

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

### WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION – RUNNERS UP

The school has been successful in being awarded runners up in the competition for World Book Day whereby the children created an artwork display based on "A Child of Books" by Oliver Jeffers. We have won a signed copy of the book and a piece of limited edition artwork from within the book, signed by the author and the illustrator. These will both be displayed in the corridor by Mrs Farthing's office.

### READATHON LAUNCH

We had a fantastic response to the launch of our readathon event and there are lots of colourful outfits and furry animals in school today!

### READATHON SPONSORED READ

We have launched our sponsored "Readathon" with the children this week to encourage further reading and to raise money to buy books for children in hospital. For every £100 the school raises in sponsorship, we will receive 20% back to purchase new books for school. We hope you can encourage your child to read even more this month and help them seek sponsorship from friends and family.

### FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed the parents of the children in Early Years who joined us for a cup of coffee and chat after the assembly. The children were so pleased to be able to show them their work and the Early Years activity area.

### ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 13/03/17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6  
w/c 20.03.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

### ATTENDANCE

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

#### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 27 February was 95.4%.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to EY3 Ladybirds who achieved a fantastic 98.94% attendance.

### YEAR 2 MAKE PANCAKES

At the beginning of the week in Y2 literacy, the children wrote a set of instructions on how to make pancakes. They made sure they used the words crack, pour, and mix to start off the instructions. The children then went to the children's kitchen and closely followed the instructions to make the pancakes. They were delicious!



### ACTION PACKED MARCH

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

**Friday 10** – Daniel Blythe, author visit: our wonderful PTA is 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

### STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

This week the council discussed that ever important topic of playground equipment and how to share its use.

Other suggestions were a Teacher Day, Baking Day and Black & White Dress Up day – the latter would be to raise money for charity.

The council also talked about Smiggle and whether it is sensible to have such expensive items in school, which

may get lost or broken. The council have decided to ask their classes to vote on whether to keep or ban Smiggle.

Look out for an update next week!

### GIRLS' PE CLOTHING

Don't forget that girls are not permitted to wear tights whilst doing PE. Please keep some socks in their PE bags to change into. Thank you for your co-operation.

### 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 8** – Governors' Learning & Development Committee meeting

**Wednesday 15** – Full Governing Body meeting

**Wednesday 29** – Governors' Finance & Premises Committee meeting

### FOOD RECYCLING

The drawing competition about food recycling proved quite popular and there were some very bright and colourful entries. Good luck to all those who took part.

Following on from the competition we will be welcoming a Theatre Company to school on Monday 6 March 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.

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FOLDER

With the Easter holidays just a few weeks away, the Holiday Activity Folder is out in reception. Please do keep popping and checking it as we have already had our first activity notification and there will no doubt be more to come.

## PTA NEWS

### SPRING SCHOOL DISCOS- BUY YOUR TICKETS WB. 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.

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, due to Health and Safety reasons we have a 'no sibling' rule at both discos.

Please note: this will be the last Disco for this academic year.

**The PTA is desperate for help for both Discos, especially for KS2. So if anyone can help please contact Anita Moore on 07967 405021. If not enough helpers can be found the Discos will not be able to go ahead.**

### PTA MEMBERSHIP - URGENT

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

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

Tomorrow 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](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 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](mailto: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.

## THE GREAT MGGS BAKE OFF

ON Saturday 18 March MGGS are holding their annual bake off. From 2pm – 4pm. To reserve your place please book via the PFA events page on the MGGS website <http://www.mggs.org/connected-community/parents-friends-association/pfa-events> or directly at <http://buytickets.at/maidstonegrammarschoolforgirlspfa> For bake entries, please be aware that class 6 is the Primary School category. The last entry for the competition is on Monday 13 March 2017 at 9.00am and there is a donation of £2 per entry, payable online.

## ROLLER DISCO

On Saturday 25 March at The Weald Sports Centre Cranbrook there will be a Superheroes Fancy Dress Roller Disco. Mini Rollers from 2pm – 3pm (families, beginners and under 11s) and The Main Event from 4pm – 5.30pm (over 11s and teen skate). Book online to guarantee fast track entry and reserve skates: [www.rocknrollerdisco.com](http://www.rocknrollerdisco.com).

## DIARY DATES

### 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 24 March

Comic Relief Day – Wear Something Red

### Friday 31 March

End of Spring Term

### Tuesday 18 April

Start of Summer Term

## WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Letter from Author  
Parent letter re Readathon

## 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.