

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming you all back after your Christmas Holiday and to wish you all a Happy New Year.

YEAR 2 BIRD WATCH

On Thursday morning Year 2 classes went outside on the playground to collect data for nine different types of birds. We had to search for the birds that were all hidden in the trees and we recorded our results as a tally. We then used our results to create a block diagram and answered some questions about the data we collected. We got our shoes a little muddy but we had so much fun!



ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
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

JOLLY JANUARY MENU CHANGE

Thursday 19 January is School **Census Day** when the Government counts the number of school meals taken and determines how much funding to send to schools for the year. **With school budgets being continually squeezed, it would really help us if your child could try a school meal on this day please.** Our catering company will be providing a different menu from that advertised :

Chicken Strips with Barbeque Sauce

Quorn Sausages

Sauté Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans

Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce

Fruit Pots, Yogurts

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 09/01/17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

w/c 16/01/17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

PIERCED EARS

Please ensure that your child does not come to school wearing earrings on PE days if they are unable to remove them by themselves.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 2 January was 95.55%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to 3GR Red Pandas who achieved a fantastic 99.36% attendance.

NEW STAFF

We are pleased to inform you we have appointed two administration assistants in the office; Mrs Clark and Mrs Cooper. We wish them a warm Staplehurst welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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.

BABY & CHILDREN'S MARKET

On Sunday 29 January from 10am – 12pm at East Peckham Village Hall, a Baby & Children's Market is being held. There will be over 20 stalls selling a large range of excellent quality nearly-new boys' and girls' items from birth to eight years. So why not pop along and grab a

bargain. If you would like to book and have a stall contact lydia@babyandchildrensmarket.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.

DIARY DATES

Monday 16 January

Choir to sing at the O2

Tuesday 17 January

Year 6 Bikeability starts

Monday 13 – Friday 17 February

Half Term

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Early Years News

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.