

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

LETTER FROM HEADTEACHER

Please see attached end of term letter from Cathy Farthing.

RED NOSE DAY

Last Friday the whole school supported Red Nose Day by making a donation and wearing something red. This was very well supported by pupils and staff. The amount we raised this year was an amazing £340.63.



EARLY YEARS EXPLORE SPACE

On Wednesday our Early Years children and staff all dressed up as Spacemen. There were some wonderful astronaut outfits and parents were invited in to a special assembly in the afternoon. See the Early Years Update for some wonderful pictures.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 21 April	Year 1	Year 6
Friday 28 April	EYrs	Year 5
Friday 5 May	Year 2	Year 4
Friday 12 May	Year 1	Year 3
Friday 19 May	EYrs	Year 6
Friday 26 May	Year 2	Year 5

HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS

The Headteacher Commendations for this term are:-

EY1	Katie H
EY2	Stanley
EY3	Layla
1G	Amelia C
1L	Bluebelle
2O	Charlotte B
2KS	Esmé
3GR	Bella
3S	Robin
4M	Albie-Joe
4R	Philippa
5L	Joe S
5S	Sienna
6T	Emmy
6L	Gabi

Congratulations and very well done to you all.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 27 March was 92.42%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to EY3 Ladybirds who achieved the highest attendance for the week at 99.47%.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 24.04.17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

BUSTER'S BIG BASH!

On Saturday, 6 May there will be a fantastic free event organised by the KM Charity Team as part of Buster's Book Club.

Once a year families from across the county gather in Canterbury's Dane John Gardens on a Saturday to celebrate the success of the walk to school campaign and Buster's Book Club.

For more information and to book your place please click on the following link:

<http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/walktoschool/bigbash/>

CRICKET CLUB

On Wednesday 26 April there is a new FREE after school Cricket Club starting for boys and girls in KS2. If your son or daughter is interested in joining, forms are available from the office.

YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY

This week, Year 3 have taken part in an exciting end to their Romans History topic. On Tuesday the children and staff arrived dressed as Romans and spent the day making shields and roman bread.

On Wednesday they visited Maidstone Museum where they made clay pots and found out about Roman objects such as oil lamps, coins, wax tablets and roman toys. Some of the children even got to wear replica Roman armour which was extremely heavy.

All of the children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and have certainly learnt a lot about what Romans did for us.



PERFECT PACKED LUNCH AWARDS

Your child will have come home today with a leaflet regarding the above awards. This is a great opportunity to talk to your child about healthy eating – in between eating Easter eggs! The closing date is 29 April: good luck!

MEDWAY VOLUNTEERS

Our merry band of volunteer helpers will be working on our school grounds over Easter to create a natural meadow on the school field. We are looking for donations of old CDs and DVDs to create bird scarers. Please send donations in straight after the break. Thank you.

READATHON SPONSORED READ

The sponsored read has now finished. Please send your sponsorship money into the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

INSPIRE TO COMPETE TRI-GOLF COMPETITION

Well done to Declan, Finlay and Jacob from 3S who came second in yesterday's tri-golf competition held at Hollingbourne Primary School; extra congratulations to Jacob who also won the Sportsmanship Award.

SUMMER UNIFORM

A reminder that after Easter the children may wear summer uniform: polo shirts and shorts for boys and summer dresses for girls. If boys decide to wear the winter shirt then a tie must be worn please. We are proud of our smart school uniform and we wish to maintain these high standards.

SWIMMING CHALLENGE

During the Easter holiday Isabel in 4M is doing a 10 length swim at the Weald Sports Centre in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. If you would like to sponsor Isabel please call into the office to make your donation.

Thank you very much!

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Year 4 will begin swimming on the first Wednesday back after the Easter Holiday. Please ensure you have completed the permission slip and remember to send your child in with their swimming things. Thank you.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Congratulations to BLUE HOUSE – Rowling who have won the house point challenge this term with 1,686 points and may wear their own clothes to school on Friday, 21 April.

HAPPY EASTER

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you ready for a new and exciting Summer Term.

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 still 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

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.

HOMWOOD MASTERCLASSES

On Saturday 27 May Homewood School in Tenterden is holding their annual Masterclasses, from 9.00am until 12 noon. It's £10 per session and is open to Years 4, 5, & 6. Copies of what is on offer and a booking form are available from reception.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Tunbridge Well Sports Centre are running activities over the Easter Holidays for Children with Special Needs and their siblings.

Dates: Thursday 6 April and 13 April
1.00pm to 3.00pm - tickets £2.50 per child.

The Weald Sports Centre will be running an after school club for Children with Special Needs and their Siblings.

Start Date: Monday 8 May 5.00pm till 6.30pm

Price £2.50 per child; after the session you will be able to swim for a £1.00 per person.

If you are interested in either of these please contact Carol on 07486 429562.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18 April

Start of Summer Term

Saturday 22 April

PTA Quiz Night

Wednesday 19 April

NSPCC Stay Safe Speak Out Launch

Tuesday 2 May

Year 1 Trip to Dover Castle

Monday 8 May

Year 6 SATs

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Letter from Headteacher

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.