

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

YEAR 6 WWII EVACUATION

Last Friday, Year 6 were met by a horrifying sight when they came in from lunch. Their classrooms had been bombed! As the rooms were clearly unsafe to stay in, they had to be evacuated in small groups to the other classes in the school. Unfortunately some of the teachers taking them in didn't really want them as they claimed the evacuees had fleas! Back in their (now safe) classes, the children had a thoughtful discussion about why children might need to be evacuated and how they might have felt. Well done Year 6 for such a great start to our new topic on World War 2.



SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURE

The DfE (Department for Education) states that "schools should, wherever possible, stay open in severe weather"

and we recognise that it is important for Staplehurst School to remain **open** so that parents are able to work and children can continue to learn. Our fundamental principle is that every effort will be made to ensure that Staplehurst School remains open even if only limited numbers of children can attend.

In each instance the school will determine:

- whether the school site is safe
- how many staff are likely to be in

then make a decision based on the safety of children.

If the school is CLOSED we will notify you by TEXT and EMAIL.

ATTENDANCE TODAY

We would like to thank all the pupils and staff for making a valiant effort to get into school today in the adverse conditions.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
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 16/01/17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

w/c 23/01/17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please may we remind you that Staplehurst School is a Nut Free Zone and that children must NOT bring them in their packed lunches. Thank you for your co-operation.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

Due to internal staff changes we currently have vacancies for Midday Supervisors. If you are interested in joining our hardworking team of lovely ladies then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Fran Zimber to discuss the opportunities. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 9 January was 93.90%.

Class attendance

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

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Today your child will have brought home a Parent Consultation letter. If you have not received yours, there are copies available from the office.

PLANTED TUBS

We would like to thank Mrs Ralph who has kindly come in and planted the three tubs at the front of the school and one at the back. We are sure you'll agree they look lovely and, with time and nurturing, will thrive and become splendid colourful shrubs. Thank you once again Mrs Ralph.



FLU IMMUNISATION CATCH UP

The Immunisation Team have informed us that there will be a catch up clinic for all those children in Years 1, 2 and 3 who did not receive their immunisations. The catch up is being held at Foster Street Clinic, Maidstone tomorrow 14 January between 9.30am and 12.30pm. If your child does still need the immunisation, please call 01622 427049 to make an appointment.

SPRING CLUBS LIST

Attached with the Newsletter today is the new Spring Term Clubs List. If your child has any ideas for a new club that is not currently being run, please let us know so that the idea may be looked into. Thank you.

KAI NELL

The school were very sad to hear the tragic news of Kai Nell passing away this week. We know how well loved the family are in the village and how so many people worked to support the family through Kai's brave battle. We would like to stress that if any pupil requires any additional support at this time to let the Inclusion Team or their class teacher know.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Wednesday 8 February

Parent & SEN Consultations (see letter for timings)

Thursday 9 February

Parent & SEN Consultations (see letter for timings)

Monday 13 – Friday 17 February

Half Term

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Clubs List Spring Term 2017

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.