

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

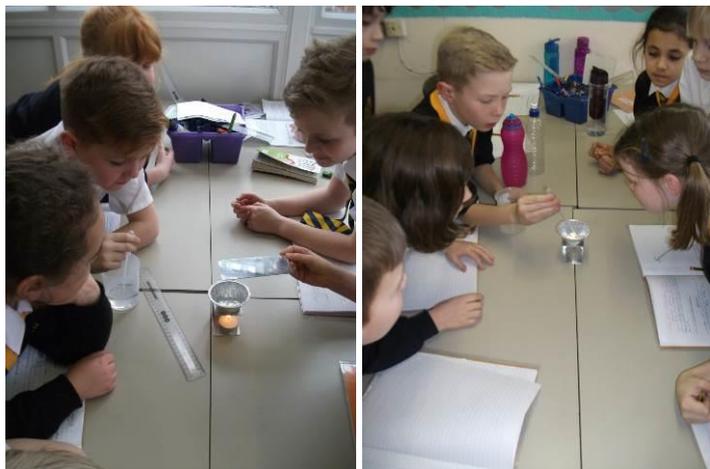
ONLINE SAFETY

As we approach Safer Internet Day 2017 on Tuesday 7 February, it's a time to remember that the internet can be an inspiring and positive resource if used appropriately. This year's message is '**Be the change: unite for a better internet**'. During the day on 7 February, all children will be involved in activities around internet use and we look forward to sharing what they get up to in a future newsletter.

SCIENCE IS FUN FOR 4R

Class 4R were investigating whether salt in water was a reversible or irreversible change. They predicted (some correctly!) whether they would be able to get the salt back after it was dissolved in the water.

We also used a mirror to see how condensation and water vapour was caused by the evaporation of water.



YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

Over the past two weeks some of our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability. They experienced some very cold, wet and foggy mornings but were all smiles at the end. We were advised how well behaved they all were and that they were a credit to the school.

HOUSE POINTS

Well done to all of KS2 for working so hard this term and earning lots of house points! This term's winners, and they can wear their own clothes on Friday 10 February, are **YELLOW HOUSE** - Peake with a grand total of 1,736.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultation appointment slips were sent to the classes this afternoon. If you do not receive yours by Monday please contact the office to check your appointment time.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

If your child has received an award, trophy or badge for an activity not related to the school and you would like us to include a piece in the Newsletter, please email the office on office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk.

Freya in Year 6 has recently passed her Grade One Violin exams with Merits. Very well done Freya.

Izzy in Year 4 received her Eco Blue Peter Badge for researching and producing an eco poster which has been put up in the school.

GENEROUS DONATION

The school have, most generously, been donated a television. Unfortunately we were unable to get the name of the couple who donated this – if you know who our generous benefactors are then please let the office know so that we may write and thank them properly. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 30 January was 93.18%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to EY1 Bumblebees who achieved a fantastic 97.1% attendance.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
Friday 10 Feb	Year 2	Year 5
Friday 24 Feb	Year 1	Year 4
Friday 3 Mar	EYrs	Year 3
Friday 10 Mar	Year 2	Year 6
Friday 17 Mar	Year 1	Year 5
Friday 24 Mar	EYrs	Year 4
Friday 31 Mar	Year 2	Year 3

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

An updated version of our safeguarding policy is now on the school website. It is important that parents familiarise

themselves with the policies and adhere to them wherever possible. Likewise, parents should support the school in their efforts to safeguard children, staff and visitors to the site. We would always encourage parents to discuss safeguarding with their child(ren) and to contact the school if they have any safeguarding concerns. We would also welcome any suggestions regarding the contents of the policy.

VACANCY – Clerk to the Governing Body

There is a vacancy for a Clerk to the Governing Body of Staplehurst School. The role is a job-share and the number of hours varies from week to week, but can be up to 30 per month in term time only. The successful applicant will be expected to work from home and have access to a computer and the internet. They will also need to attend Governors' meetings at the school, which usually take place at 8am or 6.30pm. For a full job description and details on how to apply, please contact: clerktogovernors@staplehurst.sch.kent.uk or call the office on 01580 891765.

ACTIVE KIDS 2017

Sainsbury's Active Kids launched on 25 January 2017. This is an excellent opportunity for us to collect vouchers to purchase additional sports equipment. The School Council is very keen to use the vouchers to purchase sports equipment to play with at break-times. Vouchers can be collected at Sainsbury's local and main supermarkets and online. The box will be placed in reception for vouchers and the School Council will be putting together a wish-list of equipment which will be shared with you in the next newsletter. So let's jump into action and get collecting!

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 06/02/17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6
w/c 20/02/17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

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

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.

PREMIER SPORT - TAG RUGBY

After half term, the Premier Sport Tag Rugby club will change to Multi-Sports club. To book a place contact

Premier Sport on www.premiereducation.com or 01580 212401.

LOST PROPERTY

On Wednesday it was reported that a white metal ring with a clear stone was possibly lost by the main gate leading from Gybbon Rise. If anyone should find this ring please hand it into the school office. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

PTA MEETING

The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 22 February at 3.30pm. All parents are more than welcome, so please do come along.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH

This Saturday 4 February is Messy Church at Staplehurst United Reformed Church, (opposite the chemist), on the theme of two parables about seeking and finding treasure. We'll be making crafts such as treasure maps, treasure boxes and money boxes, edible pearls, and royalty pictures, as well as challenges on the theme. After all that there'll be a short service to think about those parables a bit more in a family friendly way, sing some songs and finally all sit down together for a sandwich and cake tea provided, and home around 6pm. Doors open at 3.30pm for a 4pm start. Everyone is very welcome to come and join the Messy fun. We'd love to see you there.

FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

Football Five Star will be running another soccer school at Jubilee Field during half term on Friday 17 February. Their first course back in May 2016 was a great success with 50 children taking part. You can find more details at <http://www.footballfivestar.co.uk/>.

MONEY WORRIES TALK

Are you managing a tight budget? If so, there will be money worries talk about this, on Friday 10 March 10.15 – 11.45am at Bower Grove School ME16 8NL. Tania Weber from Citizens Advice will be providing this very useful talk. To book a FREE place please email Jo Cousins at: Psg.bowergrove@btinternet.com.

DIARY DATES

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

Wednesday 22 February

3.30pm – PTA Meeting

Wednesday 15 March

Class Photographs

Friday 31 March

End of Spring Term

Tuesday 18 April

Start of Summer Term

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.