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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

CHILDREN ENJOY INSPIRATIONAL WEEK!

We have had an exciting week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed the different experiences and have had fun whilst learning.

CRICKET

We were delighted to welcome ex-England international Lydia Greenway and Megan Belt, England Development Squad, with Mr John Swannick from Staplehurst Cricket Club, who came in on Monday and delivered a rousing assembly promoting cricket in general and the new after school Cricket Club starting after Easter.



Cricket is a world away from what parents may remember – today it's all about skills, fast moving drills, participation and fun.

The girls in Years 4 and 5 were given the opportunity to enjoy a Masterclass with Lydia and Megan; we are excited to report KMTV filmed the masterclass and you can see the video at <http://bit.ly/2n9ut1A>.

BUSTER BOOK CLUB CHALLENGE WINNERS

On Tuesday morning, Boglarka and Joshua were lucky enough to represent their class, 5L, at an awards

ceremony at Leeds Castle. The class won a competition in February, as they had the most extra reading minutes in the district. They were presented with a certificate and vouchers for entry to RSPB Rainham Marshes for 6 family members! Well done to all the Lemurs! Remember to keep reading, particularly on a Wednesday, as there will be more great prizes to be won soon!

SCULPTOR VISIT

We were pleased to welcome back Tim Davies, the artist for a further three days this week. He worked with the children to create new sculptures of spaceships to link up with the author of the Doctor Who books who visited last week.



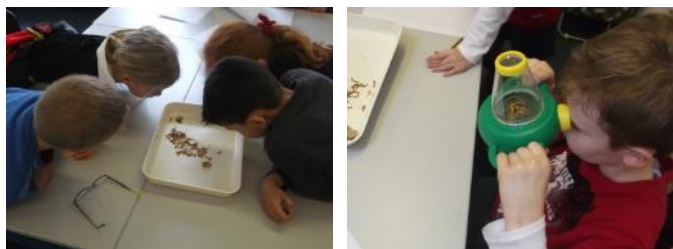
KINETIC THEATRE COMPANY

On Wednesday Kinetic Theatre Company came in and performed Robin and the Withering Wood. This was a science based production and involved nearly all children in school, who were totally immersed in the production.



SCIENCE MADE INTERESTING

On Friday, Canterbury University came in to teach science lessons across the school; the themes were Variation, Fossils and Rocks, Adaptation and Evolution. The children found this most fascinating and extremely interesting.



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

Today some of our Mums were able to come in and have lunch with their children to celebrate Mother's Day. The tables were decorated with bunches of daffodils and Contract Dining offered an extra dessert of apple crumble and custard. Everyone had a fantastic time.



RED NOSE DAY

Today the whole school supported Red Nose Day by making a donation and wearing something red. Pictures and the total raised will be on next week's newsletter.

YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Please note there will be NO Year 5 Swimming on Wednesday 29 March.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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 March was 94.49%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to 3S Sea Otters who achieved a fantastic 100% attendance.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

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

FOR ME: THE CHILDLINE FREE APP

Childline has launched a FREE app to provide support to young people directly through their mobile devices. The app is called 'For Me' and provides:

- 1 to 1 chat with a counsellor
- 'Ask Sam' problem pages

- A private locker - a personal area where young people can track their mood and write down their thoughts.

If parents think this app could be of use to their child please direct them to: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/for-me-app/id1094217440?mt=>

'For Me' is the new app that puts Childline in your pocket. It's free, it's secure and it's designed by young people for young people.

YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY

On Tuesday 28 March Year 3 will be having a Roman day, where the staff and children will come to school dressed as Romans.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Due to a drop in numbers Mr Littleton is opening up Football Club membership to boys and girls in Year 4. This will be treated as a NEW club, so if your child is already attending and wishes to continue, please collect a consent form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Thank

READATHON SPONSORED READ

The sponsored read finished today. Please send your sponsorship money into the office as soon as possible.

