

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

### CHILDREN IN NEED

Today was Children In Need and everyone has supported it by coming to school wearing something spotty and making a donation. The amount raised today was just over £400, which is a fantastic amount! Thank you all for your continued support.

### YEAR 4 GET MEASURING

Year 4 have been busy measuring our lovely grounds and working out the perimeter of it. They have worked on estimating in metres and measured using trundle wheels and good old fashioned metre rulers!



### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Today your child will have brought home the proofs of their school photographs. There is a letter with the proofs which explains the company's new ordering process.

### YEAR 5 ENJOY SCIENCE

Year 5 are learning about Forces in Science, and this week we learned that mass is measured in kg and weight is subject to gravity and measured in N. We had great fun doing some experiments to see if there is a relationship between the mass and weight of different objects and recording our findings, using a fair test.



### ATTENDANCE

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

#### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 14 November was 92.59%.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to 5S Scorpions who achieved a fantastic 98.71% attendance.

### ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
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

### PAMPER NIGHT

The PTA would like to thank all those who came and supported the Pamper Evening on Friday. We will update you on how much they raised when the figures are in.

### PTA CHRISTMAS CARD ISSUES

The PTA would like to everyone who ordered Christmas products, the children have done a fantastic job!

Unfortunately, there have been some issues with a couple of the orders and they are working together with the printing company to sort these out. Hopefully this will be resolved shortly.

## ASBESTOS IN SCHOOLS

Kent Life published an article on Monday about Asbestos in schools. Following this, KCC released a statement and this is an extract.

“The health and safety of all children in our schools is our top priority and we are confident there is no risk to children arising as a result of the issues raised in this article. The majority of schools in the UK have some degree of asbestos in their buildings and the presence of asbestos in itself does not present a risk to health providing it is not disturbed and is maintained in a safe condition. The process of managing asbestos in schools is governed through strict controls, checks and training set by KCC in accordance with current HSE legislation and regulations in order to protect all site users including staff, pupils, contractors and visitors.”

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 21/11/16 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

w/c 28/11/16 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

## SCHOOL PICK UP

Please may we remind you, unless you have stated your child may walk home by themselves (Years 5 & 6 only), teachers do need to know who is collecting your child. If you have not already completed a School Pick Up Form, you can obtain one from the office. These are important because, should another member of staff be dismissing the class, they will know who is able to collect your child.

## PE

Now that the cold weather has arrived, if your daughter comes to school wearing tights, please could they have with them a spare pair of socks in their PE bag for PE sessions.

## FIRST BELLS & HOME TIME

We would like to remind parents and children to wait outside the main blue gates until the 8.35am bell is rung which is when the school day officially starts.

Please also do not wait outside classrooms before 3.10pm – the children are still learning right up until 3.15pm and seeing parents and siblings waiting outside the classroom is distracting.

## PREMIER SPORT

Premier Sport will be running Activity Courses on Thursday 22 December and Friday 23 December. For more information or to book, go to [www.premiersport.org](http://www.premiersport.org).

## STAFFING MATTERS

Mrs Sarah Friend's secondment to another school is continuing until Easter and we wish her all the best with this exciting opportunity. Mrs Katie Murray will continue as Acting Deputy Head until then. And we welcome our new Site Manager, Mr Miles Davies, who started last week and has a very long list of jobs to action!

## PTA

Next 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COFFEE, CAKES & CRAFTS

Please join Staplehurst United Reform Church (opposite the. Post Office) for coffee on Saturday 26 November 10am-12.30pm to help raise funds for the Sobell Lodge Sensory Room. You can go along and have a chat and a browse; there is a raffle, tombola, jewellery stall and Ken's calendars. So please go along and support them.

### MESSY CHURCH

Staplehurst United Reformed Church, Messy Church is on 3 December from 3.30 – 6.30pm. They will be thinking about the first Christmas, with lots of things to make and do on the Nativity theme including edible angels, a Christmas Carol quiz, homemade Christmas Cards, Emmanuel pictures, peg angels and decorating stars to hang on trees. They'll also be working on a nativity scene board to make a collective scene to leave in church during this advent season. Do join them for the start of this special season.

### CHRISTMAS GROTTTO

Chapel Lane Pre-school and Staplehurst Cricket and Tennis Club bring to you a Christmas Grotto on Sunday 4 December 11am-7pm at the Cricket Club. Tickets for a visit to see Father Christmas are £5 per child. There will be a bar, refreshments available throughout the day, craft activities and a snow machine. To book please call Lesley 07522 986393.

### SANTA'S GROTTTO

Father Christmas will be in his grotto at the Free Church between 10am and 12 noon on 3, 10 and 17 December. It's just £2 for your child to visit him and receive a gift. There will also be a craft stall selling home-made goods and the cafe will be open with the usual tasty selection of refreshments.

### STAPLEHURST MONARCHS

Staplehurst Monarchs Youth FC are looking for more girls to be part of their new girls section. Since starting up last summer, numbers have been good and, with additional coaching support, they have been able to split the girls into both an U-10 and U-12 group with a view to playing some friendly matches in the coming months. If your daughter is interested in taking part, please email [smufc1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:smufc1@yahoo.co.uk) and they will supply full details. Support your local club!

### INDOOR TENNIS

Staplehurst Tennis Club is now offering the opportunity of indoor tennis lessons at Sutton Valence Prep School, starting in January, for children aged 4 - 11. Places are

limited so booking is essential. For more information and to apply, go to [enquiries@se-tennis.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@se-tennis.co.uk) or phone Julian on 07974 815387.

## DIARY DATES

### **Friday 25 November**

Non School Uniform – donations for Secret Santa

### **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

### **w/c Monday 5 December**

Secret Santa – Timetable to follow

### **Tuesday 13 December**

1.45 KS1 Christmas Performance to Parents

### **Wednesday 14 December**

9.45 KS1 Christmas Performance to Parents

### **Tuesday 20 December**

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

Autumn Term ends

### **Wednesday 21 December**

Staff Inset Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

### **Tuesday 3 January 2017**

Staff Inset Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

### **Wednesday 4 January 2017**

Spring Term begins

## WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Early Years News

PTA Christmas 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.