

Staplehurst School



NEWSLETTER

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

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 1 VISIT THE VILLAGE

On Wednesday Year 1 classes went for a walk around the village to explore the local area and know more about the community. The children looked at the different types of buildings and also the services we have in the village, for example the library, Post Office and Church. The children were very well behaved and enjoyed their visit. The teachers would like to thank all the parents who came along to help as these visits could not take place without your support.



SCHOOL ENTRANCE

In the interest of safety the main school entrance gates will be locked at 8.50am. All children should be in school by 8.45am.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Slips for the Parent and SEN Consultations have been sent home with your child this week. We do still have some spaces available so if you have not yet made an appointment please contact the office.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ALL SAINTS CHURCH – SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

We sent a letter home recently about an invitation for our pupils to read the 'List of the Fallen' at this year's village Remembrance Service on Sunday 12 November in All Saints' Church.

We hope as many of you will want to participate in this very moving occasion.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Thursday 19 October in our Junior Hall (sorry this is not open to parents). Both Andrew and Silke will be here to preside over the service. This year, all donations will be given to Maidstone Day Care Centre and a representative from the organisation will also be present. We kindly ask for donations **of tinned goods and packets of dry food including pasta, soups, beans, sauces etc** but NO fresh produce please. We also ask that you check all food is within its best before date. If you would like to donate an item please send it in with your child by Thursday. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

YEAR 5 IS TOTALLY COSMIC!

Year 5 has been learning about Earth and Space this term, as well as reading the novel "Cosmic" by Frank Cottrell Boyce in Literacy. As part of their home learning, the children have produced these amazing solar system models - and these great space themed cupcakes.



DONATIONS PLEASE

If anyone has any old CDs they no longer want please bring them into the office as they can be used in our sensory room.

PARENT COUNCIL

Further to the letter sent out with last week's newsletter the time has come for volunteers to step forward for the new Parent Council and we are asking for 2 people from each class to share in this new venture. The Council will meet at least 3 times a year and focus on specific objectives which they feel, as a group, will bring about positive change for the pupils at the school.

If you feel that you are able to make a consistent and positive contribution to this new forum then please complete the slip below and return it to your class teacher via the contact book. If more than 2 parents from a class step forward then it will be down to the class teacher to draw names from a hat.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Victoria Laslett via the Inclusion Team.

COMPLAINTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

At Staplehurst School we strive to achieve the best for all of our children, however we recognise that on some occasions you may feel that we could have done better.

We would be grateful if parents do not use social media to raise complaints but instead we encourage you to come into school and speak with us in the first instance so that we can understand your concerns and help solve the problem as soon as possible. Complaints on social media can be damaging for the school, its staff and most importantly the pupils.

If you still feel that the issue has not been dealt with appropriately then we will provide you with a copy of our Complaints Procedures.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
20 Oct	Year 1	Year 5
3 Nov	Year 2	Year 4
10 Nov	Year 1	Year 3
17 Nov	Year 2	Year 6
24 Nov	Year 1	Year 5

FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed the parents of children in Year 2 who joined us for a cup of coffee and chat after the Celebration Assembly. The children were pleased to be able to show off their work as an extra celebration of their achievements. Next week we look forward to welcoming parents from Year 1.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 9 October was **95.1%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **3S and 6L** who achieved a fantastic **100%**.

NEW MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

We are excited to inform you about a new school club starting on Wednesday 1 October. Musical Theatre Club will incorporate singing, dancing and acting, looking at well-known musicals such as Annie, Matilda, Mama Mia, Oliver and much more. Suitable for children in Years 1-6 and is a fantastic class to boost your child's confidence whilst channelling their creativity. It will run from 3.20 to 4.10 and be held in the Junior Hall.

For further information or to book a space please contact jack.star.davidson@googlemail.com. The cost for the club is £35 per half term.

GARDENING CLUB

Next week will be the last Gardening Club session for this year. The Club will start again in the late Spring/early Summer Term and letters will be sent out nearer the time.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 16.10.17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4
w/c 30.10.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

ONLINE SAFETY GROUP – PARENT REP

We are looking for a new parent representative to join the Online Safety Group which meets about three times a year. This role helps the school by providing a parental perspective on this extremely important issue and keeping our children safe online. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the office. The next meeting is in January.

