

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.

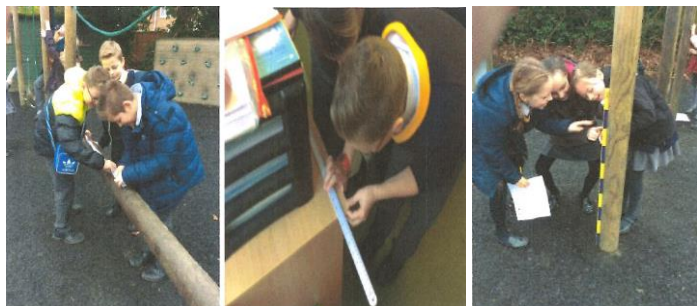
## SCHOOL NEWS

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

It was lovely to see so many parents taking the opportunity to come in and speak with the class teachers. If anyone was unable to come along and/or has any concerns, please let the class teacher know. Thank you.

### CLASS 5S GET MEASURING

Yesterday, Class 5S measured different objects around the classroom and our playground. The children measured objects to two decimal places using a metre stick. They then noted their findings and recorded them down in a table.



### CLASS 1G ENJOY TIME WITH THE LAPTOPS

Yesterday Class 1G spent some time working with the laptops. The children were busy using Top Marks, which is an educational maths website. All the children were engaged in their activity and enjoyed learning whilst having fun.



### BUSTERS BOOK CLUB

We are pleased to say the children are enthusiastic about taking part in this reading challenge and we would like to thank you for your encouragement and support. Your child should have brought home a Busters Book Club School Literacy News this week and we hope you enjoy reading it. It would be great for one of us to have the highest reading

points, so that one of our classes can win the tickets to Leeds Castle.



If you would like to email a picture of your child reading during half term to [office@staplehurst.kent.sch.co.uk](mailto:office@staplehurst.kent.sch.co.uk), then we can put your picture on our newsletter.

### ATTENDANCE

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

#### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 6 February was 93.36%.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to 4R Ravens who achieved a fantastic 98.2% attendance.

### ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
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

### FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

As part of our celebration assemblies in EYFS and KS1, we will be inviting parents from the year group to stay behind and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us as an opportunity to chat. It will also be a chance for your children to come and show some work that they are proud of from that week as an extra celebration of their achievements. The first week back is Year 1, so we look forward to welcoming the parents of the children in Geckos and Llamas.

## PREMISES WORK – Upgrading our fire alarm system

After half term our fire alarm system will be completely upgraded. Smoke/heat detectors and new call points will be installed along with a high specification alarm panel. This will be a three month project taking place each evening after school.

During half term our Year 5 & 6 area will be decorated – we are removing the old lockers and providing cloakroom facilities for the children.

## CHANGE OF MENU

On Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 February there will be a change round of the menu. The lunches will be sausages on Monday and on Tuesday it will be spaghetti bolognese; sorry for any inconvenience.

## AROUND THE WORLD IN A WEEK

During the week 27 February to 3 March our catering company Contract Dining are providing menus from Around the World. If your child has a school dinner every day that week they will be entered into a draw to win a prize. The menus are:-

### Monday – Mexican Day

Beef Tacos  
Vegetable Enchiladas  
Savoury Rice  
Sweetcorn & Peas  
Fruit Pots,  
Mixed Fruit Yoghurts  
Ice Cream

### Tuesday – Italian Day

Margarita Pizza and Vegetable Supreme Pizza  
Potato Wedges  
Baked Beans  
Fruit Pots  
Mixed Fruit Yoghurts  
Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse

### Wednesday – American Day

Roast Turkey and Stuffing  
Honey Roasted Quorn Fillet  
Roast Potatoes  
Broccoli and Carrots  
Chocolate Doughnuts  
Fruit Pots  
Yoghurts

### Thursday – Greek Day

Grilled Chicken Pitta Bread with Tzatziki  
Vegetable Moussaka  
Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables  
Honey and Apple Cake with Custard  
Fruit Pots  
Yoghurts

### Friday – British Day

Battered Fish and Tomato Sauce  
Vegetarian Bangers  
Chips  
Peas  
Fruit Pots  
Yoghurts

Please do take part and enjoy an edible trip around the world to see if you can win a prize.

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 27/02/17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

## ROSS-HOFFMAN FAMILY

Today we say a fond farewell to the Ross-Hoffman family who are relocating. The family have, over a number of years personally donated money to the school which has been put towards “wet play” equipment for the children. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and wish them well for the future.

## INSPIRE TO COMPETE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Some of our KS2 boys took part in Premier Sport's Inspire to Compete Basketball Competition on Wednesday at The Weald Sports Centre. Our team showed great sportsmanship and skill for the game. Well done.



## FOOD RECYCLING COMPETITION

On Monday your child should have brought home an entry form from Maidstone Borough Council for a competition to design a Winning Advertisement to help promote food recycling. The designs need to be returned to school by Friday 24 February. Good luck.

## 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 for vouchers is in reception 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!

## 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.

## NO VEHICULAR ACCESS

May we remind you that there is no vehicle access, unless you have authorised permission. Do not drive onto the premises when dropping your children off at Breakfast

Club as the staff are arriving at school at this time and we wish to avoid any accidents. Thank you for your co-operation.

## KINGSWOOD

Just a reminder that payments for the Kingswood Residential Trip can be made in instalments but the total payment is due by 17 March. Thank you.

## 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](http://www.premiereducation.com) or 01580 212401.

## NON SMOKING POLICY

May we remind you that the school has a strict Non Smoking Policy, whilst on school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.

## 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.**

## HALF TERM

The children and staff have all been working extremely hard this term. We hope that you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing after half term, refreshed and eager to continue with the same enthusiasm.

## PTA NEWS

### PTA MEETING

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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/>.

### WEST KENT FOOTBALL TRAINING ACADEMY

We are pleased to announce the launch of the West Kent Football Training Academy, which will be open for boys and girls in reception and school years 1 through to 5. As

we are affiliated to Tonbridge Juniors and the Kent FA we are a not for profit organisation. Our head coach, is Chris McGinn a level 4 UAFA A coach, with an excellent playing and coaching career history at professional level. There is a course schedule of 5 weeks, 90 minute sessions for only £30 starting on Friday 3 March 6.00pm - 7.30pm at the impressive Tonbridge School all weather pitches. For further information contact [www.WestKentFTA.com](http://www.WestKentFTA.com).

## 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](mailto:Psg.bowergrove@btinternet.com).

## MOTHER'S DAY PAMPER AND SHOPPING EVENING

Treat yourself this Mother's Day at a Pamper and Shopping Evening on Friday 17 March at Staplehurst Village Centre from 8pm to 10pm. Enjoy a range of beauty treatments, health products, or simply peruse the various stalls offering gifts, cakes, fashion and accessories. There will even be an all-important **Prosecco and cocktail Bar!**

Admission is just £1 on the door and raffle tickets will also be available on the night. So, come a long and enjoy an evening of pampering and shopping, you deserve it!

The event is being run by Staplehurst Under 5s Playgroup and you can find out more by visiting their Facebook Page, or email [under5events@gmail.com](mailto:under5events@gmail.com).

## DIARY DATES

### 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.