

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 2 ENJOYS MATHS OUTDOORS

In our maths this week Year 2 have been learning about multiplication arrays. Some of them were able to go outside and create arrays with autumn leaves! Can you spot what array they are trying to make?



### FLU VACCINATION

All parents of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 should have received information directly from School Nursing regarding the Government Flu Vaccination Programme. The vaccination is administered by way of a nasal spray and will take place here at Staplehurst School on Thursday 17 November.

### ATTENDANCE

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

#### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 31 October was 96.17%.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to 4M Meerkats who achieved a fantastic 100% attendance.

### 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, but it does not 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 co-operation.

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Here are some pictures of our proud achievers in today's Celebration Assemblies:



### ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
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 16 Dec	Year 2	Year 6

## WINTER UNIFORM

May we take this opportunity to remind you that your child should now be wearing winter uniform. 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.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

For Children in Need, on Friday 18 November, the Student Council has decided that 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. Please make a donation.

## 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.

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 14/11/16 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

## YR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Have you applied for a place? The National closing date was **Monday 31 October 2016**.

The National Offer Day is **Wednesday 1 March 2017** emails are sent after **4pm** and letters are sent **1<sup>st</sup> class**.

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

## STAFFING

We have been without a dedicated Site Manager since the summer, but on Monday we welcome Mr Miles Davies who has a long list of jobs to tackle straight away.

## PTA

On Friday 25 November there is a Non Uniform Day. You may wear your own clothes and kindly donate a gift, i.e. a bottle of unused toiletries like bubble bath, or chocolate, towards the Secret Santa.

Secret Santa will be running at school the w/c 5 December, from Monday to Wednesday. Further information to follow.

## NEXT EVENT

**Don't forget our Pamper Night (Friday 11 November, 7:30 - 10pm)**

[College Pharmacy Online](#) is 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](mailto:staplehurstschoolpta@gmail.com).

The PTA is 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 MEETING

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NOVEMBER MESSY CHURCH

Please do feel free to join in tomorrow, 3.30pm, at Staplehurst United Reformed Church, opposite the chemist. The theme is Psalm 23 and its words of comfort and care, as they think of God as their good shepherd. To help them, they'll be making some great crafts like marshmallow sheep, their 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!

### STAPLEHURST UNDER 5s OPEN MORNING

On Monday 7 November from 9.30 – 11am, Staplehurst Under 5 Playgroup are holding an Open Morning. This is a chance for any current or prospective parents to go along and experience all the wonderful activities on offer. Refreshments will be available.

### GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

This club is recommended by our ex Chair of Governors, Carl Hynes, for any Staplehurst girls interested in playing football. They are an excellent club, very nurturing and family orientated.



**BARMING YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB**

Barming Youth Football Club are looking for girls in years 4 and 5 interested in playing football for our newly formed Under 11's team

- All standards are welcome
- Please spread the word and get your friends along and join our family friendly club

Please contact:  
Lauren Ramsden 07525 733818 [lauren.ramsden96@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.ramsden96@gmail.com)

Logos for Nike, McDonald's, and Respect are visible at the bottom.

### FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

On Thursdays at Mascalls School, Paddock Wood, Football Five Star is holding Football Training sessions from 17.30 – 18.30 for boys and girls ages 6 – 13. For more information or to register for your free trial session, contact [www.footballfivestar.co.uk](http://www.footballfivestar.co.uk) or phone 07850 364560 (Jim).

## INCLUDE ME TOO

On Friday 11 November at Infozone, 3 Palace Avenue Maidstone from 9.30 – 12.30, there will be a meeting where you can go and join in over a cuppa and discuss disability and epilepsy support in Kent. You will have the chance to find out about what support is available to local families with disabled children and young people aged 0 - 25, plus other valuable information. To find out more please call 01902 399888 or 01902 711602. You can also email Dot Owen at [Dot@includemetoo.org.uk](mailto:Dot@includemetoo.org.uk).

## DIARY DATES

### Friday 11 November

Pamper Evening – 7.30 – 10pm, Junior Hall

### Tuesday 15 November

PTA Meeting – 6.30pm

### Thursday 17 November

Flu Vaccination - Years 1, 2, & 3

### Friday 18 November

Children in Need

### Friday 25 November

Non School Uniform

### Thursday 1 December

Early Years Disco; 3.15 – 4.15pm

### 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.