

Staplehurst School



NEWSLETTER

PRIDE

Positivity

Respect

Independence

Determination

Excellence

Staplehurst School is an inclusive community and we do not tolerate bullying – race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age.

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 SAY THANK YOU

We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils this week, as they have all shown great maturity and excellent work ethics towards their SATs. The children would like to say thank you to our local Spar, who have once again made a donation towards the SATs breakfasts and provided freshly baked croissants every morning. Thanks also go to our wonderful PTA who donated some snacks.



YEAR 1 MEDIEVAL DRESS UP

Year 1 have had a fantastic day dressed up as Lords and Ladies of the Realm.



5S ANALYSE OWL PELLETS

Class 5S had an exciting science lesson, analysing Barn Owl pellets to see what the birds have been eating. They are taking part in a study of owl eating habits in the Marden area. Pellets are created after the owl has been hunting and regurgitates the part of its prey that it cannot digest. The children used tweezers and carefully pulled the pellets apart, to find the skulls, bones and fur of several small mammals. These were then identified and collated, using a key from the Barn Owl Society, and we found that the owls had mostly eaten harvest mice, shrews and voles, although there was an odd small bird too! It was a fabulous morning and the children were very animated and excited about their findings. Thank you to Chris Roome, one of our governors, for providing the pellets.



ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 19 May	EYrs	Parent Drop In EYrs & Years 1,3,4&5
Friday 26 May	Year 2	Year 5
Friday 9 June	Year 1	Year 4
Friday 16 June	EYrs	Year 3
Friday 23 June	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 8 May was **94.36%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5L Lemurs** who achieved the highest attendance for the week with a fantastic **100%**.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 22.05.17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

We need more parent helpers for the Year 2 trip to Kent Life on Thursday 15 June. If you are able to help please contact the office or one of the Year 2 class teachers.

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.

PARENT CONSULTATION SLIPS

Slips for the Parent and SEN Consultations have been sent home with your child this week. We do still have some spaces available so if you have not yet made an appointment please contact the office.

YEAR 5 – PESE 2018 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registration for the 11+ opens on the 1 June and closes on the 3 July. Parents will be able to register online by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/ola, or fill in a paper registration form, which will be available at the office after 1 June.

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.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING PLANT SALE

On Monday, Year 6 held a plant sale to raise funds for their Leavers Party. They have got off to a tremendous start raising £115 and would like to thank everyone who purchased plants for supporting them.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Year 6 are going to be busy with their fundraising and have planned a few more events for you to put in your diaries.

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| 19 May | Cake/plant/craft sale - after school |
| 12 June | Lolly Sale - after school |
| 22 June | Refreshments at Sports' Day |
| 23 June | Disco at the Cricket Club (KS2 age group) - (5-7pm) |
| | further information to follow |

Any help/donations of cakes/plants/craft are very welcome. Can Year 6 parents let the fundraising team know if they can help via the letter sent out last week, on the Facebook page, or directly to Fiona Brown via 07801 371223.

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 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.

SUMMER PLAY SCHEME

The summer holidays may still seem a little way off but did you know that if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium then the school can help cover the costs for your child to attend the play scheme? This is held for three weeks over the summer and provides a great environment for your child to play and socialise in a familiar and safe environment. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Laslett in the Inclusion Team if you would like us to arrange this for you.

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 Zimmer 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

SUMMER BBQ AND FAIR SATURDAY 8 JULY

We're starting to prepare the stalls for the Summer Fair. Please can you bring in any:

- Unwanted crockery for the Crockery Smash
- Teddies for the Year 6 Teddy Tombola
- Good condition books (children's to adult's) for our Book Stall

Please send all donations to the School Office; thank you in advance for your generosity.

This year, all fair helpers will be entered into a prize draw for a bottle of Prosecco (for adult helpers) and a box of chocolates (children helpers). Please look out for letters in the next few weeks or contact Anita Moore (Vice Chair) on 07967 405021 if you are able to spare 30 minutes, an hour or more.

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

GIRLS' FOOTY AT STAPLEHURST MONARCHS

Staplehurst Monarchs Youth FC are looking for Girls in years 4, 5, 6 & 7 to play football in their age group teams from September in the Kent Girls Football League. Training and matches are on Sunday mornings. They will be training during the summer, so if you would like to have a go, please contact Quentin Haywood at Qhaywood@tiscali.co.uk for more information.

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 from 10am to 12.30pm (Years 2 & 4 are both full). 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.

CRANBROOK SCHOOL

Cranbrook School are now taking a Year 7 admission and are holding an information evening on Wednesday 17 May from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting is being held on Saturday 20 May at Staplehurst Village Centre starting at 5pm and finishing at 7pm. Interested in the future of Staplehurst? This is your community meeting – all are welcome!

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.

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

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

Monday 29 May to Friday 3 June

Half Term

Wednesday 14 June

Year R Trip to Rare Breeds Centre

Choir Summer Concert

Thursday 15 June

Year 2 Trip to Kent Life

Friday 16 June

6L MGS Air Raid Shelter Visit

Wednesday 21 June

Choir Trip to Lion King Performance

Thursday 22 June

Sports Day

Thursday 29 June

Back Up Sports Day

Friday 30 June

6T MGS Air Raid Shelter Visit

Thursday 20 July

End of Term

Friday 21 July

INSET Day

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Year 6 Craft – Cake, 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.