

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

### SUMMER FAIR NEWS

**3 weeks to go - let's make it a fantastic day!**

**Non-uniform day:** Pupils can come into school in home clothes on 30 June (6T the following week due to trip). Please bring in a bottle or two for the bottle tombola at the fair.

**Crockery donations:** Please keep bringing in crockery to the School Office for the ever popular Crockery Smash.

**Teddies:** Please bring in any unwanted teddies for a Teddy Stall to help raise money for the Year 6 Leavers' Party.

**Helpers** at the fair could win a bottle of Prosecco or a box of chocolates. Thank you to everyone who's offered help so far. If you haven't put your name down yet, please return your help slips or see the sheets on the classroom doors (just add your name and number in your preferred time slot) or contact Anita Moore on 07967 405021. Don't forget that your children can help and join in on the stall too.

### SECURITY

Yesterday a group of mums including Anita Moore from the PTA met with Mrs Farthing and Mrs Zimber to discuss security at Staplehurst School. Ideas were shared, along with what has been achieved so far in terms of the school's security project. Mrs Farthing and the Governors are keen to hear the views of parents and appreciate the time taken to meet in school. More information will follow in due course.

### HOT WEATHER

We would like to thank all the children for coping so well in the hot weather this week – they have been just as happy and enthusiastic as usual. We have purchased fans and one parent, Mr Mannell, has very kindly provided two air conditioning units on temporary loan.

### SPORTS DAY

Weather permitting we are hoping to hold Sports Day this Thursday 29 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. KS1 pupils 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. Team colour stickers will be provided. KS2 please wear a coloured T-Shirt to

represent your house colour. Some of our Year 6 parents will be there to sell Pink Lemonade at 50p per cup. Thank you.

### SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

The deadline for vouchers is Friday 30 June – please send in as many as possible to help us obtain new outdoor play equipment for break and lunchtimes. Our wonderful Student Councillors have been tasked with counting all the vouchers!

### YEAR 1 ACT THE GOOD SAMARITAN

This week, Year 1 have been learning about *The Good Samaritan*. The children retold the story through drama, freeze framing different parts to explore the significance of the parable. They then discussed what it means to be a good neighbour and shared some situations where they have helped others.



### THE CHOIR SEE THE LION KING



The Choir went to see *The Lion King* on Wednesday. It was our first West End theatre trip for some time and it was great to be a part of the audience which was largely made up of other schools. The show itself a visionary delight. The staging was amazing and the acting superb. All the children loved it and behaved beautifully and the heat of the day certainly reflected the Savannahs of Africa!

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 26.06.17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6  
w/c 03.07.17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

## YEAR 2 HATCH BUTTERFLIES



In Year 2 as part of their Science topic, they have been growing their own butterflies. They received the butterflies when they were just tiny caterpillars and they have been watching them grow ever since! They grew bigger and bigger as the days went on and then turned into Chrysalis. They have now hatched into beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies which were released outside today



## DIABETES WEEK 11-17 JUNE 2017

Last Friday the children all wore home clothes to help raise much needed funds JDRF, a worthy Diabetes Charity. Money was still being handed in at the end of the day and more today when 6L wore their home clothes. We are delighted to say that thanks to your generosity we have raised an amazing £416.68!!!

## LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Betheny in 3S is fundraising for the Princess Trust by cutting 30cm of her hair to donate for children with cancer so that a wig can be made for a child. She is having her hair cut at the Hair Boutique in Staplehurst at 3:30pm on 5 July. If you would like to make a donation for Betheny we have a sponsor form in the office.

## YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**KS2 Disco:** Tonight is the Disco at Staplehurst Cricket Club for KS2 children from 5 – 7pm. Tickets are £5 and this includes a burger and a drink. If you have not already purchased your ticket there are still some available to purchase on the door or contact Jo Crafter on 07808 502401 or via messenger to book a ticket. Parents are welcome to drop off children or stay, the bar will be open!

**Sports Day:** There will be drinks for sale during the sporting events and Ice Lollies after school.

## ATTENDANCE

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

### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 19 June was **91.76%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **4R Ravens** who achieved the highest attendance for the week with **97.49%**.

## ASSEMBLY ROTA

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

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

The School currently has vacancies on its Governing Body and would be very interested to hear from anyone who thinks they might have the time and commitment to join.

