

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 are really pleased to see our children safe and well after the half term.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARLIE FARRAGHER

This week a little boy called Charlie Farragher who lives in Staplehurst, came into our school assemblies with his mother. Mrs Farragher explained that Charlie was diagnosed with cerebral palsy last year and cannot walk independently. His parents are trying to raise £85,000 for surgery in the United States to help give Charlie the chance to walk.



Today the children took part a 'Unity Walk' (in the school grounds) and took donations at the school gates where the response so far has been fantastic. We will update you about the final amount raised next week but all donations will be gratefully received; we are hoping to reach a target of £500!



The ShareAware campaign focuses on the need to talk to children about online safety, much like we do "real" world safety such as crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers. These resources can be found by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.kelsi.org.uk/news-and-events/news/primary/nspcc-launch-new-tools-to-help-parents-ensure-children-are-shareaware>

E-SAFETY

In the ever changing cyber world we live in it is vital that we keep internet safety at the forefront of our minds (and our conversations with our children). The E-Safety Group at school meets in order to discuss new risks and ensure the school employs all necessary safeguarding measures. We would like to remind parents that **children are not allowed to bring in any electronic devices to school**. The only exception is children in Years 5 or 6 who are permitted to bring in a mobile phone which is handed in at registration and collected at the end of the day. This is agreed by school as children in upper KS2 can walk home without a parent or carer.

3S PERFORM POETRY

Pupils in 3S enjoyed putting on poetry performances to the rest of their class. They performed the poems 'Breakfast' and 'Finger Food' both by Michael Rosen.



ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 5 June was **94.13%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5L Lemurs** who achieved the highest attendance for the week with **98.92%**.

NSPCC SHAREAWARE CAMPAIGN

The NSPCC have updated their #ShareAware campaign with new resources to enable parents and carers to 'untangle' the online world and to help them teach children to be 'Share Aware'.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
9 June	Year 1	Year 4
16 June	EYrs	Year 3
23 June	Year 2	Year 6
30 June	Year 1	Year 5
7 July	EYrs	Year 4
14 July	Year 2	Open Afternoon (2pm)

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 12.06.17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4
w/c 19.06.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

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.

PARENT COUNCIL

The school greatly value the involvement and ongoing commitment of its parents. Following the change to the Parents Forum last year, it has now been decided to create a new Parent Council from September 2017. At the class welcome meetings in September each teacher will ask for a volunteer to represent the class at the meetings (to be held a minimum of 3 times a year). If there is more than one person willing to take on this role then names will be drawn from a hat. Also in attendance at the meetings will be a representative from the Student Council, a member of the Senior Leadership Team, a member of the Inclusion Team and other visitors as agreed by the council.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT!!!

Staplehurst is a large school of approximately 420 pupils and it is natural for there to be a turnover of staff for many reasons, including promotion and relocation. Teachers do not have to give their resignation until 31 May, (for September) and as staff do not have to disclose their intentions, Mrs Farthing will not know who is staying or who is going until that date.

An issue which can often occur is that teachers may resign at the latest date and replacing them becomes problematic because prospective candidates cannot resign from their current posts until the following autumn. This is a common situation in many schools and must be managed carefully by the Senior Leadership Team in order to ensure the high standards expected of our teachers are maintained year on year.

Parents want their children to know who their class teacher is going to be and often feel frustrated; it may even appear as though the school is disorganised. This is not the case. There is a hive of recruitment activity and class allocation going on behind the scenes; please try not to worry and we will keep you informed as much as we are able!

SPORTS DAY

Weather permitting we are hoping to hold Sports Day on Thursday 22 June. It will be KS2 (Years 3-6) in the morning and KS1 (Year R, 1&2) in the afternoon. Parents are invited to come along and support their children. For KS2 please

arrive for 9.15am and for KS1 please arrive for 1.30pm. Please ensure your child has their PE kit, including running shoes with them on that day along with a water bottle, hat and sun cream. Thank you.

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 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

On Monday 12 June there will be an Ice Lolly sale after school. Please also note these other two events:

- 22 June Refreshments at Sports' Day
- 23 June Disco at Staplehurst Cricket Club (KS2 age group) - (5-7pm)
Tickets just £5 include a burger and drink are available from Jo Crafter via messenger or 07808502401 and other Year 6 parents.
The children that attended last year had a great time so get your tickets quick.
Parents are welcome to drop off children or stay, the bar will be open!

CAN YOU HELP

Do you have a portable clothes rail that the Year 6 may borrow to hang the costumes on for their end of year production? If you can help them please let the office know. Thank you.

CHOIR CONCERT

On Wednesday 14 June the Choir are looking forward to performing a concert to parents at All Saints Church from 5pm – 6.30pm. Please can we ask that no younger siblings attend the concert as this can distract the Choir. Thank you for your co-operation.

HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE

Well done Blue House who won the house point challenge last term and wore their own clothes today.

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 hours a week. If you would like to find out more information about joining our friendly dedicated team then please contact Mrs Zimmer 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 contact Mrs Laslett in the Inclusion Team if you would like us to arrange this for you.

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 tomorrow, 10 June. If you would like to sponsor Paul's challenge go to www.tinyurl.com/PTurpinKM. Thank you for your support.

CLUB LIST CHANGES

Please note that the Premier Sport after school Football Club is now for Years 1 – 4 and Netball has finished.

PTA NEWS

PTA – GUESS HOW MUCH PASTA?

The PTA has run a quiz this week to raise funds for the school and the prize is a 3-course meal for two at the Stile Bridge Pub. All you need to do is guess the number of spirali pasta pieces in the jar and it's 50p per guess. If you haven't already had a go, the PTA will be by the school gates most mornings and afternoons during next week as well. Good luck!

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

HOMWOOD SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Tomorrow Saturday 10 June, Homewood are having an Open Morning. Why not pop along and join them and experience Homewood first hand. Principal talks are at 10.30am & 11.30am. For further information contact Lynne Castle on 01580 764222 ext 201 or email l.castle@homewood.kent.sch.uk.

THE GREAT GET TOGETHER (INSPIRED BY JO COX) – SUNDAY JUNE 18

All Saints' Church invites you to bring your picnic lunch to the churchyard on Sunday 18 June from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. Come along and enjoy this beautiful space in the heart of our village, meet new people and celebrate the fact that Staplehurst is a great place to live.

There will be a Treasure Hunt, tea, coffee and soft drinks available, and guided tours of the church. Just bring something to sit on, and your picnic.

For more information about this national event visit: <https://www.greatgettogether.org/>

GIRLS' FOOTY – 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.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL – FANTASTIC MR FOX

On Thursday 22 June and Friday 23 June there will be a MGS Lower School Production of Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl which will take place at the school at 7.00pm. If you would like to attend tickets are £5 and can be purchased from the school Bursary or at the door on the night (provided it has not sold out.)

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.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 14 June

Year R Trip to Rare Breeds Centre
Choir Summer Concert (5pm)

Thursday 15 June

Year 2 Trip to Kent Life

Friday 16 June

Non Uniform Day for donations to Diabetes Week (not 6L)

6L MGS 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 MGS 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

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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.