

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 TALK ABOUT BULLYING

For Anti-bullying Week last week, Year 2 took part in a powerful lesson. "We had two apples; one which we were really kind to and one which we were really mean to. We cut open both apples and saw that the apple we were really mean to was bruised inside. We understood that just like the apples, others may look fine from the outside but on the inside they could be really upset and hurting if someone is unkind to them. We spoke about the importance of always being kind to each other and treating others how we would like to be treated ourselves."



### NON UNIFORM DAY

Today the children wore non-school uniform and kindly brought donations ready for the Secret Santa. Once again your support and generosity has been amazing. Thank you very much.

### POPPY APPEAL

This year the amount raised outside the school and from the school office selling poppies was £25.75. Without your help the Royal British Legion would not be able to continue its vital welfare and benevolent work.

### ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
Friday 2 Dec	Year 1	Year 4
Friday 9 Dec	Year R	Year 3
Friday 16 Dec	Year 2	Year 6

### CHILDREN IN NEED UPDATE

Following further late donations the total now raised is £501.14. Well done and thank you to everyone.

### PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS

The children brought home the proofs for their school photos last week. If you have not ordered them online, the deadline for you to return the proofs to school is **Wednesday 30 November**.

### ATTENDANCE

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

#### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 21 November was 93.68%.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to 4M Meerkats who achieved a fantastic 99.35% attendance.

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Twelve of the children's PTA Christmas Card designs were really super and have been chosen to be used by the School. The names of these budding artists are:

Jona - EY1  
 Evelyn - EY2  
 Evie - EY3  
 Rhys - 1L  
 Jack H - 2KS  
 Jack K - 2KS  
 Poppy - 2KS  
 Freddie - 3S  
 Skye - 3S  
 Ella - 4R  
 Maddie - 5L  
 Hendrix - 5S

Well done to everyone.

### RADFORDS CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Your child will have brought home a Christmas Art Competition from Radfords Estate Agents in the village. If your child would like to enter, the art work needs to be returned by next Friday 2 December and will be displayed between 5 - 27 December, both in the shop window and inside.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 05/12/16 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

## 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).

## SCHOOL OFFICE VACANCIES

We are currently advertising for two positions within the school office:

**Administration Assistant – Finance**

**Administration Assistant – SIMs & Communication**

If you are interested, please apply online via Kent Teach <https://www.kent-teach.com/>. The closing date is Tuesday 29 November.

## PTA

### PTA DISCOS

The PTA is desperately looking for any parents who would be willing to stay and help at the KS2 disco next week. If you are able and would like to offer your help, then please approach Mrs Moore or any of the PTA members. Sadly lack of help would mean the possibility of cancelling. There will be someone selling tickets on the gate on Monday morning. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

Those who had issues with their PTA orders for Christmas cards, mugs or coasters will receive all corrected products by 2 December. The PTA apologises for any inconvenience.

### SECRET SANTA

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CRAFT FAIR

Tomorrow, 26 November from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, a Craft Fair is being held in the Village Centre North Hall. Refreshments are available and the money raised from the tombola will be going to Great Ormond Street and More4kids. Please go along and support them.

### COFFEE, CAKES & CRAFTS

Please join Staplehurst United Reform Church (opposite the Post Office) for coffee tomorrow, 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.

### STARLIGHT EVENING AND MORNING

On Thursday evening, 1 December, from 7pm and Friday 2 December from 9.30am – 2.30pm, Kentish Made will be at Aysgarth, High Street, Staplehurst (opposite the King's Head). They are local companies who are coming together. There will be plenty to see and buy, so why not go along and see if there are any Christmas presents to be found. To find out more, visit [www.facebook.com/kentishmade1](http://www.facebook.com/kentishmade1).

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## 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). 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

### 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****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.