

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 £430, which is a fantastic amount! Thank you all for your continued support.



### WELL DONE CHURCH READERS

We have received numerous compliments from people who attended the Remembrance Service on Sunday about how well our children read the names of those from Staplehurst who gave their lives during the WW1 & WW2 Conflicts. They all read clearly, looked very smart in their school uniform and conducted themselves in a manner reflecting the occasion. They were a credit to the school and to their families. Well done to Jasmine, Jemima, Joseph W and Matthew from Year 6, Katie from Year 5 and Jack K and Poppy M from Year 3.

### EARLY YEARS 2018

On Tuesday this week, we welcomed our prospective new parents and children for Early Years 2018 for an Information Evening. The event was very well attended and it was lovely to see existing parents coming along as well.

### POPPY APPEAL

We have received a message of thanks for the money raised outside the school and from the school office selling poppies. Without your help the Royal British Legion would not be able to continue its vital welfare and benevolent work. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

### DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Today, your child should have brought home their Data Collection Sheet which details the general information we hold on our computer system about your child. Please check, correct and/or complete this form and return it to the office so that we can ensure our information is up to date. In particular please check the priority and telephone numbers for the Emergency Contacts. **In an emergency we need to be able to get hold of someone within 5 minutes.** Please return the form even if there are no changes, as this will confirm that our details are correct.

It is important to ensure that the mobile number given for contact Priority 1 is correct, as this is the number which will be used for our texting service to notify you of a variety of things, including most importantly, school closures.

We also ask that you advise us of your **current email address**, if you have not already done so, as we often email information rather than sending paper copies home.

Some of the information boxes are quite small, so if you need to provide additional information about your child please write it on the reverse of the Data Sheet. Thank you for your co-operation.

### ATTENDANCE

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

#### Whole school attendance

Attendance for the whole school since the beginning of the year is **93.71%**.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **6L** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **96.88%**.

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
24 Nov	Year 1	Year 5
1 Dec	Year 2	Year 4
8 Dec	Year 1	Drop In Years R-5
15 Dec	Year 2	Year 3

## STAFF CHANGES

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Murray who is leaving to support a family member. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and for stepping up to the position as Deputy Head for the past year. The Inclusion Manager position will be advertised for an April start and in the meantime any inclusion matters should be addressed to Cathy Farthing or Victoria Laslett.

## YEAR 1 EXPLORE NATURE

Year 1 have been busy exploring the world of animals and their habitats. They have been on a bug hunt around the school grounds, finding out what makes a good habitat for an insect. It was decided to have a closer look at Woodlice and build some truly magnificent habitats. The woodlice were carefully introduced and the children watched them scurry around in their new homes. The woodlice liked being in their new homes because the following morning they found them all hiding in the small dark spaces they had created.



## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are pleased to announce we will be introducing After School Care at Staplehurst School from September 2018. This is something the school and the governing body have been considering for some time and will add to our strong belief in providing a safe and caring environment for our children.

We plan to be able to look after children from 3.15 to 6pm each evening which will include a light snack. This, along with Breakfast Club, means we can look after children from 7.30am to 6pm each day, which we hope will be of added benefit to many of our parents.

More information, including costs, will follow in due course and if you would to express an interest please email the office at [office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk).

## YEAR 4 TRIP TO HORTON KIRBY

Letters have been sent home about the Year 4 trip to Horton Kirby Environmental Education Centre. If you have not received a letter, they can be collected from the school office.

## YEAR 6 PARENT DROP IN

Please note that due to the Year 6 trip to Kent Life on Friday 8 December, the Parent Drop In for Year 6 pupils only has been moved to **Thursday 7 December at 2.45pm.**

## 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.

## FLUORESCENT SNAP BANDS

Heart FM Radio has sent us some Be Safe and Be Seen snap bands. We have distributed them to our Early Years children but if anyone else would like one we have a limited stock available in the office.

## CROSS COUNTRY RUN

We are proud to say that tomorrow, Saturday 18 November, Joe S (6L) will be representing Staplehurst School in the Kent Primary School Cross Country Championships being held at the Detling Show Grounds.

Joe's race starts at 12:00 and you will be able to view the results live on the following link. His Bib number is 1451.

<http://identisports-results.co.uk/2015/kentjuniorxc/g-live.html?f=kentjuniorxc2017.clax>

## WINTER WARMER FUN WEEK MENU

Contact Dining Company is having a Winter Warmer Fun Week commencing 27 November and there will be a change of menu.

### Monday 27 November

Italian Meatballs with Penne Pasta  
Macaroni Cheese  
New Potatoes  
Garden Peas  
Chocolate Brownie  
Fruit Pots  
Yoghurts

### Tuesday 28 November

Pepperoni Pizza  
Pumpkin Risotto  
Potato Wedges  
Sweetcorn  
Apple & Cinnamon Swirl with Cream  
Fruit Pots  
Yoghurts

### Wednesday 29 November

Roast Chicken with age & Onion Stuffing  
Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots  
Fruit Pots  
Yoghurts

### Thursday 30 November

Minced Beef & Onion Pie  
Spicy Spuds  
Boiled Potatoes  
Boiled Green Beans  
Cherry Crumble & Custard

### Friday 1 December

Fish Fingers  
Wicked Tortilla Wedges  
Chips  
Baked Beans  
Jam Doughnut  
Fruit Pots  
Yoghurts

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 20.11.17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4  
w/c 27.11.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

## PTA NEWS

A big thank you from the PTA to everyone who has returned their help slips back into school. If you can help at any of our events it would be much appreciated. Please return your slips to the office or alternatively contact Anita Moore on 07967 405021.

If anyone has any partial or full rolls of Christmas wrapping paper that you no longer want then the PTA would love them for Secret Santa; many thanks in advance.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CHAPEL LANE OPEN MORNING

On Monday 20 November from 10.00 – 11.30am Chapel Lane Pre-School is holding an Open Morning. All current and new parents are more than welcome to go along to see them in action. To receive more information about Chapel Lane Pre-School visit [www.chapellanepreschool.org.uk](http://www.chapellanepreschool.org.uk) or telephone 07929 0074083 or email [chapel.lane@hotmail.com](mailto:chapel.lane@hotmail.com).

### STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 2 December is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. Join them for some crafty activities to get in the Christmas spirit and to help remember what Christmas is really all about. Doors open at 3.30pm for family board games followed by crafts including making edible angels, a stained glass banner, woolly sheep, handprint stables, Christmas candles and a Christmas themed quiz. At 4.45-5pm they have a short service with a few songs and a story to keep the Christmas theme going until everyone has tea together. It will be lots of festive fun and a great family way to start the advent season. Do go along if you can and join in the messy fun.

### 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.

## DIARY DATES

### Friday 24 November

Non Uniform Day for Secret Santa donations

### Monday 27 November – Friday 1 December

Winter Warmer Fun Week Menu

### Friday 1 December

Year 4 Trip to Horton Kirby

### Friday 1 December

School Discos for Years 1-6

### Monday 4, Tuesday, 5 and Wednesday 6 December

Secret Santa

### Thursday 7 December

Early Years' Christmas Party  
Year 6 Parent Drop In

### Friday 8 December

Years R – 5 Parent Drop In

### Saturday 9 December

PTA Christmas Fair 12-3.00pm

### Tuesday 12 December

KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm

### Wednesday 13 December

KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am

### Tuesday 19 December

KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am  
End of Term

### Wednesday 20 December

INSET Day

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## 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.