

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

### PTA SUMMER FAIR

Whoop! Whoop! Whoop! What a marvellous Fair! The hard work and planning of the PTA's biggest fair for some years has finally paid off last Saturday.



The weather was perfect and it was lovely to see so many of you support the school by baking cakes, donating teddies, crockery and bottles, helping on stalls or just coming along to the afternoon with friends and family to enjoy the live entertainment and food.

The PTA wish to thank everyone involved and are pleased to report that the Fair raised a massive £2,365.00 for the school.

Competition Winners: The Adult Stall Helpers Raffle was won by Mrs Gaspri, the Children Stall Helpers Raffle was won by Gracie T and the Electric Buzz Wire winner of two Global's Golf Park tickets was Mr White with an impressive 19.81 seconds.

We have received some lovely comments and are really pleased with the organisation and format of the fair. Please tell us if you feel the same or would like to see something different or have other ideas we could use next year.

### PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

We've had some fantastic comments about the Year 6 production this week. The children have worked really hard and as a result the performances were entertaining and fun.

*"The play was brilliant and full of lots of jokes...5 stars"*  
Harrison 3GR

*"the play was awesome...9/10"* Isla 3GR

*"fabulous...such a mature performance from all the kids"*  
Mr & Mrs S



### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 17.07.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5  
w/c 04.09.17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

## YEAR 5 TRIP TO DRUSILLAS

Year 5 had an amazing day at Drusillas on Wednesday and learnt a lot more about animals that live in the Rainforest as well as having lots of fun in the zoo and play areas.

On school trips our children wear fluorescent jackets with the school name and logo printed on the front. We have received a lovely email from a member of the public praising the excellent well-mannered behaviour of the children around the park. Well done Year 5!



## SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for donating vouchers – they have been counted by the Student Council and there are a whopping 12,146! The Student Council has decided which playground equipment they would like the school to have which will be a great bonus at breaks and lunchtimes.

## READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for reading volunteers to listen to our children read across all Year Groups from September. If you would like to put your name forward, or if you know of another member of your family who would be interested, please speak to a member of office staff who will take your details. Your support really is invaluable in helping the children gain confidence and progress further with their reading.

## ATTENDANCE

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

### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 10 July was **94.83%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **1G Geckos** who achieved the highest attendance for the week with **98.48%**.

## EX PUPIL BECOMES HEAD BOY

An ex-pupil, George Watts, who now attends Cornwallis Academy, has been elected to be their Head Boy from September 2017. Our congratulations to George on this wonderful achievement. George recently worked here in our Early Years for a week carrying out work experience.

## PUPIL CONGRATULATIONS

Joe in 5L competed in the Medway Maidstone Athletic Club competition this weekend and came fourth in the 75m and first in the long jump and the shot put! Well done Joe.

Ethan in 5L completed Race for Life in Maidstone this weekend, raising money for Cancer Research. Well done Ethan.

If you would like to share your child's achievements with us please email [office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk).

## BUSTER'S BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We will be taking part in the Buster's Book Club Summer Reading Challenge during the summer holidays to encourage our pupils to continue reading for fun each Wednesday. Parents can also send in photos of their child/children reading to their favourite teddy or reading in fun wacky places for the Extreme Reading Challenge.

Please record your child's minutes of reading each Wednesday on the data recording slip at the base of the newsletter which will be sent home next week and then hand these slips in to the office (with any photos) on the first week of term in September.

The class that is top for Buster's Summer Reading Challenge will win leisure attraction vouchers.

## SUMMER PLAYScheme

Once again the Summer Play Scheme will take place here at Staplehurst School during the first three weeks of August. The scheme caters for children from 4 to 11 years old.

The sessions are taking place as follows:

- Monday 31 July - Open Morning including an opportunity to book sessions.
- Tuesday 1 August - Friday 4 August 9.00am – 12.00
- Monday 7 August - Friday 11 August – two sessions each day: 9.00am-12.00 and 12.00-3.00pm.
- Monday 14 August - Friday 18 August – two sessions each day: 9.00am-12.00 and 12.00-15.00pm

Play Place will again be running the scheme and the cost per session per child will be £5 if booked on or before 31 July, £6 if booked thereafter or paid on the day.

Application forms and further information is available at <http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/playscheme.aspx>.

Payment should be sent directly to Play Place at the address on the application form. Enquiries may be addressed to Toni at Play Place: telephone 01689 867358 or e-mail [toni.chincharo@playplace.org](mailto:toni.chincharo@playplace.org).

## AGE LIMITS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

We would like to remind parents that the age restriction for most social media accounts is 13 YEARS – this is the case for Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter. The age limit for WhatsApp is 16. Please keep your child safe by ensuring they use social media appropriate for their age group. The full list is available at:

<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/social-networking/is-there-an-age-limit-for-kids-on-social-media>

## MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Please can we ask that ALL medicines / inhalers are collected by the end of term. Any medicines required in school next year should be brought in on the first day of the new term and **new forms** completed. Thank you.

## ROAD SAFETY

Please can we ask that you remind your child/children not to run out behind parked cars. Two children were seen running out into the road narrowly missing a manoeuvring car, the driver of which was very badly shaken by the near miss.

## 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 2 vacancies for a Midday Supervisor, 3 hours and 5 hours 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.

## STAPLEHURST MONARCHS UNDER 10s

On Sunday Staplehurst Monarchs Youth Under 10s won the Vinters Tournament Under 10s Shield competition, beating Vinters Green 4-0 in the final. Staplehurst players are Liam, Ben, Freddie, Matthew, Phoenix, Finn and Ethan. Very well played boys.



## GIRLS FOOTBALL

This week your daughter should have brought home a flyer for a **FREE** Girls Football Taster session. It is open to girls

aged 7 - 13. The event takes place on Friday 28 July 9.30 - 12.00 at the Jubilee Playing Field, Staplehurst. Pop along with your friends & have a go! To book a place, contact Staplehurst Monarchs Youth through their Facebook page or the Club website.

## 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/)

## SUMMER ACTIVITY FOLDER

The Summer Activity Folder is on display in reception. We have lots of information about holiday activities so do come in and take a look!

## 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.

## 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SPANISH EVENING

All Saints' Church invites you to an evening of Spanish guitar music, sangria and tapas to be held in the church tomorrow, 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.

### PADDOCK WOOD LIONS

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 they 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.

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!**

### CRANBROOK OUT OF SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

Cranbrook Primary School is opening a Holiday Club for 4 weeks during the summer holiday on Tuesdays, Wednesdays 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)

### 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.

### FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

Football Five Star will be running another of their popular holiday courses at Jubilee Field on the 24 and 25 August. This should be great preparation for the coming season. You can book your child's place at the following link: <http://footballfivestar.co.uk/holenrol.html>

## DIARY DATES

### 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

### Tuesday 22 August

Uniform Shop Open – 9am – 11am

### Wednesday 30 August

Uniform Shop Open – 11am – 1pm

### Monday 4 September

Uniform Shop Open - 2pm – 3.30pm

### Monday 4 September

INSET Day

### Tuesday 5 September

INSET Day

### Wednesday 6 September

Autumn Term Starts – Year 1 to 6

### Thursday 7 September

11+ Examination

### Monday 11 September

Year R Start Autumn Term Part Time

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Inclusion Team Newsletter

## 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.