

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

### INSPIRATIONAL FEMALE CRICKETER AND SCIENCE WEEK!

We have an exciting week ahead with many planned activities starting with an assembly led by **LYDIA GREENWAY**.

**Lydia Greenway** is an **inspirational, female cricket player**. Lydia had an international career with England which saw her win four Ashes series and two World Cups. Now that her playing career at the very highest level is over, she has decided to pass on her knowledge to the next generation of female cricketers. Following assembly, Lydia will be involved in running 2 masterclasses for Y4 and Y5 girls – what a great opportunity. **It is highly likely BBC South East Today and Kent Online TV will arrive to record and broadcast Lydia's visit.** Look out for this on Monday or Tuesday.

Our activities for **SCIENCE WEEK** begin on Tuesday with the Kinetic Theatre Company performing Robin and the Withering Wood. This is a science based production and will involve nearly all children in school (pupils will experience some exciting activities during the week but not all).

Tim Davies, the artist who created our willow structures, is in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to work with children on Sci-Fi inspired sculptures. The final creations will be installed in our Y5/6 area which has recently been decorated. All children in the school will be involved in this activity.

Canterbury University are arriving on Thursday to teach science lessons across the school; the themes are Variation, Fossils and Rocks, Adaptation and Evolution. This will be very interesting for our children and staff will benefit from their science expertise.

We end the week with our support for Red Nose Day (children can wear something red if they wish) and a Mother's Day Lunch. We have 30 extra adults for this occasion and look forward to seeing you have special time with your children!

Kind regards,  
Cathy Farthing

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

**Monday 20** – Lydia Greenway, Cricket Coach visit  
**Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 AND Thursday, 23** – Tim Davies, sculptor visit  
**Wednesday 22** – Kinetic Theatre visit  
**Thursday 23** – Specialist Science Lessons  
**Friday 24** – Comic Relief; Wear Something Red for a donation  
**Friday 24** – Mothers' Day Lunch (now fully booked)

### FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed the parents of the children in Year 1 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 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 13 March was 94.84%.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to 2KS Koalas who achieved a fantastic 99.21% attendance.

### SPRING GARDENING

Gardening Club started again this week and the children all had great fun with Mrs Ralph and her team preparing the garden for the new season:



## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 17.04.17 Year 6, 5, 4, 3

## TREES AND PLAY EQUIPMENT

Please could we remind parents that children must be fully supervised at school pick up – children are not permitted to swing from tree branches and younger siblings are not permitted on our play equipment as it is age appropriate. 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 29** – Governors' Finance & Premises Committee meeting

## YEAR 6 – KINGSWOOD

Final payments for the Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip were due by **today**. Please contact the office if you are experiencing any difficulties in making this payment. Thank you.

## 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. The sponsored read finishes on Friday, 24 March.

## 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!

## PTA NEWS

### PTA EVENTS

The PTA would like to thank everyone who came and helped at last Friday's discos. This event could not go ahead without helpers, so thank you all very much.

There was a great turnout to both discos and the children had a marvellous time; a massive £777.00 was raised for the school.

Quiz night is on Saturday 22 April 2017 at 7.00pm; tables of up to six people at £5 per person. 1st prize is £100 cash

for the winning team. Please bring your own nibbles and refreshments and join in the fun. Contact Anita Moore 07967 405021 to reserve a table.

Summer Fayre update: Further information will be sent out shortly. However, spring is in the air and if you are tidying those cupboards out, please donate any spare crockery, plates, cups, saucers etc for our crockery smash at the Fayre.

## PTA MEMBERSHIP - URGENT

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: 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](mailto:under5events@gmail.com).

### LAMBING WEEKEND

This weekend (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

This 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.rockrollerdisco.com](http://www.rockrollerdisco.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](mailto:enquiries@se-tennis.co.uk) to book your place!

## DIARY DATES

### Monday 20 March

Cricketer Lydia Greenway to visit

### Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 March

Sculptor - Tim Davies to visit

### Wednesday March

Kinetic Theatre visit

PTA Meeting – 3.30pm Children's Kitchen

### Friday 24 March

Comic Relief Day – Wear Something Red

Mothers' Day Lunch

### Wednesday 29 March

Early Years Space Day

### Friday 31 March

End of Spring Term

### Tuesday 18 April

Start of Summer Term

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## 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.