

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

SCULPTOR

We have been most fortunate to have sculptor Tim Davies in school again. He has been working with small groups of children, producing more amazing living sculptures, this time for our school grounds. It has been a work in progress over the past three days and, as you can see, the end result is amazing:



KS1 PERFORMANCE TICKETS

Tickets for the Early Years and KS1 Christmas Production were sent home yesterday. There are still some tickets available for Wednesday, which can be obtained from the school office.

CLASS 4R PARENT DROP IN

The parent drop in for Class 4R will take place next Wednesday 14 December at 2.45pm. Please enter using the external classroom door. Thank you.

BLUE HOUSE WINNERS

BLUE House won the House Point Challenge this term and may wear their own clothes on Friday 16 December.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 5 December was 94.68%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to 3S Sea Otters who achieved a fantastic 98.67% attendance.

THE CHOIR SING AT SOBEL LODGE

On Monday afternoon Mrs Hein took the Choir to sing Christmas Carols to the residents at Sobel Lodge. They all sang beautifully and the residents loved listening and seeing their smiling faces. Very well done to all our solo artists, who sang with confidence and clarity. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to walk with the choir.



Next on the timetable is a visit to Iden Manor.

SCHOOL COLOURING COMPETITION

The Student Council launched their Christmas colouring competition for all children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2). The picture must have your child's name and class on the back and 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!

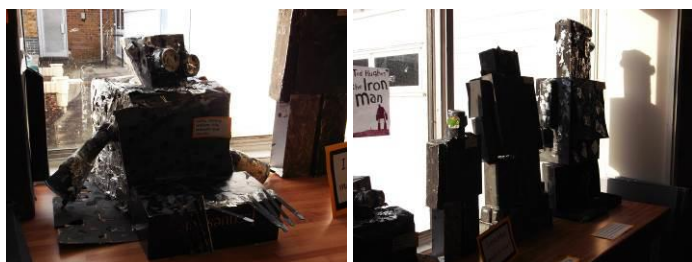
EARLY YEARS GET CRAFTY WITH STICKS

As part of their topic about sticks Early Years have been busy making some fantastic stick art. Check out their wonderful displays:



YEAR 3 IRON MAN

Year 3 children have been busy reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. They were so inspired by the story that they wanted to build our own Iron Men and although they were not able to build a full size Iron Man, they were able to build several miniature versions:



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Next Thursday 15 December is Christmas Lunch Day. The children are waited on by staff and there is a festive atmosphere. Due to high demand parents are unable to have lunch with their children that day.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 19/12/16 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

RADFORDS ART COMPETITION

On Wednesday Mrs Murray took the three lucky winners, Skye Yr3, Matthew Yr2 and Eevie EYRs along to Radfords to collect their prizes and have their pictures taken. You may go and see the display in the shop window.



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.

PTA

SECRET SANTA

Once again the children were excited to take part in Secret Santa. The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who kindly came and wrapped the presents. Without your help and generosity events like this could not take place and the children really enjoy them.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

We hope you have all received your 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 are grateful to local businesses for their generosity and there are 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

The PTA would like to thank all those who kindly stayed and helped at the discos on Friday. They were a huge success and made over £1000, which is fantastic. Most importantly, all the children had a good time.

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

For those of you who are still waiting to receive your Christmas cards, we can only apologise. The printing company has unfortunately gone into liquidation. However, the company we are dealing with are hopeful we should still receive the cards. We are being updated regularly and as soon as we have any news, we will let you know. It goes without saying, should the worst happen and you don't receive them, you will be reimbursed. However, we hope it will not come to that. We are truly sorry this has happened.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCOUT XMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE

Just a little reminder that the next two Saturdays, 10 & 17 December, are Scout Christmas Post delivery mornings around the village. If you would like to use the service there is a 25p donation per card. Post boxes are situated in The Library, Station Newsagents, Peter Jones Opticians, The Health Centre and the Scout Hut. Pop the cards you would like posted, along with your cash donation, into a bag and drop it off at one of the post boxes. Last collection is noon on Friday 16 December. Funds raised will be going towards the Scout Hut Emergency Exit fund, and The Kent Air Ambulance.

CRANBROOK XMAS GIFTS/CRAFT FAIR

Tomorrow 10 December from 9am – 1.30pm at Cranbrook Vestry Hall there is a Christmas Gift/Craft Fair. There will be local crafts, jewellery, books, gifts, stocking-fillers, hot food and drinks, cakes, a grand prize raffle and lots more.

SANTA'S GROTTTO

Father Christmas will be in his grotto at the Free Church between 10am and 12 noon on 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.

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. 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 or phone Julian on 07974 815387.

EARLY NOTICE

On Friday 13 January at 10.15am there is a Mindfulness talk for parents given by Hannah Ring who is a specialist teacher. What is mindfulness and how can it help us relax? Some techniques will be practised. This session will be held at Bower Grove School, Fant Lane, Maidstone.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 13 December

1.45 KS1 Christmas Performance to Parents

Wednesday 14 December

9.45 KS1 Christmas Performance to Parents

Tuesday 20 December

9.45 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.