YEAR 6 PUPIL WINS MGGS BAKE OFF

Eloise, one of our Year 6 pupils, entered the MGGS Bake Off last week and was crowned winner of the Junior category. Her entry was a cute family of chocolate fondant cupcake hedgehogs out for a woodland walk. Congratulations Eloise on a great achievement.



ABSEIL CHALLENGE

On Sunday 19 March, Mrs Seymour completed her abseil challenge down Thomas Place in Maidstone, to raise money for the Stroke Association, after a good friend of hers had a life changing stroke. This was extremely challenging for Mrs Seymour as she is petrified of heights!

It's not too late to sponsor her and the link is:



<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=Fransfreefalls&fald=774719&isTeam=true>

or you can drop a donation into the office. Thanks very much!

CONGRATULATIONS MRS GREATREX

We are happy to announce that Mrs Greatrex, one of our teachers in Year 3 is expecting her second child. A letter to the Year 3 parents will be sent out in due course.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS – SMIGGLE

The Student Council asked their classes to vote whether to keep or ban Smiggle. Children in Years 2 to 6 decided they were 60% in favour of KEEPING Smiggle. The teaching staff have asked that parents are mindful about the expense of Smiggle items and that children must not swap them or sell them in school as it causes too many arguments. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ROLLER DISCO

Tomorrow 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.

DOODLEBUGS POTTERY

On Saturday 25th March from 10am to 3pm the Free Church cafe will be open for snacks, food and drink as well as pottery painting. Come along and enjoy some relaxing time out of your busy schedule. There will be a wide range of items for painting with prices starting at about £3. Painted items will be glazed and fired and returned to you within a couple of weeks.

SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Tomorrow (Saturday 25 March), from 10:00-12:30, at Staplehurst United Reformed Church (opposite the chemist), there will be a Spring Coffee Morning.

Proceeds will be donated to The Community Centre for Debt Advice.

There will be:

- Fresh coffee/tea and cakes.
- Cakes and homemade produce.
- Handicrafts, plants and gifts.
- Chocolate tombola.
- Guess the weight of the cake/number of sweets in the jar.

Please do pop along and give them your support.

OPEN MORNING

On Monday 27 March, from 9:30–11:00, Staplehurst Under 5's Playgroup is holding an Open Morning. You are invited to go along and meet the children, staff and committee members and experience all the wonderful activities they have to offer. Refreshments will be available.

FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

Football Five Star's half term one day course at Jubilee Field was a great success with 55 players attending. Their next event at Jubilee will be during the Easter holidays on the 11th and 12th April. You can find more details at <http://www.footballfivestar.co.uk>

EASTER CRAFTS FOR ALL

Come along to All Saints' Church anytime from 9.00 until 12.00 on Good Friday April 14 to have fun making lots of different Easter crafts. Children of all ages and parents and grandparents are very welcome. Refreshments available. £1 per child, or £4 for a family ticket; no need to book. We look forward to seeing you there!

STAPLEHURST MONARCHS

Staplehurst Monarchs Youth FC are hoping to enter both U-11s and U-13s girls' teams in the Kent Girls & Ladies Football League from next season onwards. They will be holding an Open Morning at Jubilee Field for girls to come along and have a go between 9:30 and 11:00 on Sunday 23 April. All welcome!

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!

HEART OF KENT HOSPICE BLUEBELL WALK

On Sunday 30 April, Heart of Kent Hospice is holding their annual Bluebell Walk. To register visit www.hokh.org. For more information Telephone 01622 790195 or Email: fundraising@hokh.co.uk.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 22 March

PTA Meeting – Children's Kitchen: 15:30

Tuesday 28 March

Year 3 Roman Day

Wednesday 29 March

Year 3 trip to Maidstone Museum

Early Years Space Day

Friday 31 March

End of Spring Term

Tuesday 18 April

Start of Summer Term

Saturday 22 April

PTA Quiz Night

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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.