

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

4R SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

4R enjoyed finding out how sound travels and is heard by doing a variety of experiments including speaking through balloons, hitting the table with a string tied to a fork, putting a tuning fork in water to see the ripples created by the vibrations and talking through cups and string.



ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 24 April was **95.26%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to EY3 Ladybirds who achieved the highest attendance for the week with a fantastic 98.99%.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 08.05.17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

NSPCC LAUNCH 'STAY SAFE SPEAK OUT'

The children have really enjoyed taking part in various sporting activities this week as part of the 'stay safe speak out' launch. Don't forget to return your sponsor forms and money by **Friday 5 May** (extended deadline).

CHANGE OF MENU

On Tuesday 2 May the menu served will be the options for the Monday of that week. The menu will therefore be:-

Beef Burger in a Bun
Quorn Burger in a Bun
New Potatoes
Baked Beans
Grilled Tomatoes
Salad
Summer Fruit Meringues
Fruit Pots
Yoghurts

DONATIONS PLEASE

- **Early Years** need CDs for bird scarers for the new meadow
- **Year 2** need used kitchen roll cardboard tubes for their spy project
- If anyone has an ice cream maker they would be happy to lend the school for a project that the **Year 6** pupils are doing during Kingswood week could they please inform the office.

YEAR 1 TRIP TO DOVER CASTLE

Please ensure that your child is in school by 8.20am for registration as the coach will be leaving promptly shortly afterwards.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS FUNDRAISING

There will be a plant sale after school on Monday 8 May. If anyone would like to donate plants for sale please contact Fiona Brown on 07801 371223.

STUDENT COUNCIL

This week the Student Council discussed class plans for the NSPCC sponsored event that took place on Wednesday.

They were also asked to remind their classes to collect as many Sainsbury's vouchers as possible to help replenish playground equipment for lunchtimes.

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/>

YEAR 6 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Parents of our current Year 6 children will need to apply to Kent County Council for transport to secondary schools using Form T1. You can apply online www.kent.gov.uk/schooltransport or paper copies are available from the office. Applications must be made by the end of July to ensure the travel pass is ready for the start of term in September.

DOG WALKERS

We know that some of you like to bring your dogs on the school run but please be mindful that some of our children are uneasy about walking past them. Please avoid blocking the pathways and look out for your dog fouling the pavements as one parent had to clean up after someone's dog this week.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES

The dates for school holidays and terms for 2017/18 were emailed to parents this week and are on the website. Paper copies are available in the office.

PARKING

If you drive your car to school please ensure that you do not park on the pavements as this causes a hazard to our children and also to other local residents. Thank you.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPH PROOFS

Don't forget to return any orders for your child's class photos to the office by **Friday 5 May**.

PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the Quiz Night on Saturday. Mr Steve Lenham, the host, put together some hard, easy, local, edible and interesting question rounds and there were some very close scores at the end of the night. The winning team led by Mr John Reardon won the cash prize which was generously donated back to make the total raised £355.00. The PTA are very grateful to all that came and supported the school

and especially to Steve for the work he puts in compiling the questions.

Plans for the Summer Fair are well on the way. Please save the date **Saturday 8 July – 12 til 4pm**. The first newsletter was sent home last week which will have given you a taster of the things planned for this year but the PTA do need your help on the stalls. Look out for the help posters / letters that will be arriving soon or contact Anita Moore (Vice Chair) on 07967 405021 if you are able to spare 30 minutes, an hour, or more; we also have some child friendly stalls if your child would like to help too.

Also, we still need any surplus / unwanted crockery for the crockery smash!

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

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

On Saturday 6 May is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. All crafts, songs and stories are on the theme of 'The still small voice'. They will be making edible wafer fans decorated with sweets, a clacker, windmills and wind chimes as well as some other activities. Doors open at 3.30 for a 4pm start for crafts and a short service around 4.45 in time for tea all together around 5pm. Do come and join the Messy fun - everyone very welcome.

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.

SMARDEN PRE-SCHOOL CHARITY EVENT

On Saturday 24 June there will be a charity gig night presented by Smarden Pre-School at Smarden Charter Hall from 8pm. Tickets for the Raspberry Hedgehogs are £5 in advance or £7 on the night and are on sale at Smarden Butchers, Post Office and the Pre-School. For any enquiries please ring Mel on 07803 929121.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Weald Sports Centre is 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

Tuesday 2 May

Year 1 Trip to Dover Castle

Monday 8 May

Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 17 May

Parent Consultations Year R, 1, 3, 4 & 5

Thursday 18 May

Parent Consultations Year R, 1, 3, 4 & 5

Friday 19 May

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

Wednesday 14 June

Year R Trip to Rare Breeds Centre

Choir Summer Concert

Thursday 15 June

Year 2 Trip to Kent Life

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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.