

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 TOMORROW

**ROLL UP, ROLL UP, the Summer Fair will be at school tomorrow!!**

The Fair opens at 12 noon tomorrow and we hope that as many of you as possible will join us for what will be a fantastic day. The weather is due to be warm and sunny and, as we're going to be on the field this year, why not bring your picnic blanket with you? You could enjoy a tasty lunch from the BBQ with refreshments, followed by a browse round the stalls listening to the live music.

Your support is invaluable to help provide much needed funds for the school so please do come along and bring your family and friends.

### ASSEMBLY ROTA

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	
14 July	Year 2	Open Afternoon (2pm)

### SCHOOL PAYMENTS

All payments for Breakfast Club and lunches should be made in advance. It is important to make payments promptly especially if you have been made aware of an outstanding balance and we ask that you ensure that from this point onwards ALL payments are made **in advance**; you can make payments online or by cheque / cash.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 10.07.17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4  
w/c 17.07.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

### ATTENDANCE

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

#### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 3 July was **94.85%**.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **4M Meerkats** and **5L Lemurs** who achieved the highest attendance for the week with **98.6%**.

### SPORTS DAY

Our impromptu Sports Day on Tuesday was a huge success. The children showed great sportsmanship and were cheered on by their friends, team members and families who were able to come along. We had a thrilling Teachers' Race this year and congratulations go to the winner Mr Roker. Thanks also to the Year 6 Parents who provided delicious cold refreshments throughout the day. At the end of the morning and afternoon sessions the children cooled off with Ice Poles.



## KS1 POETRY COMPETITION

A few months ago, Year 1 and 2 wrote a variety of poems that Miss O'Brien sent off to a Young Writers Poetry Competition. Your child may come home today with a white envelope as some children's poems have been chosen to be published. Inside each envelope is a certificate and bookmark for your child as a thank you for entering. There is also a permission slip and an order form if you would like your child's poem published in their book. Every poem that was sent off had the child's initials on so if you decide to go ahead you may want to add their full name. The deadline for permission slips is the 14 July 2017 and they must go directly to Young Writers. If you would like to ask any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss O'Brien. Well done KS1!

## MENU CHANGE

Contract Dining are holding a Summer Fun Week themed menu, week commencing 10 July. The menu will be as follows:

### Monday 10 July

Burgers in a Bun  
Cauliflower Cheese  
Peas

Herby Diced Potatoes  
Mixed Salad  
Chocolate Mousse

### Tuesday 11 July

Pizza Selection  
Garlic Bread  
Italian Pasta  
Sweetcorn  
Fruit Jelly

### Wednesday 12 July

Roast Chicken  
Quorn Fillets  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots & Green Beans  
Vanilla Ice Cream

### Thursday 13 July

Chicken Strips  
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Beans  
Sauté Potatoes  
Baked Beans  
Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

### Friday 14 July

Fish Fingers & Tomato Sauce  
Quorn Sausages  
Chunky Chips  
Baked Beans  
Fruit Lollies

Mixed Salad and Fruit Yoghurts available daily

## MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Please can we ask that ALL medicines / inhalers are collected by the end of term, as they could become out of date. If they are not collected they will be disposed of. Any medicines / inhalers needed for the start of term should be brought in on the first day and **new forms** completed. Thank you.

## LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Betheny in 3S has now had her hair cut to donate for children with cancer so that a wig can be made for a child.



She has raised over £300 for the Princess Trust but would really like to reach her target of £500. If you would like to make a donation for Betheny we have a sponsor form in the office.

## EX PUPILS EXCEL IN ART

Some of our former pupils, who now attend Mascalls Academy, have had some of their art work exhibited in an Art Exhibition. We are so proud of all our ex-pupils and it's always good to hear of their achievements - they remain a credit to Staplehurst School.

## INCONSIDERATE PARKING

Please do not park in front of the blue gates at either of our school entrances. Our gates are in constant use and access is required at all times for emergency vehicles, deliveries, refuse collections, etc.

## 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.

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.

## MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Is your child now at school? Are you looking for a 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 5 – PESE 2018 (11+ KENT TEST)

Whilst the online registration for the 11+ has now closed it's not too late to apply by post. Forms are available in the office and must be returned to Kent County Council by 14 July.

## 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 on display 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.

