 12/09/16 Years 4, 5, 6, 3

w/c 19/09/16 Years 5, 6, 3, 4

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Please may we remind you that ALL medication MUST be handed into the office and NEW forms will need to be completed.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Apologies but due to staff changes the Club List for this Autumn Term is not quite ready and we will endeavour to send it out as soon as possible.

You should have received, by email, the Premier Sport Clubs List for this Autumn Term and their booking system remains the same, along with their contact details. Copies are also available from the office.

The Lucy Robins School of Dance lessons will recommence on Monday 19 September. There are still

some spaces available so please do pop along and speak with them if your child is interested in attending.

Please note some school-led after school sports clubs may be cancelled at short notice due to bad weather. This is because fee paying clubs, e.g. Premier Sport take priority. If we need to cancel a club we will send a text message.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN SESSIONS

There is a list, in Reception, of the dates for the various Secondary School's Open Events.

SCHOOL NURSING

The School Health Service continues to offer support and advice about a range of issues including bed-wetting, healthy lifestyles and behaviour. To contact School Nursing, telephone 01622 226061 or email kcht.maidstoneschoolnurses@nhs.net.

PAYMENTS

Please may we remind you that any cash/cheque payments sent into school must be in a sealed envelope with the **child's name, class, amount and what the payment is for**, written clearly on the envelope. Thank you for your cooperation.

PTA NEWS

PTA MEETING

The date of the next PTA meeting is on Monday 19 September, 7pm at school. As a parent at Staplehurst School, you are automatically a member of the PTA. The committee meet on a regular basis to make plans to hold fun events to help raise funds for the school. In past years, the PTA have raised money to provide Laptops, fluorescent jackets for the whole school and much, much more. All parents are more than welcome to come along to the meetings and it would great to see some new faces.

NEXT EVENT

Pamper night 11 November 7.30 -10pm If you are interested in having a stall at our Pamper Night then please contact Jo Kerley on 01580 890543 or email staplehurstschoolpta@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARITY FAMILY FUN DAY

Tomorrow from 12 noon at the Kings Head, Staplehurst there will be a Family Fun Day in support of a local child Kai Nell who has Blood Cancer. There is a BBQ, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Beat the Goalie and Crafting Session. There is also an amazing Raffle and Auction Prizes. So please do call in and offer your support to help raise valuable funds. Thank you.

CHAPEL LANE PRE SCHOOL

Chapel lane Pre-school is now open Mondays and Friday 9 am- 12 noon and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 9am – 3pm. Spaces are still available. Open day in September, date to be confirmed. To receive more information about Chapel Lane Pre-School please go to www.chapellanepreschool.org.uk or to book a place, please telephone Sally on 01580 892807 or email chapel.lane@hotmail.com.

STAPLEHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Staplehurst Autumn Flower Show is tomorrow 10 September. All entries if not already handed in must be at the village centre bright and early. The Autumn Show opens to the public at 2pm, when the results of the Sunflower Challenge will be announced. Entry and parking are free. Prize giving starts at 4pm.

STAPLEHURST MODEL RAILWAY EVENT

The Staplehurst Model Railway Event is being held at the Village Hall on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September. They are still in need of some help so why not pop along and see if you can help.

MAIDSTONE U11 FOOTBALL TRIALS

This is for our current Year 6 boys only. On September 13, 14 and 15 Football trials are due to take place at Penenden Heath, for this season's Football District Team. Please arrive at 4.45pm for a 5.15pm start. Finish is at 6.30pm. Please come in your football kit and bring water proofs if wet and a drink. If interested please send an email with your son's name, date of birth, current school, playing position, left or right foot, current Sunday team or Academy. Contact Andrew Lofting 07876202521 email andrew.lofting@btinternet.com.

DIARY DATES

Friday 16 September

Yrs 1-6 Roald Dahl character dress up day

Monday 19 September

PTA Meeting 7pm

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October

Half Term

Wednesday 2 November

Individual and Family Photographs (Staplehurst School children only)

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

ADMIN

Online payments

This is the preferred method. Please pay online for School Dinners, Breakfast Club, Trips, Swimming, Uniform and Equipment.

Dinner Money queries and payments

Please contact Maxine on 07501 007835.