



# STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

May I wish you all a fantastic welcome back after the summer holiday, the children ran into school on the first two mornings which is a very encouraging sign!

We particularly want to welcome the Reception children who are just starting their learning journey through Staplehurst School. They appear to be settling well and enjoying playing with their new friends. Miss Suzanne Decker is also new to the school in her role as Phase Leader, she is currently planning the year ahead with Mrs Golding; they seem to be just as excited as the children.

Our 'meet the teacher' letters have been sent via email. We hope parents will take this opportunity to come along and say hello. If you are not able to, there will be a presentation on the website for you to view. Alternately, if you feel there is something you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see them at your earliest convenience.

We would like to welcome our other newly appointed staff, they are:-

Mr Roker  
Miss O'Brien  
Miss Backhouse  
Miss Hart  
Miss Underdown  
Miss Tanriverdi

## Communication

- If you need to contact the school please ring the office in the normal way and the administration team will endeavour to answer queries and help as best they can.
- Corinne Laming is our school Family Liaison Officer who is also at hand to give assistance three days of the week, Monday to Wednesday.
- If there is an educational matter you wish to discuss, you can either catch the teacher at the classroom door or make an appointment to see them. **Parents can also e-mail the class teacher via the office. Please mark the email for the attention of the teacher.** Please be aware staff will be teaching and cannot respond immediately, therefore, for urgent matters (i.e. school pick up arrangements, forgotten lunchboxes etc.,) a telephone call to the office is advisable.

We have set the new school Diary Dates for the year; these will be sent by email this week and will also be posted on our school website.

## Please note:-

- There are 'meet the teacher' meetings.
- Parent Consultations x 2 per year,
- Open afternoon and full written report.
- SEN Consultations x 3 per year.
- Assessments to parents x 6 per year.
- Drop In sessions x 6 per year.

## British Red Cross Fund Raising Appeal

On Monday, I held our first assembly based on the theme of journeys, this led naturally to the European refugee crisis which is unfolding in front of our eyes each day. Many people are risking their lives to flee conflict and set up a better life for their families. The British Red Cross are appealing for fundraisers so necessities such as food, water, nappies and medical treatment can be provided for those who are suffering.

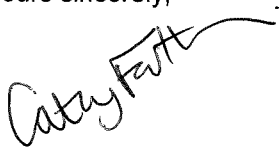


We have begun a fundraising appeal to raise money and each class is going to think of their own ideas to raise these much needed funds. Please support this appeal and our children's efforts to make a difference. Each class will keep you informed of the results of their efforts!

**Parent Helpers**

Senior staff will be holding a meeting/training for parent helpers on Thursday 24 September at 3.30pm. Please come along if you feel you would like to be involved in school life. There is a slip below for you complete.

Yours sincerely,



Cathy Farthing  
Headteacher

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**Parent Helpers**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to help at the following times:-

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time available					

I have children in the following year groups:

*Mrs Friend will contact you shortly.*