Together with the Headteacher, the Governing Body has overall responsibility for the running of the school. The Governing Body has a largely strategic role, providing advice and support whilst delegating day-to-day management to the Headteacher and her Senior Leadership Team. The role is voluntary and no special qualifications are needed (although relevant skill-sets may be taken into account). The most important thing is to be prepared to play an active part in the Governing Body's work. For the current vacancies, which are for Co-opted Governors, candidates will be appointed by the existing members of the Governing Body. New Governors are mentored by an experienced Governor and also supported through online training and external training run by KCC.

The Governing Body meets six times per year, usually on a Wednesday evening. There is also an expectation that Governors will join a committee – these also meet six times per year, usually on Wednesdays at 8am. All Governors take part in one 'Governor Day' per year when they can experience a typical day in the life of the school. There is also the opportunity to become a 'Link Governor', taking a particular interest in a Curriculum subject or another aspect of school life. Governors serve for a period of four years, although they may resign at any time.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the school on 01580 891765 (term time only) or email [clerktogovernors@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:clerktogovernors@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk). A person specification and application can be downloaded from [www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/governors.php](http://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/governors.php). The deadline for applications is Thursday, 31 August 2017.

Please be aware that, because Governors have access to children, an application for an Enhanced Criminal Record Certificate will need to be made on appointment.

## 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'.

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/nsppc-launch-new-tools-to-help-parents-ensure-children-are-shareaware>

## 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola), or fill in a paper registration form, which will be available at the office after 1 June.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## SUMMER ACTIVITY FOLDER

The Summer Activity Folder is back out in reception. We are beginning to receive information about holiday activities. Please do come in and take a look to see if there is anything your child may like to do.

## PTA NEWS

### SUMMER FAIR HELPERS

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help man the stalls at the Summer Fair. The slips confirming the times you are helping, and on which stall, have been sent home with the children yesterday. It's not too late to volunteer though so please put your name down or contact Anita Moore on 07967 405021 if you can help.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MESSY CHURCH

On Saturday 1 July, from 3.30 – 6pm, its Messy Church at Staplehurst United Reformed Church. Why not join them for their traditional end of (school) year celebration before they break for the summer. There will be a family Treasure Hunt and a BBQ. Please meet at the Church between 3.30 and 4pm, where you will receive your hunting instructions.

### TONBRIDGE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

On Saturday 1 July, from 9.45 – 11.30am, Tonbridge Junior Football Club are hosting a Girls Football Open Day. All training is provided by qualified FA Coaches. Please make sure they bring shin pads and a drink. This is open to girls in Year 3, 4, & 5. For more information please contact [tonbridgejuniors@gmail.com](mailto:tonbridgejuniors@gmail.com)

### CHARITY SHOW JUMPING EVENT

On Sunday 2 July, Sutton Valence School will be hosting a Charity Show Jumping Event at Duckhurst Farm, Staplehurst The event is in support of Riding for the Disabled. Classes will be from 40cm to 1m and there will be sashes and mini trophies for first place and individuals. All

competitors will receive a goodie bag. For further information or to book online please visit [www.svs.org.uk/SVSShowjumping.aspx](http://www.svs.org.uk/SVSShowjumping.aspx)

### STAPLEHURST UNDER5s

On Monday 3 July, from 9.30 to 11am Staplehurst Under 5s Playgroup are holding an Open Morning. Why not pop along and meet the children, staff and committee members and experience all the wonderful activities they have to offer. Refreshments will be available.

### GARAGE SALE SAFARI

Staplehurst Under 5s Playgroup are once again organising a Garage Sale Safari on Saturday 15 July. Staplehurst residents are invited to sell their unwanted items as part of a boot fair extravaganza with a twist.

The Garage Sale Safari gives you the opportunity to sell your unwanted items, without having to leave the comfort of your own home. You can even offer a refreshment stand, or similar if you prefer. Simply set up shop on your drive, or within your garden and let your customers come to you.

Stall holders pay just £6 to be plotted on the map, which will be available to bargain hunters from Helen's coffee shop on the day of the event. Please email [under5events@gmail.com](mailto:under5events@gmail.com) to secure your address on the map. Find out more information on the event Facebook page.

## DIARY DATES

### Thursday 29 June

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

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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.