

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

### WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY

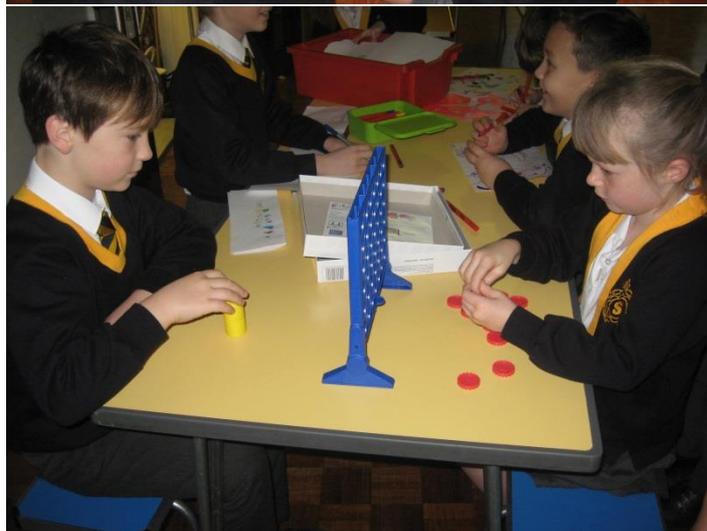
We are very proud to say that Class 6L were the Maidstone District winners of the Walk to School Wednesday Challenge. On Tuesday, Mrs Laslett with Billie and Ciarán went to Leeds Castle to be presented with a framed certificate and prize vouchers for the Class. Very well done 6L for showing a safer and greener way of coming to school.



Some of the councillors also helped the PTA today with collecting Secret Santa gifts. The next meeting will be in 2 weeks' time and the topic will be SCHOOL DINNERS.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

The school has recently bought some new games for Breakfast Club which are proving to be a great hit with the children.



### SECRET SANTA COLLECTION

Today the children wore non-school uniform in return for a donation to the PTA's Secret Santa. Once again our parents have exceeded expectations by quantity and quality of the gifts. The children love taking part in Secret Santa and your generosity enables the event to take place; thank you.

### HARVEST DONATION

We have received a lovely letter of thanks from the Maidstone Day Centre for thinking of them with such kindness and contributing so very generously to their Harvest appeal. All the items donated will be received by those who need it most within our community.

### STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

The Student Council met this week and discussed various topics including brainstorming how to look after the new playground equipment from Sainsbury's.

### PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS

The children brought home the proofs for their school photos this week. If you have not ordered them online, the deadline for you to return the proofs to school is **Friday, 1 December.**

## 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 **93.66%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5G** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **98.61%**.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

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

## DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Don't forget to return your child's Data Collection Sheet which details the general information we hold on our computer system. It is very important for us to ensure that our information is up to date, especially telephone numbers for the Emergency Contacts as **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.

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.

## 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 like 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

Permission slips for the Year 4 trip to Horton Kirby Environmental Education Centre must be returned to the office in advance of the trip next Friday, 1 December. Payment is due as soon as possible. Thank you.

## NO SMOKING POLICY

Please can we remind you that Staplehurst School has a strict No Smoking Policy, which also includes e-cigarettes. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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 1 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 2.

## WINTER WARMER FUN WEEK MENU

Next week Contract Dining Company is having a Winter Warmer Fun Week 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 Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots  
Fruit Pots  
Yoghurts

### Thursday 30 November

Jacket Potato with selection of fillings  
Minced Beef & Onion Pie  
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 27.11.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5  
w/c 04.12/17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

## LOST PROPERTY

A children's watch has been found near the 5/6 playground. If anyone has lost one this week please ask at the office.

## PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to say a big thank for the record amount of support and offers of helps at the discos and Secret Santa.

If you can spare 30 minutes or an hour to help at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9 December between 12 and 3pm please contact Anita Moore on 07967 405021.

Tickets for the PTA discos will be on sale near the gate all next week from Monday morning.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### THE HIGH WEALD ACADEMY

The High Weald Academy are starting a consultation process in regard to a proposed admission arrangement from September 2019. A copy of the consultation paper is available in Reception.

The consultation runs from 15 November 2017 to 8 January 2018 and any comments on the proposed arrangements should be sent via email to Dr Alie Bird, Clerk to the Trust Board at [birda@brooklearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:birda@brooklearningtrust.org.uk) or sent to the academy in a sealed envelope marked 'Consultation on Admissions Arrangements' for the attention of Dr Alie Bird.

Final admissions arrangements will be published on the academy's website by 28 February 2018 in line with statutory guidelines.

### 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.

### ANGEL FESTIVAL – ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

All Saints' Church would like to welcome you to take part in Staplehurst Community Angel Festival at All Saints' Church on 16 and 17 December.

To participate, all you need to do is make an Angel, which will be displayed in the Church for everyone to enjoy. Entry is free to all.

Angels can be made from any material and be any size. They can be made from papier mache, wood, feathers, clay, abstract art, paintings, photography, cards and much more in any size or form but please attach to (or place beside) your Angel, a card with a short note explaining what your angel means to you.

Angels can be placed in the Church during the week leading up to and including Friday 15 December using the boards provided (which will be laid over some of the pews), tables, window sills and floor. Please do not use any "blu tack", nails, staples, drawings pins or other sharp objects on walls, pews or general church furnishings. Angels should be free standing.

Anybody who would like to enter an Angel, please contact:

All Saints Church Parish Office on 01580 891258 or e-mail [allsaintsstaplehurst@enterprise.net](mailto:allsaintsstaplehurst@enterprise.net).

If you wish to illuminate your Angel, please use battery operated lights as there are NO electricity points that can be used in church.

The winning Angel will be announced at the Nine Lesson & Carol Service on Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm.

### 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 educational 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

### 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

Year 6 Parent Drop In  
Early Years' Christmas Party

### 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

## WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Early Years News  
Parent Survey

### 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.