

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

NSPCC LAUNCH 'STAY SAFE SPEAK OUT'

Thank you to all the children who have sent in their sponsorship money for the NSPCC following the sporting activities last week. We are really pleased to announce that we have raised a fantastic £2,360 so far. It's not too late to get involved and there's a collection box in the office for any further returns.

YEAR 1 TRIP TO DOVER CASTLE

On Tuesday 2 May Year 1 spent a fun packed day at Dover Castle. During their visit they explored the castle and were fortunate to meet Lady Eleanor and be given a tour of the Kitchen and Banquet Room; Zac was even made a Knight of the Realm.



POWER UP TO RECYCLING

The school are once again taking part in the KCC Power up to Recycling Challenge. The challenge runs from 1 May 2017 to 1 December 2017. Your old batteries can help us win some school equipment, so please bring in your old

batteries as the more batteries we collect the bigger the voucher. Thank you.

SPECIAL AGENTS TRAINING SERVICE

Pupils in Year 2 have been very busy with their SATs this week. To alleviate the pressure of the tests, which will be during the month of May, the teachers have called it Special Agents Training Service and the children have been very excited to take part in some fun related activities.

Year 6 SATs and Breakfast - Don't forget if your child is coming in for breakfast they are meeting at 8.20am in the Junior Hall. Thanks to our PTA who have kindly donated some snacks. We wish our Year 6s all the best for next week. You have worked really hard – good luck!



ASSEMBLY ROTA

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 1 May was **94.53%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to 4M Meerkats who achieved the highest attendance for the week with a fantastic 99.05%.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 08.05.17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4
w/c 15.05.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

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. Please see attached flyer.

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.

NSPCC YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE WORLD

As a follow up from all the activities the children have been doing the NSPCC has issued a booklet that you may find interesting, called "Your Child's Online World". If you would like advice and support on setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings, understanding social networks and more visit www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety or call 08088 005002.

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.

FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

Did you know? If your child is adopted or was once in care, we can receive additional funding which we can target towards your child. If this is the case, please telephone the office and ask to speak to Mrs Zimber or Mrs Laslett in strictest confidence.

NIGHTRIDER LONDON CHALLENGE

Paul Turpin, who is a parent and also one of our School Governors, is setting off on a charity challenge after suffering a heart attack last September, to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. The Nightrider Challenge is a 50km ride around London and is taking place on 10 June. If you would like to sponsor Paul's challenge go to www.tinyurl.com/PTurpinkM. Thank you for your support.

PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS

Plans for the Summer Fair are continuing. Please save the date **Saturday 8 July – 12 til 4pm**. The first newsletter has been distributed 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

Tomorrow 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 3.30pm for a 4pm start for crafts and a short service around 4.45pm in time for tea all together around 5pm. Do come and join the Messy fun - everyone very welcome.

TONBRIDGE JUNIORS FC TRIALS

On Saturday 13 May Tonbridge Juniors FC are holding football trials for boys and girls in school years R,1,3,5,6,7,8 &9. Years 2 & 4 are both full. From 10am to 12.30pm. If you would like more information please contact tonbridgejuniors@gmail.com.

OAKWOOD PARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

On Tuesday 16 May from 6pm – 8pm, Oakwood are holding an Open Evening and are inviting parents and children from Year 5, who may be thinking of applying next year and Year 6 students who are already going to attend in September.

HOMWOOD MASTERCLASSES

On Saturday 27 May, Homewood School in Tenterden is holding their annual Masterclasses, from 9.00am until 12noon. 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 5pm 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.

ANDREW PARRY'S ROCK SCHOOL 2017

"Andrew Parry's Rock School" is a summer music course for children interested in playing in a band and becoming rock stars of the future! Any instrumentalists are welcome, as well as beginners. It ends with a concert which will be recorded onto CD. It is taking place the week of Monday 24 July at Cornwallis Academy. Please see www.andrewparrymusic.com for more information!"

- Beginner (Year 3-6) - Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 July
 - Intermediate (Year 7-10) - Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 July
 - Advanced (Year 10+) - Monday 7th - Friday 11th August
 at Back Alley Rehearsal Studios, Maidstone - *application required*

The days will run from 9:30am – 3:30pm, with a lunch break. Refreshments will be available, but please provide a packed lunch.

COST

Beginner: Monday & Tuesday – **£70**

Intermediate: Wednesday - Friday – **£90**

Advanced: Monday – Friday – on application

Family discount

2 children in beginners – **£130**

2 children in intermediates – **£170**

1 child in beginner and 1 child in intermediate – **£150**

DIARY DATES

Monday 8 May

Year 6 SATs

Friday 12 May

Year 1 Medieval Dress Up Day

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

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Contract Dining May Newsletter

Plant Sale Flyer

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.