

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

PARENT CONSULTATIONS/DROP IN

Parent Consultations and Parent 'Drop In' have taken place this week. It has been fantastic to see so many parents supporting their children and giving well deserved praise. Thank you.

YEAR 5 STUDY EGYPT

Year 5 have been busy studying Egypt and its cultures. The children have been learning about mummification and as a practical exercise they mummified an orange; the experience was very messy and sticky!



ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 22.05.17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6
w/c 05.06.17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

DONATIONS PLEASE

It would be really helpful to have one more ice cream maker for a project Year 6 are doing during Kingswood week. If you have one, that you would be happy to loan the school, please inform the office.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 15 May was **95.02%**.

Class attendance

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

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.

DIABETES WEEK 11-17 JUNE 2017

To raise funds for research into finding a cure for diabetes children will be able to wear their own clothes to school on **Friday 16 June** for a donation. As 6L are on a trip that day, pupils in that class may wear their own clothes the following Friday.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Year 6 have planned a few more fundraising events for you to put in your diaries:

- 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 recent letter, on the Facebook page, or directly to Fiona Brown via 07801 371223.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common infection that causes mouth ulcers and spots on the hands and feet. There has been a case reported in school so we are asking parents to keep an eye out for the early symptoms which include: high temperature (fever), usually around 38-39C; a general sense of feeling unwell, loss of appetite, coughing, abdominal pain and a sore throat and mouth. These symptoms usually appear 3-5 days after being exposed to the infection. This is followed by mouth ulcers and a spotty rash and blisters on the hands and/or feet.

If you have hand, foot and mouth disease, the best thing to do is to stay at home until you're feeling better. There's no cure for it, so you have to let it run its course.

POWER UP TO RECYCLING

Don't forget to bring in your old batteries as they can help us win vouchers for school equipment. Thank you.

YEAR 6 KINGSWOOD

Year 6 will be off to Kingswood next week for their residential trip. To find out what they are up to please see our blog. On the school website go to  then click on **Kingswood Blog**. Postings will be uploaded after 8.00pm

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Is your child now at school? Are you looking for a little part time job, during term time? In September we will have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor 5 days a week. If you would like to find out more information about joining our friendly dedicated team then please contact Mrs Zimber in the office. 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.

NEW ADDITION TO NEWSLETTER

From the start of next term we will be introducing a new section to the newsletter which will help to deepen parents' understanding of how the school works. It will cover a new topic at the start each term and hopefully answer some questions you may have about the structure, mechanics and responsibility of the school. The first addition of 'What you need to know about.....' will be seen in the newsletter sent on 9 June and will cover recruitment at the school. Watch this space!

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.

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

Please help us prepare for the PTA summer fair with contributions of:

- 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

All donations to the School Office; thank you in advance for your generosity.

The PTA are also running the popular tombola stall so a non-uniform day has been arranged on **Friday 30 June** and children can wear their own clothes in return for a bottle donation for the tombola. As 6T are on a trip that day pupils in that class may wear their own clothes the following Friday.

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 a helping letter in your child's book bag and with this newsletter 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.

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

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARLIE FARRAGHER



Many of you who live in the village and the surrounding area will know a special little boy called Charlie Farragher. Charlie was diagnosed last year with cerebral palsy and cannot walk independently as a result.

Following on from successful surgery in the United States last year for his sister, Eliana, his parents are desperately trying to raise funds in order to offer Charlie the same chance this year. The total needed is £85,000.

We have decided as a community school that we should support Charlie and his family to raise some much needed funds for this surgery and will therefore be asking all pupils to take part in a 'Unity Walk' (in school grounds) on Friday 9 June. This won't be a sponsored event but donations will be asked for. The walk seemed particularly appropriate as it will hopefully be something Charlie will achieve once the surgery has taken place.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Laslett in the Inclusion Team.

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.

STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting is being held tomorrow, 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!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH FARM WALK

All Saints' Church invites families to join in their Farm Walk this Sunday, to celebrate Rogation Sunday when we give thanks to God for the land and those who work on it, and ask for blessings on this year's crop. Please meet at 9.50am in the car park at Henhurst Farm shop, Pinnock Lane TN12 0HD for a 10.00am start. Wear sturdy shoes and weatherproof clothing. Dogs are welcome but must be on leads. Coffee, tea and biscuits for all at the end of the walk!

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's on offer and a booking form are available from reception.

MILLBROOK HALF TERM ACTIVITY

This May half-term Millbrook Garden Centre are inviting local families to a week of Mini-beast Adventures! Over the week, various activities are planned to introduce children to the exciting world of creepy crawly creatures that live in our gardens. Sessions will include the opportunity to get close to a variety of bugs and animals with experienced animal handlers, Our Amazing Animal World; hear the heart-warming story, Lydia Greenfingers, read by the author himself, Kent-based Joseph Hopkins, and the chance to enter an exciting colouring competition to have a flower featured in his upcoming book, Dorothy May! Plus the children can get messy & creative at bug themed make and take workshops, and take away whatever they make to enjoy in their garden. For more details visit: <http://www.millbrookgc.co.uk/whats-on/staplehurst/may-half-term-mini-beast-week>. Flyers are available in the Activity Folder, giving more detailed information.

FOOTBALL 5 STAR

Football Five Star will be running another event at Jubilee Sports Field during this coming half term. After reaching full capacity of players on their Easter holiday course, Football Five Star are hosting a one day end of season tournament special on Thursday 1 June. There will be tournaments in both the morning and afternoon to celebrate both the end of

the season and a year since their holiday course. More details at <http://footballfivestar.co.uk/holenrol.html>.

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 3 June is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. This month they are exploring the role of John the Baptist with all things messy and creative as usual. They will be making edible shoes, invisible ink messages, camel hair pictures, sand mazes and beehive printing (as John lived on honey & locusts - there may even be honey, but no locusts!). 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. This is the last set Messy Church this academic year but please put the treasure hunt and BBQ in your diaries for Saturday 1 July, also from 3.30pm.

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 beginning 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 29 May to Friday 3 June

Half Term

Friday 9 June

Walk for Charlie

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

Non Uniform Day for donations to Diabetes Week (not 6L)
6L MGGS Air Raid Shelter Visit

Wednesday 21 June

Choir Trip to Lion King Performance

Thursday 22 June

Sports Day

Friday 23 June

Non Uniform Day – 6L only

Thursday 29 June

Back Up Sports Day

Friday 30 June

Non Uniform Day for donations to PTA Tombola (not 6T)
6T MGGS Air Raid Shelter Visit

Friday 7 July

Non Uniform Day – 6T only

Tuesday 11 July

Year 6 Leavers' Performance to Parents (2pm)

Wednesday 12 July

Year 6 Leavers' Performance to Parents (7pm)

Wednesday 19 July

Year 6 Leavers' Party

Thursday 20 July

End of Term

Friday 21 July

INSET Day

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

PTA Summer Fair Letter

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.