

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

### KS1 PRODUCTION

Thank you to everyone who came to see our production of Ralph the Reindeer this week. I'm sure you will agree it was wonderful and the children all danced, sung and acted brilliantly! Thank you to everyone who took the time to help their child learn their song lyrics and lines, it is a great help to the staff who are busy trying to put everything together.



The very good news is that Rudolph no longer has a cold and Ralph the Reindeer has remembered how to fly.....all in time for Christmas Eve!

Once again, we would like to thank you for your generosity as the money raised from donations was an amazing £331.86 which will be going to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. Thank you.

### CHOIR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT IDEN MANOR

On Monday Mrs Hein took our **Staplehurst School Choir** to perform at Iden Manor Nursing Home. Singing a selection of Christmas songs with many solo performances, the choir finished with a selection of traditional carols to the delight of the residents who were encouraged to join in and did! After an amazing performance the children were kindly rewarded with a selection of homemade cakes and refreshments by the Iden Manor team. Many thanks to Mrs Hein, the very talented children and those who helped to keep the choir safe during their walk to and from Iden Manor.



## SCHOOL COLOURING COMPETITION

Good luck to all the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) who have entered the Student Council's Christmas colouring competition.

## YEAR 4 ANGLO SAXON VILLAGE

The area outside the Year 4 classrooms has become a fascinating place over the last few weeks. A model village has slowly turned into a huge settlement! The children have been learning about the Anglo Saxons throughout this term. They were set a homework project to research and create an Anglo Saxon hut or settlement and the results have been phenomenal as you can see! Thank you to everyone for all your creativity and hard work! Miss Mackie and Mr Roker hope you enjoyed it!



## DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Premier Sport held an Inspire to Compete Dodgeball Competition yesterday at The Weald Sports Centre. Several teams were involved including one from Staplehurst School. All the teams played well and the coaches were very impressed with their performances. Our team came in joint second place and Anthony was awarded a medal for good sportsmanship. Very well done.



## ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
Friday 6 Jan	YR1	YR5
Friday 13 Jan	EYrs	YR4
Friday 20 Jan	YR2	YR3
Friday 27 Jan	YR1	YR6
Friday 3 Feb	EYrs	YR5
Friday 10 Feb	YR2	YR4

## ATTENDANCE

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

### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 12 December was 95.45%.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to 1G Geckos who achieved a fantastic 99.31% attendance.

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 02/01/17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

## 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

The draw is taking place on Monday 19 December. Winners will be announced in due course. Good luck!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### DON'T BE ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS

If you are on your own or just feeling alone, pop in on Christmas Day for some lunch and Christmas cheer. There will be turkey baps, mince pies, drinks, crackers and more. 12 noon 'til 2pm at the Free Church, Station Road. No need to book.

### SANTA'S GROTTTO

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

## 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.

## MESSY CHURCH NEW YEAR PARTY!

Please join the Messy New Year Family Party on Saturday 7 January, 3.30pm at Staplehurst URC. There'll be well-loved group/family/team games and lots of fun & laughter! When they've finished the games they'll have a New Year blessing and then enjoy a 'sausages in buns' supper together and be home in time for 6pm. They'd love to see you there & do hope you can join in the fun!

## DIARY DATES

### 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

### 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.