

Staplehurst School



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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

WELCOME BACK

We hope you enjoyed the Easter Break. It is lovely to see all the children back, full of enthusiasm for their new topics and working well.

WINNING ENTRY!

We are thrilled to announce that one of our Year 5 boys, Liam 5S, was chosen as the winner of the Food Waste Competition run by Maidstone Borough Council. The announcement was made at a whole school assembly on Tuesday and his parents were also invited to share his success. Liam was the lucky winner of an iPad mini and the school was also awarded £1,000 vouchers to spend on equipment. Look out for Liam's fantastic design on local buses and also on a framed print in our reception area.



ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 28 April	EYrs	Year 5
Friday 5 May	Year 2	Year 4
Friday 12 May	Year 1	Year 3
Friday 19 May	EYrs	Parent Drop In EYrs & Years 1,3,4&5 only
Friday 26 May	Year 2	Year 6

NSPCC LAUNCH 'STAY SAFE SPEAK OUT'

The children really enjoyed the engaging and informative assemblies held on Wednesday. We hope you will be able to help our children take part in the sponsored events taking place next week by raising money for this worthwhile cause.



All forms and money must be returned by **Tuesday, 2 May**.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 17 April was 95.08%.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to 1G Geckos who achieved the highest attendance for the week with a fantastic 100%.

MEDWAY VOLUNTEERS

The merry band of volunteer helpers came in over Easter to prepare a natural meadow on the school field and have used the turf in the willow structure. They also tidied the wildlife area, created a new bug home (pictured below), put up another bird box and painted benches with wood stain.



Early Years children will be planting seeds in the coming weeks and they are looking for donations of old CDs and DVDs to create bird scarers. Please send donations in to the office. Thank you.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 01.05.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

BUSTER'S BIG BASH!

On Saturday, 6 May between 9.45am and 12.30pm there will be a fantastic free event organised by the KM Charity Team as part of Buster's Book Club in the Dane John Gardens, Canterbury.

During the morning, children will be able to:

- take part in **free challenges** including pedal go-karting, circus workshops, space hopper races, ice hockey skills and beat the goalie
- attempt to break 2 records - the biggest walking bus and the biggest teddy bears' picnic
- receive free goody bags (first 300 children)
- receive **free snacks and drinks**
- prize competitions - prizes from Fenwick and Smiggle
- watch a Circus show at the teddy bears' picnic

Everyone is invited but places are limited so you do need to book your child's place on the website:

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

CLUBS

The new Clubs List for this Summer Term was emailed during the holiday. If you require a copy please collect one from the office. Cricket Club for KS2 starts next week on Wednesday 26 April and there are still spaces available. If your son or daughter is interested in joining, forms are available from the office.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations slips for Years R, 1, 3, 4 and 5 have been sent home this week. Please return your slips by Friday 28 April.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS PROOFS

The class photo proofs have been sent home today. The Year 6 classes have been combined into one photograph as a final year souvenir. There is a copy of this in Reception if you would like to come in and take a look. Orders must be returned to the office by **Friday 5 May**.

LONG JUMP SUCCESS

Well done to Joe S in 5L who beat his personal best in the long jump at an athletics meet during the Easter break. He is now rated as the top U11 at long jump in the South East AND 3rd in the entire UK. We are very proud of him!

SUMMER UNIFORM

Now it's the summer term children may wear summer uniform: Girls in KS1 may wear a school cardigan or jumper with blue and white check summer dresses. KS2 girls may wear blue and white check summer dresses or white polo shirts with grey skirts/shorts. Boys may wear a school jumper with white polo shirts and either grey long trousers or shorts.

PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS

Quiz night is tomorrow, 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

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

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON

Chapel Lane Pre-school are holding an Open Afternoon this Wednesday 26 April from 1.00 to 2.30pm. All parents, carers and children of current and prospective parents are welcome to go along and visit to meet the staff and see this lovely and Outstanding pre-school in action.

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!

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

The Weald Sports Centre is be running an after school club for Children with Special Needs and their Siblings which starts on Monday 8 May 5.00 till 6.30pm. The price is £2.50 per child; after the session you will be able to swim for £1.00 per person. If you are interested please contact Carol on 07486 429562.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 22 April

PTA Quiz Night

Tuesday 2 May

Year 1 Trip to Dover Castle

Monday 8 May

Year 6 SATs

Friday 19 May

Parent Drop In Years R,1,3,4 & 5

WITH THIS 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.