

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

### CHRISTMAS TREES

We have been most fortunate again to receive two beautiful Christmas trees, generously donated by Hartley Dyke Farm Shop, Charity Farm, Cranbrook. We would like to thank our PTA members and helpers, Holly and Poppy who have kindly decorated the trees which are situated in the Junior and Infant Halls. I think you will agree that they look amazing. Thank you also to Hartley Dyke.



### ASSEMBLY ROTA

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

### PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photograph proofs have now been collected but you may still place your order online.

### ATTENDANCE

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

#### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 28 November was 94.14%.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to EY3 Ladybirds who achieved a fantastic 99.05% attendance.

### RADFORDS CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Today was the deadline to return your pictures for the competition. The display will be in Radfords shop window from 5 to 27 December. If you have not yet returned your picture, then please take it directly to Radfords.

### SCHOOL COLOURING COMPETITION

The Student Council have decided to hold a Christmas Colouring competition for all children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2). Attached with this Newsletter is the picture that should be coloured in and/or decorated with tinsel or any other items. Please send all masterpieces to the School Office by Friday 16 December. The Student Council will decide the winners on Tuesday 20 December. Good Luck!

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

### KEEPING SAFE

Now that the dark mornings and evenings are with us and some of you walk or cycle to and from school, we thought we would pass on the link for Bright Kidz <https://brightkidz.co.uk/>. It has all sorts of great high vis clothing and accessories for the darker days to help keep your children safe.

### PREMIER SPORT

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

## PTA

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

Your child should have brought home today the PTA Christmas Raffle Tickets. Please return stubs with money to the office along with any unsold tickets. Extra tickets are available should you require them. Once again we have been very lucky by the generosity of local businesses and have some wonderful prizes on offer. The draw is taking place on Monday 19 December. Winners will be announced in due course. Good luck!

## PTA DISCOS

Yesterday the Reception Classes had their Christmas Party/Disco. Everyone had a good time playing games and dancing to the music.

The PTA School Discos are today, KS1 5pm – 6.15pm and KS2 6.45pm – 8.15pm. Please don't worry if you don't have a ticket, you will be able to purchase them on the door. If you don't have younger children with you and would like to stay and help, you would be more than welcome. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

We apologise to those who had issues with their PTA orders for Christmas cards, mugs or coasters and were expecting their replacements by today but the orders have not yet arrived at the school. The PTA have been chasing the delivery and are doing their very best to get it here as soon as possible. The orders will however be distributed as soon as they are received. Once again apologies for any inconvenience.

## SECRET SANTA

Secret Santa will be running at school next week from Monday to Wednesday as follows:-

Monday - EY1, EY2, EY3, 1G, 1L, 2O, 2KS and 3GR.

Tuesday - 3S, 4M, 4R, 5L, 5S, 6T and 6L.

There will be a sweep on the Wednesday, for anyone who is absent from school, or who forgets their money on either the Monday or Tuesday, and they will still have the opportunity to purchase a gift. Presents are £2 each. Your child may purchase two presents, so please remember to send them in with the correct money in a named envelope. Thank you for your support.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### STARLIGHT EVENING AND MORNING

Today, 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).

### SHEPHERDS MARKET

The Shepherds market is being held tomorrow 3 December at All Saints Church Staplehurst from 11am until 2pm. There will be many stalls including children's tombola, with a prize every time.

### MESSY CHURCH

Staplehurst United Reformed Church, Messy Church is tomorrow 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.

## BUPA STAPLEHURST MANOR XMAS FAYRE

On Sunday 4 December, Staplehurst Manor is holding its Christmas Fayre, starting at 1pm. There will be stalls with lots of gift ideas for Christmas and a raffle. There is free admission and parking by voluntary donation.

## 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.

## BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION ACADEMY

On Saturday 17 December at Tonbridge School, Brighton & Hove Albion Academy are holding U6s, U7s, U8s Open Trials. Sessions start at 10am and finish at 1pm. Spaces are limited and to register please email [talent@idrabhafc.co.uk](mailto:talent@idrabhafc.co.uk).

## 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

### w/c Monday 5 December

Secret Santa

Monday:- EY1, EY2, EY3, 1G, 1L, 2O, 2KS, 3GR

Tuesday:- 3S, 4M, 4R, 5L, 5S, 6T, 6L

Wednesday:- Sweep for children who were absent

### 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**

Student Council Christmas Colouring Competition template

**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.