

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

AUTHOR VISIT – DANIEL BLYTHE

KS2 children enjoyed a fantastic day with the author Daniel Blythe who has written 21 books including Doctor Who titles and the Shadow Runner and Emerald Green series.

The children were very excited to create their own mythical creatures and made a start on their own stories. Thanks to our PTA who funded this event.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO DOVER MUSEUM

Our Year 6 pupils visited Dover Museum today as part of their studies on World War 2. The teaching staff and the children got into the spirit and dressed up in clothes from the era. Look out for more photos next week!



KS1 PYJAMA PARTY

Last week's party for KS1 was a big hit with the children who all enjoyed a cup of squash, biscuits and a story with the teachers.



GECKOS CLEAN UP

Well done to Class 1G Geckos who have been presented with three awards this week: Attendance Ted, Punctual Pup (shared with 3S, 4M, 4R & 5L) and the Buster Book Club Award for the most improved Reading Class of the week!



READING'S MORE FUN IN THE SUN

Class 3S Sea Otters enjoyed the early spring sunshine this week and spent some time reading outside against the wall of their classroom.



FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed the parents of the children in Year 2 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 share their achievements.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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 20.03.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

w/c 27.03.17 Year 5, 4, 3, 6

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 3 March was 95.08%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to 5L Lemurs who achieved a fantastic 98.61% attendance.

ACTION PACKED MARCH

Here's a reminder of some exciting events still to come to Staplehurst School this month:

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

READATHON SPONSORED READ

Don't forget to encourage your child to read even more this month to help raise money to buy books for children in hospital and funds for our school.

BOOK DONATIONS

Thank you so much for the book donations that have been received this week. The quality of the books has been fantastic.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

The classes are still deciding about Smiggle and we will give you an update next week.

FOOD FOR LIFE

Contract Dining Company is proud to inform parents that they are the first caterer in Kent to serve products that are organic, free range and ethically sourced with seasonal fruit and vegetables locally sourced from the SE of England, supporting our local suppliers and farmers.

"We try very hard to encourage the children to eat their vegetables and have two hot vegetables to choose from every day or two salad items. All menus are checked and approved by the Children's Trust which ensures that the ingredients are correct and that the amounts of fat and sugar are limited: desserts now contain 50% less sugar and fried potatoes are only permitted twice a week. We

also use wholegrain rice and pasta so the children take in more fibre."

CALLING ALL BUDDING GARDENERS

There are still spaces available for anyone who would like to join Mrs Ralph and her team at Gardening Club this summer so we are now seeking applications from Year 4 as well as Years 5 and 6. Please ask at the office for an application form.

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 15 – Full Governing Body meeting

Wednesday 29 – Governors' Finance & Premises Committee meeting

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 checking it as we have already had our first activity notification and there will no doubt be more to come.

ABSEIL CHALLENGE

At 10am on Sunday 19 March, Mrs Seymour will be abseiling down Thomas Place in Maidstone, to raise money for the Stroke Association, after a good friend of hers had a life changing stroke back in October. She would love to see some friendly faces at the bottom, especially as she is petrified of heights! If you would like to come along and support, it would be greatly appreciated and if you would like to sponsor Mrs Seymour the link is:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=Fransfreefallers&fald=774719&isTeam=true> or you can drop a donation into the office.

Thanks very much!

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to say Sarah Friend has been offered the post of Headteacher of Yalding School, where she has been the Acting Headteacher for the last six months. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her well in her new role and thank her for her hard work during the time she has been at Staplehurst School.

Katie Murray will continue in her role as Acting Deputy Headteacher until further notice.

PTA NEWS

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 Children's 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

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 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.

TENNIS EVENT

Staplehurst Cricket and Tennis Club are running FREE sessions for children aged 3 and upwards on Easter Monday. Please email enquiries@se-tennis.co.uk to book your place!

DIARY DATES

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

Contract Dining 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.