

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

IMPACT

Promote personal development and welfare of all pupils

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

SCHOOL NEWS

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

We are holding a series of Meet the Teacher sessions after school next week and the week after. The sessions start at 3.30pm as follows:

Year 6	Monday 26 Sep
Year 5	Tuesday 27 Sep
Year 4	Wednesday 28 Sep
Year 3	Thursday 29 Sep
Year 2	Monday 3 Oct
Year 1	Tuesday 4 Oct

Please come along and meet your child's teacher and find out what the children will be learning this term.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be holding a coffee afternoon on Friday 14 October at 3.30pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Our catering company, The Contract Dining Company, has very kindly agreed to donate all the refreshments for this event. This means all the money raised will go to Macmillan. More information to follow.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 19 September was 95.17%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to 1G Geckos who achieved a fantastic 99.57% attendance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA

If your child has been diagnosed with Asthma you should, have received forms from school so that we can update our records. It is very important that you return these so that we know what to do in the event of your child being wheezy or having an asthma attack. If your child uses an inhaler and you have not received these forms, please speak to the office staff.

MORNING DROP OFF

For the safety of our children, please wait outside the main gate until the first bell sounds. This is because the playground area is not staffed until 8.35am. Thank you.

ROALD DAHL DRESS UP

Last Friday the children in Years 1-6 dressed up as characters from Roald Dahl's books to celebrate his 100th birthday. The children all enjoyed thinking about the stories and then deciding on whom to base their costume. There were some interesting characters.



PUPIL PREMIUM

Do you receive any of the following benefits?

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you so, you qualify for Pupil Premium which means your child/ren is/are entitled to:

Free school trips

Free breakfast at Breakfast Club

Free school milk

Assistance towards the purchase of uniform and equipment

Paid swimming sessions

Free school meals if your child is in Years 3-6

If you would like more information please speak to the office or FLO in complete confidence.

ONLINE SAFETY

Do you know what your child is doing online? Do you understand the different social media, apps and games that young people use? From Instagram and Snapchat to ooVoo and Tumblr, Net Aware is a simple no-nonsense guide for parents and teachers from the NSPCC and O2. Parents can sign up to a newsletter and receive updates on the newest sites and apps to be aware of at net-aware.org.uk.

Within school, Mrs Murray has lead responsibility for online safety as part of her safeguarding role. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything, please feel free to come and see her.

WILD WEST THURSDAY CHANGE OF MENU

On Thursday 6 October The Contract Dining Company are changing the menu to a Wild West Theme. The Menu will be:-

Chicken Strips with Barbeque Sauce

Quorn Sausages

Jacket Wedges, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans

Vanilla Ice Cream

Fruit Pots

Yogurts

So why not have a Ye Ha Time and have a school dinner!

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
Friday 30 Sep	Year 2	Year 4
Friday 7 Oct	Year 1	Year 3
Friday 14 Oct	Year 2	Year 6
Friday 21 Oct	Year 1	Year 5

PARKING

Like so many schools, Staplehurst School continues to have issues with parking and increased traffic in the area at the beginning and end of each school day.

Please do not stop or wait on the yellow zig zagged area outside the school. Please park with consideration for residents and other road users and consider your speed when approaching the school in case of any small children or pedestrians that may suddenly step out. The informal one way system that aids movement outside the school is a helpful solution that many parents follow.

If you have any other suggestions as to how we can help ensure the safety of the children at Staplehurst School and you, as parents and carers bringing them to school, we would be very glad to hear them.

REPORTING TO THE OFFICE

It is sometimes necessary to collect children during the day for medical appointments. Please ensure you report straight to the office – this ensures that in the event of an emergency we know who is present on the premises.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 26/09/16 Years 6, 3, 4, 5

w/c 03/10/16 Years 3, 4, 5, 6

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child requires medication during the school day please ensure medicine is handed into the office and forms need to be completed.

YR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You can apply for a place online at <https://ola.kent.gov.uk> or paper application forms are available from the school office.

The national closing date is **Monday 31 October 2016**.

The National Offer Day is **Wednesday 1 March 2017**. Emails are sent after **4pm** and letters are sent **1st class**.

Places should be accepted or declined by **16 March 2017**.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN SESSIONS

There is a list, in Reception, of the dates for the various secondary schools' open events.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

Due to internal staff changes we currently have vacancies for Midday Supervisors. The vacancies may suit someone who has been, or would be interested in becoming, first aid trained. If you are interested in joining our hardworking team of lovely ladies, please contact Andrea Baker in the office to discuss.

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.

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.

PTA NEWS

PTA AGM

The next PTA meeting and AGM will be on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

You will have received an email on Tuesday and on Wednesday your child should have brought home a letter and instructions to produce a Christmas card design. The designs and money need to be back in school by Wednesday 28 September at the latest. We look forward to seeing some wonderful designs.

NEXT EVENT

Pamper Night on 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

STAPLEHURST MODEL RAILWAY EVENT

The extremely popular Staplehurst Model Railway Event is being held at the Village Hall tomorrow Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September. They are still in need of some help so why not pop along and offer your services?

WEDDING FAYRE

Tomorrow, Saturday 24 September at the All Saints Church from 10:45am to 4pm, there will be a Wedding Fayre. Refreshments are available and all proceeds from this goes to the church. A fashion show will start at 2pm.

POTTERY AT THE FREE CHURCH CAFE

The ever popular Doodlebugs Pottery will be visiting the cafe at Staplehurst Free Church on Saturday 1st October. Between 11am and 3pm you can choose your pottery and enjoy a relaxing, creative time. Your artwork will then be glazed, fired and returned to you a week or so later looking amazing. While you are being creative, the cafe staff will be serving the usual range of snacks, light lunches, drinks and cakes. If you've never tried before, why not make this your first visit?

MESSY CHURCH – STAPLEHURST URC

On 1 October at URC, from 3:30 - 6pm, an afternoon of games and crafts followed by a short service and tea. This month it's all on the theme of Salt & Light. There'll be a candle cake to make, lighthouses to design and create, salt paintings and salt dough, as well as other activities, all on the theme of being salt & light and making a difference in our world. A warm welcome to everyone!

CHAPEL LANE PRE-SCHOOL

Chapel Lane Pre-school is now open Mondays and Fridays 9am-12 noon and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-3pm. Spaces are still available. Open Afternoon, Wednesday 28th September, 1pm to 2.30pm. 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.

THE LEARNING TREE

Staplehurst and Sissinghurst have spaces available. They are open every morning and some afternoons. Contact Anna Reiss on 01797 260843 or 07870 213952 or email annalearningtree@btinternet.com.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4 October

PTA Meeting 7pm

Thursday 13 October

Year 5 Herstmonceux Science Observatory Trip

Friday 14 October

3.30pm Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 19 October

Year 6 Museum of Kent Life Trip

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October

Half Term

Wednesday 2 November

Individual and family photographs (Staplehurst School children only)

Wednesday 4 January 2017

Spring Term begins

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Early Years News

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.

School Uniform

Uniform can be ordered and paid for online (orders will be sent home with your child). The Uniform Shop is open anytime, but **please avoid Monday mornings and Friday afternoons**. Thank you.