

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Yesterday was our Harvest Festival. The children brought in tins of produce to help support this year's chosen charity – Maidstone Christian Care. This is always a beautiful assembly and the children really enjoyed donating items.



DIVERSITY DAY

Today the school spent an hour celebrating diversity within Staplehurst School. The children took part in discussions and activities suited to their age group, thinking of how many ways we are different and how lucky we are to have this diversity amongst us.

CLOWNS

I am sure you are aware of the current clown craze sweeping up and down the country. The children may be upset by this and so we have tried to reassure them by holding PSHE lessons and discussing the matter sensitively. Please could we ask that you also reassure your child/ren and remind them that if they are worried they should talk to someone they trust, e.g. a parent or teacher. Cathy Farthing.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

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

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

This afternoon, after school, we held our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. The cakes were exceedingly delicious and the event was very well attended by parents, grandparents, children and staff. The refreshments were provided by The Contract Dining Company so all the proceeds go directly to Macmillan



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and the total amount raised for this worthy charity will be announced shortly.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 10 October was 94.29%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to 5L Lemurs who achieved 98.96% attendance.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Slips for the Parent and SEN Consultations have been sent home with your child today. Please note the consultations will take place in the Junior Hall.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

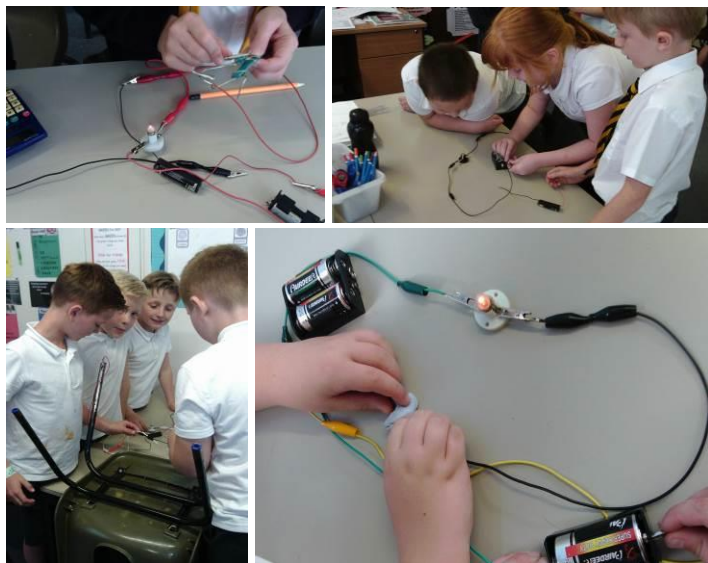
Now that the weather is more unpredictable and is turning colder please can you ensure that your child has a NAMED warm, waterproof coat in school every day.

MATHS COMPETITION

Today four Year 6 pupils entered the Oakwood Park Grammar Inter Primary School Maths Team Competition. Twenty-two schools took part and, as defending champions, we were hoping to retain the title, however, the level of competition was really high. But we would like to say well done to our budding mathematicians; Gilly, Richard, Tilly and Lilli. Well done.

YEAR 4 GET TECHNICAL

This week Class 4R investigated which materials were conductors and insulators to make their circuits work. Then they tried inventing their own switches to turn their circuits on and off.



SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 30/10/16 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

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/black or navy tights. Thank you for your co-operation.

STUDENT COUNCIL

This week the Student Council discussed:

- Harvest Festival and reminded their class to bring in donations
- Children in Need theme and have some research to do
- Complaints Procedure for children and whether we need one

An update will follow next week.

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**.

CHILDCARE SURVEY

We would like to thank all those who took part in the Childcare Survey; all answers were informative and will be kept confidential. This information will help us greatly in exploring the possibility of providing wrap-around care and an on-site pre-school. Thank you once again for your assistance.

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.

PTA NEWS

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.

NEXT MEETINGS

A meeting is being held on Tuesday 1 November at 7pm in the Kings Head to discuss Christmas and the Pamper Evening.

The next PTA meeting is being held on Tuesday 15 November at 6.30pm here at Staplehurst School.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

Football Five Star will be running another soccer school at Jubilee Field during half term between 24 and 26 October. Their first one, back in May half term was very successful with 50 children taking part. You can find more details at <http://www.footballfivestar.co.uk/>.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 19 October

Year 6 Museum of Kent Life Trip

Parent Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

SEN Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 20 October 2016

Parent Consultations 5pm – 7.30pm

SEN Consultations 5pm – 7.30pm

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October

Half Term

Wednesday 2 November

Individual and family photographs (Staplehurst School children only)

Friday 11 November

Pamper Evening Junior Hall – 7.30pm – 10pm

Tuesday 15 November

PTS Meeting – 6.30pm

Friday 18 November

Children in Need

Thursday 1 December

Early Years Disco

Friday 2 December

PTA Disco 5.00 – 6.15pm, Years 1 – 3

PTA Disco 6.45 – 8.15pm, Years 4 – 6

Wednesday 21 December

KS2 Christmas Concert at All Saints Church – KS2 parents are welcome

Autumn Term ends

Wednesday 4 January 2017

Spring Term begins

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.

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.