POETRY COMPETITION

The books for the poetry competition in Year 2 last year arrived this week and have been sent home with the children who ordered copies. It's not too late to order a copy so please speak to Miss O'Brien or the office if you wish to do so. We do have a copy at school if you would like to view beforehand.

DRIVING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

It has been noticed an increasing number of parents driving through the goods entrance gate to drop children off, and then reversing out of the gate whilst children are trying to come in. On Tuesday a car nearly hit a couple of children walking in through the gate. **ONLY** parents with special requirements have permission to enter the school premises with their vehicles. Thank you for your co-operation.

YR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You can apply for a place online at

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

or paper application forms are available from the school office.

The closing date is **Tuesday 31 October 2017** (parents of children who took the Kent Test (11+) will be notified of the results on **Thursday 12 October**).

The National Offer Day is **Wednesday 1 March 2018**. Emails are sent after **4pm** and letters are sent **1st class**.

Places should be accepted or declined by **Thursday 15 March 2018**.

PTA NEWS

Calling all local businesses, Parents and Talented individuals, WE NEED YOU!

The PTA is looking for Stall holders for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9 December, 12pm to 3pm.

If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to Rebecca Piggott or Anita Moore.

FUN LABELS

The PTA has created a link with a company My Name Tags, where you can order online and each order generates money for the school. You can place orders by going to www.MyNametags.com using School ID 35906. The name tags are multipurpose and may be used on any item, not just clothing.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HEALTH FEST AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Tomorrow, Saturday 14 October from 1.30pm – 4.30pm there will be Complimentary therapies, Alternative Health Experts, Yoga and Pilates Classes, Health and Wellbeing Stands, Fresh Juice Bar and Healthy Snacks at All Saints' Church. Tickets cost £5 and include a taster class or you can upgrade to £10 for a mini therapy as well. Tickets are available from SHC Chiropractic, Helen's Coffee House or by phoning 07896 574707

This event is in aid of All Saints' Church who extends a very warm welcome to everyone!

SENSATIONAL KIDS CLUB

Every Wednesday in term time, between 3.30 and 5pm the Skids Club meets at Staplehurst Free Church.

This is a club for the whole family to attend and is aimed at those families who have a child with special education needs or any family member with a disability or long term illness. Children are able to run around, play or do crafts in the safe, inclusive environment while parents can have a cuppa, chat and give each other moral support. For more information see Facebook or the Free Church website.

CIRCUS COMES TO STAPLEHURST

Millbrook Garden Centre in Staplehurst has lots of tricks and treats in store this October half-term!

Roll up, roll up, roll up, Paulo's circus is coming to Millbrook Garden Centre in Staplehurst from Wednesday 25 to Sunday 29 October. One of the UK's oldest Circus families, Paulo's Circus, will be showcasing a brand new thrilling autumn show, promising to create unforgettable circus memories for the family young and old alike. Each show features; clowns, acrobats, aerial skills, magic, wire walkers, jugglers, unicyclists, and many, many more amazing acts. Tickets cost £7 per person and can be booked instore or online. To find out more visit: <http://www.millbrookgc.co.uk/whats-on/staplehurst/circus-staplehurst>

FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

Football Five Star will be running another of their popular holiday courses at Jubilee Sports Field on Thursday 26 October. The previous courses back in August were very well supported with nearly 60 children attending on both days. You can book your child's place on their website <http://www.footballfivestar.co.uk/>

STAPLEHURST FAMILY FIREWORKS

Staplehurst Family Fireworks are proud to present the village's 1st annual event on Saturday 4 November at the Jubilee Field. They will be bringing entertainment, food delights, an amazing Haunted House Bonfire and, of course, a great fireworks display! More details available on Facebook (Staplehurst Family Fireworks) and tickets can be bought at the school gates most afternoons until the event (also available from Jumeria, Hair Boutique & King's Head).

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 17 October

Year 5 Trip to Herstmonceux

Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Autumn Half Term

Thursday 19 October (note change of date)

Michael Walter Author Visit

Wednesday 1 November

Individual Photographs

Monday 6 November

Reception 2018 Tours of the School – 2pm

Wednesday 8 November

Reception 2018 Tours of the School – 2pm

Tuesday 14 November

Reception 2018 Information Evening - 7pm

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Maidstone District Libraries 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.