

Staplehurst School



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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

BUSTERS BOOK CLUB

Fantastic news: 5L have been awarded Champion Buster Book Club Readers for the whole District which is a fabulous achievement. The children have won tickets to a local attraction; very well done Lemurs Class.

World Book Day is on 2 March and the children are invited to bring in a good quality book that they can swap. Also, to celebrate the launch of our **Readathon** on Friday 3 March, all children may come into school wearing pyjamas or a onesie and KS1 children may stay after school for a story session with the teachers.

FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed the parents of the children in Geckos and Llamas as part of our Celebration Assembly in EYFS and KS1. They were the first group to come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us and use the opportunity to chat. It was also good for the children to come and show some work that they are proud of from this week as an extra celebration of their achievements. Next week we look forward to welcoming the parents from Early Years.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45
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

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 20 February was 94.42%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to 3S Sea Otters who achieved a fantastic 98.5% attendance.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 27/02/17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4
w/c 06/03/17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

SCHOOL SPRINGS INTO BLOOM

Our willow sculptures are coming to life, which is wonderful to see and our Spring bulbs that were planted last year are also beginning to grow again.



ACTION PACKED MARCH

March is going to be an extremely busy month at Staplehurst School - here are some of the exciting events happening:

Wednesday 1 – Governor Day – this is where five of our Governors will be joining the teachers and children in class as part of their monitoring duties and will stay and have some lunch with the children.

Friday 3 – Launch of readathon event and KS1 pyjama party

Friday 10 – Daniel Blythe, author visit: our wonderful PTA are contributing towards the cost

Wednesday 15 - Class Photographs

Monday 20 – Lydia Greenway, Cricket Coach visit

Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 – Tim Davies, sculptor visit

Friday 24 – Comic Relief; Wear Something Red for a donation

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

This week the following the Student Council discussed the following:

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Everyone looked at the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers brochure and chose items of playground equipment to be purchased. Please keep sending in your vouchers, they are extremely valuable to us.

Comic Relief

The council voted whether to have a Sponsored Silence or Wear Something Red for Comic Relief. It was a close call, but Wear Something Red won.

GOVERNOR VISITS

As parents we thought you would be interested to see how supportive and involved our Governing Body are within the school. During March we have the following visits:

Wednesday 1 – Governor Day.

Wednesday 1 – Governors' Community, Engagement & Growth Committee meeting

Wednesday 8 – Governors' Learning & Development Committee meeting

Wednesday 15 – Full Governing Body meeting

Wednesday 29 – Governors' Finance & Premises Committee meeting

YEAR 6 – WASTED

In preparation for their transition to secondary school, last Friday 10 February, Year 6 received a visit from 'Theatre ADAD' who provided an interactive show and drama workshop on the theme of drugs education. They learnt about the differences between legal and illegal drugs, and about what the benefits of some drugs (e.g. medicines) are, as well as the dangers. They showed a very mature attitude to asking and answering questions.



FOOD RECYCLING

As a follow on from the drawing competition on recycling, organised by Maidstone Borough Council, on Monday 6 March there is a Theatre Company coming into the school, to hold an assembly entitled "Cycle of Food".

YEAR 6 – KINGSWOOD

Just a reminder that payments for the Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip can be made in instalments but the total payment is due by **17 March**. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

SPRING SCHOOL DISCOS

Spring Discos: Friday 10 March, ticket price £4.50 (includes a drink and packet of crisps)

Early Years, Years 1, 2 and 3: 5.00 - 6.15pm

Years 4, 5 and 6: 6.45 – 8.15pm

Novelty lights will be on sale at the discos starting from 50p.

Disco tickets will be on sale w/c 6 March near to the entrance at drop off and pick up times.

Please note the discos are for Staplehurst School children only, and due to Health and Safety we do have a no sibling rule at both discos. This will be the last Disco for this academic year.

If anyone can help at the discos please contact Anita Moore on 07967 405021

PTA MEMBERSHIP

As some of you are aware the PTA lost quite a few members last year as their children left Staplehurst School and progressed onto higher education.

We are actively looking for a new Chairperson to come and join our existing friendly team and work with us for the benefit of the children and the school.

We are also looking for any new members who could join the PTA or just help where they can.

If anyone is interested in joining the PTA or would like more information then please contact Anita Moore (Vice Chair) 07967 405021 or leave your details with the office.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

PTA meeting: 14 March Summer Fayre planning 8pm, Kings Head (all welcome)

PTA Meeting: 22 March 3.30pm Infant Kitchen, (Children are welcome).

Quiz Night: Saturday 22 April 7pm for 7.30pm start. £5 00 per person, teams of 6.

Summer Fayre: Saturday 8th July - more info to follow

COMMUNITY NEWS

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

On Saturday 4 March is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. All crafts, songs and stories are on the theme of 'forgiveness'. They will be making biscuit jigsaws, a paint splattered display board, thank you mugs, hanging hearts, a hugging person and forgiveness fingers. Doors open at 3.30 for a 4pm start for crafts and a short service around 4.45 in time for tea all together around 5pm. Do come and join the Messy fun - everyone very welcome.

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.

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 along and enjoy an evening of pampering and shopping, you deserve it!

This 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.

LAMBING WEEKEND

The weekend of the 18/19 March, High Weald Academy, Cranbrook is holding their annual Lambing Weekend. Starting 10am and finishing 4.30pm. Entrance is £2.00 and children under 3 go FREE. There is FREE parking and refreshments available, so why not go along and see the animals and enjoy the facilities. All proceeds help support the farm.

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 6.00 - 7.30pm at the impressive Tonbridge School all weather pitches. For further information contact www.WestKentFTA.com.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 2 March

World Book Day

Friday 3 March

3.15 – 4.15pm – KS1 Pyjama Party

Friday 10 March

Author Daniel Blythe to visit KS2
3.15pm Author Daniel Blythe Book Sale

Friday 10 March

PTA Disco 5.00 – 6.15pm, Years R – 3
PTA Disco 6.45 – 8.15pm, Years 4 – 6

Wednesday 15 March

Class Photographs

Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March

Sculptor - Tim Davies to visit

Friday 31 March

End of Spring Term

Tuesday 18 April

Start of Summer 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.