

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

GOODBYE YEAR 6

It seems like only yesterday that our Year 6 pupils were just starting in Reception! We are really proud of them – each one has been a fantastic ambassador for Staplehurst School. We are sad to see them go, but we wish them all the very best as they continue their learning journeys.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PARTY

Year 6 had a brilliant time at their party last night and all the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On behalf of all the children and staff, thank you to all the parents who helped raise the funds and organised such a fantastic send off.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our pupils for their hard work this year and to thank our parents for their continued support.

We hope you all have a wonderful Summer Holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

HEADTEACHERS COMMENDATIONS

The Headteacher Commendations for this term are:-

EY1	Siena H
EY2	Tyler P
EY3	Evie-Belle B
1G	Savannah B
1L	Ned B
2O	Harry L
2KS	Aiden McB
3GR	Summer G
3S	Olivia G
4M	Justin S
4R	George R
5L	Yasmin F
5S	William K
6T	Gillie H
6L	Cameron D

Congratulations and very well done to you all.

YEAR 5 NEW SMILE AMBASSADORS

The following pupils have completed their Peer Mediation Training and are now ready to be our New Smile Ambassadors. They will take up their new positions in September.

Congratulations to:-

Ciarán C
James B
Amy C
Millie R
Hannah G
Annabelle T

Maddie S
Yasmin F
Tia J
Jemima D
Bogi T
Joshua D

NEW HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS

Lots of Year 6 children wrote application letters for the highly-coveted roles of House Captain and Vice-Captain. Congratulations to:-

Blue (Rowling)

Emily A and Jack C – House Captains
Maisie-Jane and Joshua – Vice-Captains

Green (Ennis-Hill)

Tia and Fionnbharr – House Captains
Amelie and Cameron – Vice-Captains

Red (Attenborough)

Maddie and Matthew – House Captains
Amy and Finn – Vice-Captains

Yellow (Peake)

Isla and Joe S – House Captains
Annabelle and Phoenix – Vice-Captains



ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 17 July was **95.01%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **4M Meerkats** and **5L Lemurs** who achieved the highest attendance for the week with **99.08%**.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Mrs Murray and Mrs Zimmer held a celebration snack lunch to say thank you to all the School Councillors for their hard work over the last year. Well done to all and thanks for your commitment.



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.

EX PUPIL BECOMES HEAD BOY

An ex-pupil, Max Pleasance, who now attends Homewood School, has been elected to be their Head Boy from September 2017. Our congratulations to Max on this wonderful achievement. We are proud to say that there are now two ex-pupils who left in 2011 who are going to be Head Boys of their secondary schools. What an amazing achievement!

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 the office staff who will take your details. Your support really is invaluable in helping the children gain confidence and progress further with their reading.

INSPIRE TO COMPETE – ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT

Well done to some of our boys from 3S who took part in an Inspire to Compete Athletics Tournament at Boughton Monchelsea Primary School. They won the team trophy and Finley and Zac won individual medals for relay races.



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 attached newsletter 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.

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR INCLUSION TEAM

We appreciate that sometimes school may need to be contacted during the holidays so please use the email address InclusionTeam@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk should you wish to contact someone from the Inclusion Team. This email will be checked periodically during the holidays.

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 remind you that NEW Term means ALL medicines will require NEW forms. Thank you.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 11.09.17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

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, 3 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.

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/

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.

PUPILS ACHIEVE SILVER MEDALS

Congratulations to brothers Jack 4R and Charlie 1L, who last week competed in a Motor Cycle event in France. They both did extremely well and achieved Silver Medals in their age groups. Very well done boys.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PADDOCK WOOD LIONS

The Lions Club has once again made a generous donation of dictionaries for our Year 6 Leavers and their representative came in to school today to present them.

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 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!**

www.staplehurstschool.co.uk

Email: office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk

Tel: 01580 891765

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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

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

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

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Early Years News

PTA Summer Newsletter

Buster Book Club Summer 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.