

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

YEAR 6 MAKING GREEK VASES

Our Year 6 pupils, as part of their class topic, have been very creative making Greek vases out of papier mâché:



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Assembly will take place on Thursday 13 October (sorry, this is not open to parents). This will be a whole school assembly. The charity this year is Maidstone Christian Care, a local charity that helps the homeless by providing a Day Care Centre and help with long-term housing. It has been suggested that the following items are suitable for donating: **long-life milk, dried potato, baby food, coffee, tea, peanut butter, marmite, long-life juice, pot noodles and tinned food, but NO fresh produce please.**

To find out more about the charity you can visit www.homelesscare.org. If you would like to donate an item, please send it in to Reception on Wednesday 12 or Thursday 13 October. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
Friday 14 Oct	Year 2	Year 6
Friday 21 Oct	Year 1	Year 5

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

An invitation was sent out last week informing you that 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 and we have agreed to pay for the catering staff to attend. This means ALL the money raised will go straight to Macmillan. Please help support this very worthy cause.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 26 September was 95.86%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to EY3 Ladybirds who achieved a fantastic 99.05% attendance.

SCHOOL PICK UP

It has been noted that when parents with younger children are collecting from rooms 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 that some of the siblings are climbing on the play equipment and pulling on the branches. May we please ask that the children do not use this equipment as it is age appropriate and we would not like them to be injured. Thank you for your co-operation.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Now that the weather is more unpredictable and is turning colder please can you ensure that your child has a NAMED warm, waterproof coat in school.

CHILDCARE SURVEY

As part of Staplehurst School's parental engagement strategy, the Governing Body are interested in the needs of its parents who have children requiring childcare while they are at work before and after normal school hours. As a school we are exploring providing wrap-around care and an on-site pre-school. Please take time to complete the survey that was emailed home this week and return it by Friday 14 October. All answers will be kept confidential and reported in such a way that no one can be identified.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 10/10/16 Years 4, 5, 6, 3
w/c 17/10/16 Year 2 5, 6, 3, 4

COUGH SWEETS & LIP BALMS

Please may we remind you that children are NOT allowed to have cough sweets, lip balms or any other over-the-counter remedies with them. If you feel they do need to have them during the day, ALL items must be handed in to the office and you must complete a form giving permission for them to be administered. These are NOT sweets and MUST be treated as medication. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL SPORTS KIT

If your child has brought home any of the sponsored School Sports Kit, please can you kindly return it to the school.

CORRECT UNIFORM

Please may we remind you that the sock/tights dress code for the children is:- grey/black socks for the boys and the girls may wear white/grey socks or grey tights. Thank you for your co-operation.

EARLY BIRD – BEAM

To all parents with children who do Early Bird BEAM. BEAM sessions have now started. If your child is part of one of the early bird sessions, they need to meet in the Infant Hall at 8.35am. Please use the door by the entrance gate and one of the staff will let you in

KENT SCHOOL HEALTH TEAM – YEAR 6

We emailed a leaflet to Year 6 parent/carers from Kent School Health Team asking you to complete an online questionnaire. The link to access the questionnaire is:- <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/year-6-parent-questionnaire>

The aim of the questionnaire is to identify and address any unmet health needs prior to your child leaving primary school and entering secondary school, in line with the Healthy Child Programme.

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**.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FOLDER

We are now quickly approaching half term and we have already had notification of some holiday activities. There is a folder in reception with all the information we have received so far, so please do come and have a look.

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.

PTA NEWS

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM was held on Tuesday evening and we would like to thank all those who came along.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The PTA would like to thank everyone for placing orders for Christmas and for the beautiful art work that came in. The orders are now being processed.

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.

DIARY DATES

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)

Friday 18 November

Children In Need

Wednesday 4 January 2017

Spring Term begins

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Early Years News

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Invitation

Do you know what your child is doing on the internet or via their mobile phones?

YouTube guide for parents

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.