## CRAFTY COOKS

We are delighted to announce a new Cooking Club which will start in September. Crafty Cooks focusses on teaching basic cookery skills to make everything from Carrot Cakes to Vegetable Samosas and Falafel. Classes will be for Year 1 & 2 on a Friday in the Children's Kitchen. The cost will be £5 per child per class with recipe cards and baked goods to take home. For more information and to book: [www.craftycooks.co.uk/classes/staplehurst/](http://www.craftycooks.co.uk/classes/staplehurst/)

## SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

We have once again compiled a list of Secondary School Open Events being held in September. Some of the schools have yet to advertise their events but the list is available from the folder in Reception.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PADDOCK WOOD LIONS

Lions Clubs International is an International secular, non-political charity founded in 1917. The organisation now has over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members in over 200 countries around the world. The aim of the organisation is to improve the quality of life, specifically in the local community but also in the wider world.

Each year, Paddock Wood & District Lions Club gives a pocket dictionary to year 6 primary school leavers in its area, for when they move on to secondary school. The main ways we raise money locally are:

- The Father Christmas sleigh – down your road in December
- Easter Egg Draws – in local pubs, cafes etc
- The Duck Race held at the Man of Kent pub in East Peckham every June with racing ducks being sold through April and May
- The Paddock Wood carnival usually the second weekend in July

They look to spend most of the money raised locally, giving to well-known charities such as the Air Ambulance and donating funds for specific items to scouts, guides, youth clubs and other local organisations, as well as supporting

individuals from our area who need help in some way. Fundamentally though, we try to make a difference to individual's lives – and we welcome enquiries from organisations, social workers, schools and individuals.

To mark 100 years since the Lions were founded, Paddock Wood & District Lions Club is looking to support up to 100 projects in its locality by June 2018. If you are raising money for a project or know of any individuals that need help and you wish to apply, please contact the Lions via [welfare@paddockwoodlions.co.uk](mailto:welfare@paddockwoodlions.co.uk) or by telephone on 0845-833 9564.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This summer, libraries everywhere are encouraging children to help solve a mystery. The annual Summer Reading Challenge, for ages 4-11, introduces families to their library, encourages children to choose books freely and independently and addresses the "dip" in children's reading that can occur over the summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure.

**In All Kent Libraries from 15 July – 16 September  
It's FREE and it's FUN!**

## SPANISH EVENING

All Saints' Church invites you to an evening of Spanish guitar music, sangria and tapas to be held in the church on Saturday 15 July at 7.30pm. Tickets: £10 and available from Helen's Coffee Shop, by email: [maryhenley@zulogic.co.uk](mailto:maryhenley@zulogic.co.uk) or on the door.

## CRANBROOK OUT OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

Cranbrook Primary School is opening a Holiday Club for 4 weeks during the summer holiday on the following Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays: July 25-27 and Aug 1-3, 8-10, 15-17.

Full day (9am - 6pm) is £23.50 but half days and breakfast are also available. All staff have enhanced DBS certificates and are qualified First Aiders.

For enquiries and bookings please telephone: 01580 720437 or email: [oosc@cranbrook-cep.kent.sch.uk](mailto:oosc@cranbrook-cep.kent.sch.uk)

## FREE TENNIS COACHING

With Wimbledon well underway, Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club is running a FREE tennis coaching day on Sunday 9th July for all ages and abilities: 09.30-10.30 ages 3-6; 11.00-12.00 ages 7-10; 12.30-1.30 ages 11+; and 2.00-3.00 for adults. Check out the Club's Facebook page or website [www.staplehursttennis.com](http://www.staplehursttennis.com) for more information or email [info@hotshotstennis.co.uk](mailto:info@hotshotstennis.co.uk).

## BOARDTREADERS

From September, Boardtreaders Stage School will be staging performances of popular musical shows at Colliers Green Primary School. Sessions are on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm during term times. For more information contact the team on 07743 350843 or via email: [boardtreaders.info@gmail.com](mailto:boardtreaders.info@gmail.com).

## STAPLEHURST MONARCHS

Attention Girls & Boys in Year 1 & Year 2 from September 2017! Staplehurst Monarchs have spaces with the Mini

Monarchs starting in September. Training is on Saturday Mornings 9.00 to 10.30am. They would like to see more girls coming along as it is hoped to start a Girls Under 8 team for the following year.

Please contact Staplehurst Monarchs via their Youth Facebook page or text Quentin Haywood on 07817 045550.

## DIARY DATES

### Saturday 8 July

PTA Summer Fair

### Tuesday 11 July

Year 6 Leavers' Performance to Parents (1.45pm)

### Wednesday 12 July

Year 6 Leavers' Performance to Parents (7pm)

### Wednesday 19 July

Year 6 Leavers' Party (6-8pm)

### Thursday 20 July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm

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.