

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 5 TRIP TO HERSTMONCEUX

On Thursday, Year 5 went to Herstmonceux Observatory and had an amazing day. Liam in 5S wrote:-

'We all had a great time there doing lots of fun activities. We had a workshop about what it was like to live in space, but my favourite activity was the water play. We all had to work as a team and make the water travel. I also liked the workshop where we had to use robot arms to pick up foam objects.'



Jack 5L wrote:- *"Last week we went on a trip to Herstmonceux I thought it was amazing because there were so many things to learn and do! We had such a fun time. My favourite part was the vacuum lift - even if you were really heavy, you still went up! During the space workshops we got to use robotic arms and lift up objects and we were all sad to leave at the end of the day".*

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 17 October was 94.32%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to EY3 Ladybirds who achieved a fantastic 100% attendance.

YEAR 6 TRIP TO KENT LIFE MUSEUM

On Wednesday Year 6 went to Kent Life Museum for a Greek Day. They spent the day learning about life in Ancient Greece and took part in workshops about childrens' games, weaving (Arachne's Web), home life (including food and drink), Greek warriors, theatre, medicine, and Greek Gods and Goddesses. A great time was had by all.



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all those who came and supported our Coffee Afternoon in aid of Macmillan Nursing. The total amount raised for this most worthy charity was £201.68. One parent has written in to say how much they enjoyed the event and that they would be more than happy to attend another one, should we decide to do it again. They went on to say that local businesses may well wish to contribute, especially if we advertise more widely.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
Friday 4 Nov	Year 2	Year 4
Friday 11 Nov	Year 1	Year 3
Friday 18 Nov	Year R	Year 6
Friday 25 Nov	Year 2	Year 5
Friday 2 Dec	Year 1	Year 4
Friday 9 Dec	Year R	Year 3
Friday 19 Dec	Year 2	Year 6

WILLOW SCULPTURES

The willow sculptures that the children created last month are now in position around the school:



We would like to thank the PTA for their very kind donation towards this project.

In December, we will be welcoming back the sculptor to help create some willow structures for the school grounds.



HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE

RED HOUSE, Attenborough, won the House Point Challenge for this term and may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 4 November.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 31/10/16 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

w/c 07/11/16 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

STUDENT COUNCIL

For Children in Need, the Student Council has decided the children may wear anything spotty to school. This could be something simple like a single spot sticker or hair band, wrist band, socks, jumper, etc.

The Council also discussed whether pupils need a Complaints Procedure, but decided that the current system of telling a teacher or appropriate adult works very well and so a procedure is not required.

WINTER UNIFORM

May we take this opportunity to remind you that winter uniform must be worn after half term. KS2 children should wear a shirt and tie, EYrs and KS1 may continue to wear polo shirts. Boys must wear grey or black socks. No shorts please and school shoes must be worn at all times. Girls' hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.

BEHAVIOUR

When walking to and from school and wearing school uniform our children represent us and must behave appropriately. We have had reports that children have been seen climbing and sitting on the post boxes. Not only is this a health and safety risk, if they were to fall, this doesn't demonstrate the PRIDE values our children adhere to. Our children are very well behaved and we wish to show our local community that we are respectful of our

local environment as our PRIDE values suggest. Thank you for your cooperation.

ART PROJECT

Mrs Seymour is collecting old children's books for an art project next term. If you have any picture or chapter books, with rips, scribbles or missing pages or any old children's magazines or books you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the Office or Room 18. Thank you.

SCHOOL HEALTH TEAM DROP-IN

On Wednesday 16 November, Lucy Peaper from the School Health Team, will be available to talk to parents about keeping your children healthy. Please come along between 2.45pm and 3.30pm to talk to Lucy if you have any concerns about your child's faddy diet, weight, portion sizes or anything else related to healthy eating.

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**.

GARDENING CLUB

Mrs Ralph and all the kind volunteers would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm and hard work this term – they have all been wonderful. Gardening Club has now finished until next Spring, when it will restart. Thank you once again.



PTA NEWS

NEXT EVENT

Pamper Night (Friday 11th November, 7:30 - 10pm)

[College Pharmacy Online](#) are kindly sponsoring the Pamper Night. If you or your family are willing to help advertise this event, please contact Jo Kerley or email staplehurstschoolpta@gmail.com.

The PTA are excited by the line up of talented stallholders and therapists this year, showcasing the best of what the local community has to offer. There will be over 25 businesses attending including Zoe Hoadley - sports massage, Reflexology, Nails, Kate's Korner, Everything Elf, WoodenLen, Vallance & Sons, Louise Pettifer, Chocolate, Bombalicious, Handmade gifts and much more. Tickets will soon be available from the school office and at Helen's Coffee House in the village. Advance tickets are £2.50 or £3 on the door, which include a free glass of wine or soft drink. Please go to their [facebook event page](#) and click 'interested' or 'going' to be kept up-to-date with news. They hope you will be able to join them.

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

LIGHT PARTY

Why not come to a non-scary, Halloween Party on Monday 31st October at Staplehurst Free Church from 4.15 to 6.30pm. There will be crafts, games, Lego, apple-bobbing and lantern-making. Drinks and snacks will be provided. The rules are simple – no scary costumes, bring a named plate of food and a parent and have some fun. It's all free!

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/>.

NOVEMBER MESSY CHURCH

Please do feel free to join in on Saturday 5 November at 3.30pm at Staplehurst United Reformed Church, opposite the chemist. The theme is Psalm 23 and its words of comfort and care, as we think of God as our good shepherd. To help us, we'll be making some great crafts like marshmallow sheep, our own comfort blankets, bead-cross necklaces, a staff out of clay, and a big nature scene picture, as well as the usual games and quiz, all followed by a short service, singing, and tea together. They look forward to seeing you!

DIARY DATES

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 – 7.30 – 10pm

Tuesday 15 November

PTA 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

Tuesday 20 December

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

Autumn Term ends

Wednesday 21 December

Staff Inset Day

Wednesday 4 January 2017

Spring Term begins

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Early Years Update

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.