

Staplehurst School



NEWSLETTER

PRIDE

Positivity

Respect

Independence

Determination

Excellence

Staplehurst School is an inclusive community and we do not tolerate bullying – race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age.

SCHOOL NEWS

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES!

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all staff, parents/carers and pupils for their understanding and co-operation whilst the school was closed due to the bad weather. We had some great feedback from parents who welcomed the prompt delivery of the decisions to close and the way it was communicated.



We are pleased to see the children back safe and sound after the fun in the snow but are sure you will agree how lovely it is to see signs of spring that are appearing in the school grounds.



HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Thank you to those parents who have already sent back the new Agreement between parents and the school. If you have not yet returned the form for your child/ren we ask that you do so as soon as possible. We will be chasing for outstanding forms next week.

WORLD BOOK DAY



On Tuesday we held a delayed World Book Day and the children were very excited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The children also brought a book from their chosen character to share with their class and all pupils spent the day immersed in reading and then writing creative stories of their own.

NETBALL MATCH

On Thursday the girls in our netball team were invited to play a friendly match at Loose Primary. The girls all played extremely well and showed true sportsmanship, even though we did lose the match. We would like to thank all the parents who very kindly transported the girls to Loose and waited and cheered the teams on.



YEAR 6 PARENT CONSULTATIONS

It has been decided that individual parent consultations will not take place with the Year 6 teachers on Tuesday 27 March as planned. Instead, there will be a short information session that day at 6pm: a letter has been sent home with children today.

DELICIOUS CAKES FOR THAT FRIDAY FEELING!

There will be a cake stall after school next Friday 16 March to raise funds for Year 6 Leavers Party.

PUPIL PREMIUM

Do you receive any of the following benefits?

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you so, you qualify for Pupil Premium which means your child/ren is/are entitled to:

- Free school trips
- Free breakfast at Breakfast Club
- Free school milk
- Assistance towards the purchase of uniform and equipment
- Paid swimming sessions
- Free school meals if your child is in Years 3-6
- Funding for one fee paying club

If you would like more information please speak to the office or Inclusion Team in complete confidence.

KINGSWOOD 2018

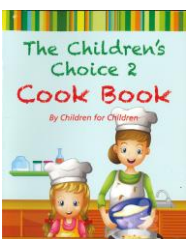
Reminder that the full balance for the Kingswood trip must be paid by **16 March**.

SPORT RELIEF DAY



On Friday 23 March 2018 children may wear any sports clothes to school for a donation to support Sport Relief 2018.

CHILDREN'S CHOICE 2 COOK BOOK



We are selling the Children's Choice 2 Cook Book published by the Contract Dining Company. The book includes a recipe by Henry P in 3S and the book is on sale for £1 with all proceeds being shared between Demelza House and Five Acre Wood School. If you would like a copy please send £1 to the office or email

office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

Attendance for the whole school for the week is **95.45%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5G17** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **99.23%**.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
9 March	Year 2	Year 6
16 March	Early Years	Year 5
23 March	Year 1	Year 4

GARDENING CLUB

Now that spring is on its way, Gardening Club will be starting again next Wednesday 14 March. The Club is open to anyone in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Copies of the joining letter are available from the office; please note that previous members will need to re-apply for a place. Spaces are still available.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 12.03.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

w/c 19.03.18 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Is your child now at school? Are you looking for or do you know of anyone looking for a rewarding part time job, during term time? We currently have two vacancies for Midday Supervisors, both doing 5 hours a week. If you would like to find out more information about joining our friendly dedicated team then please contact Mrs Zimmer in the office. Thank you.

DONATIONS PLEASE

If anyone has any spare clothes for ages 5-8 years, particularly pants and socks, they would be gratefully received.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LAMBING WEEKEND

High Weald Academy is hosting its annual Lambing Weekend on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 March from 10am to 4.30pm daily. Entrance is £2.00 with children under 3 free. Refreshments are available and there is FREE parking. All proceeds support the running of the farm.

MARCH & APRIL MESSY CHURCH

On Saturday 17 March from 3.30 - 6pm Staplehurst United Reform Church, are merging March and April's Messy Church owing to the timing of Easter and the school holidays. They are in the process of planning lots of exciting activities so save the date – they would love to see you there!!

STAPLEHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday 20 March there is a meeting at the Village Centre South Hall at 8pm and the topic is "Small can also be beautiful". The guest is Sue Hayward a Gold Medal winner at the Chelsea Flower Show.

The **Spring Flower Show** is on Saturday 24 March. Rules and registration forms are available from the Library and all registrations should be in by 22 March.

HAWKHURST UNDER 10s FOOTBALL CLUB

Hawkhurst Under 10s Football Club is growing in preparation for next seasons Under 11s 9-a-side football matches in September 2018. Training is every Saturday between 09.30 and 11am at Marlborough House School. If you are interested please contact Brunel woods on 07850 915086 or email brunel.woods@sky.com

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 13 March

Mother's Day Lunch (fully booked)

Wednesday 14 March

Class Photographs

Thursday 15 March

Mother's Day Lunch (fully booked)

Friday 16 March

Year 1 Trip to Leeds Castle

Cake Sale after school

Friday 23 March

Sport Relief Day – wear sports clothes for a donation!

Monday 26 March

Parent Drop In (2.45pm)

Tuesday 27 March

Parent Consultations – Year 2

SATs and Kingswood Meeting (6pm – Year 6 only)

Thursday 29 March

End of Term 3

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.