

Staplehurst School



NEWSLETTER

PRIDE

Positivity

Respect

Independence

Determination

Excellence

Staplehurst School is an inclusive community. We do not tolerate bullying – race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age.

SCHOOL NEWS

ATTENDANCE NEWS

As a reward for the much improved attendance the children were allowed to wear their own clothes today. Attendance has dipped a bit this week but we hope that you will continue to support us by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Together we can ensure that our children achieve their full potential.

All parents/carers are invited to our **Coffee Afternoon at 2.30pm on Wednesday 9 May** when our Education Welfare Officer, from Kent County Council, will be in school. This is a great opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about attendance.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

Attendance for the whole school for the week is **94.70%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **6L16** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **98.61%**.

YEAR 2 – SECRET AGENT TRAINING

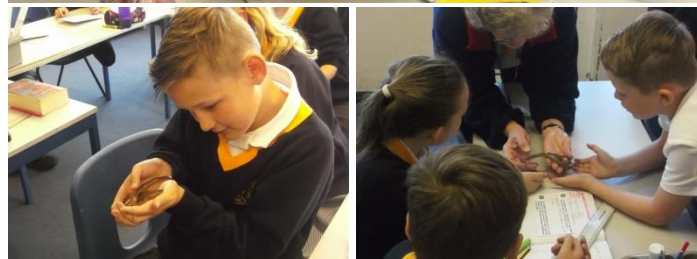
This week Year 2 have started their Secret Agent Training Service (SATs). The year group are all really excited about their fun activities and special quizzes over the next four weeks. Year 2 children may come to school dressed as secret agents on Friday 25 May 2018.



YEAR 5 MEET A SLOW WORM

On Tuesday Mrs Ralph brought in a slow worm to show the Year 5 children. Slow worms are very shy creatures and are not often seen by humans as they tend to hide away. The children were very excited to see one so close and loved the way it coiled around Mrs Seymour's fingers

to make sure it didn't fall! Mrs Ralph is a great volunteer at the school and we are lucky that she shares her first-hand knowledge of so many interesting things about the local area.



YEAR 5 – ALL ABOUT FINANCE!

Year 5 have been lucky enough to have David Bunting from Santander visiting over the last month, to talk to them about money. They had three workshops about How to Manage Money, What a Bank Does and Digital Money. They learnt all about creating and protecting PINs, different payment methods, different roles within the bank and how to save carefully. The children loved learning these important life skills and we would like to thank David for his interactive and fun workshops.

PHOTOS OF SCHOOL EVENTS

We would like to remind parents that if you take any photos of your children on school site, either within the building or outside, you **must NOT include any other children in the picture**. Some of our children are not legally allowed to have their photo shared and could be put at risk if any photo of them is uploaded electronically. **The safety of all our school children is paramount**. The school has a duty of care to protect vulnerable children and it is essential that these media rules are adhered to by the whole school community. Thank you for your co-operation.

PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council met this week and discussed:

- Inclusion and Charity Assemblies
- Transition Program for Year 6
- Online Safety – photographs of children
- Website
- Facebook

The minutes of the meeting will be available on the school website soon.

YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY

The Year 5 Bikeability is now full. Information for parents has been sent home; please send your permission form and £10 payment to the office as soon as possible.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

If you have missed today's deadline for the return of class photographs, you will need to send your order direct to Profiles Photography. Details are on the envelope under Late Orders.

DELICIOUS TREATS ON FRIDAYS

Year 6 have organised two more dates for cake/lolly sales to raise funds for the Year 6 Leavers Party: Friday 18 and Friday 25 May.

We'll announce nearer the time which treats will be on sale. Hopefully the warmer weather will stay with us and we can offer ice lollies!

PLAY EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL

Please may we ask that younger siblings do not play on the equipment when you are collecting your children from the classrooms at the end of the day. The equipment is not suitable for younger children and the school cannot be held liable for any injuries.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

The book fair has once again proven to be really popular and will be with us until Tuesday. Please support the fair if you can, as the more you buy for your children, the more books we can earn for the school. If possible, please try to bring smaller notes and coins as it can be difficult to ensure that we have enough change.

SAVE YOUR 5PS AND 10PS!

During the month of May the Year 6s will be invited to save up as many 5p and 10p coins as they can, to donate to the Leavers' party fund. They would be delighted if any pupils from other year groups would also like to collect for them. There will be a tasty prize for whoever comes up with the most imaginative way of holding/displaying their donated coins. Please bring your collection to the Office the week after the May half-term. Thank you.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 07.05.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4
w/c 14.05.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

MENU CHANGES

Tuesday 8 May: the menu will be Monday's menu of Beef or Veggie Burgers with Wedges, Jacket Potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo. Lime and Coconut Drizzle.

Thursday 17 May: In celebration of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding there will be a special menu:

Harry's British Fish & Chips
Meghan's Californian Quorn Hot Dogs
Chunky Chips
Boston Baked Beans
Garden Peas
Iced Lemon Wedding Cake
Strawberries & Cream
Assorted Yoghurts

Friday 18 May: the menu will be Sausages, Quorn Sausages, Herby Diced Potatoes, Peas and Jelly for dessert.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
11 May	Year 2	Year 4
18 May	Early Years	Year 3
25 May	Year 1	Year 6
8 June	Year 2	Year 5
15 June	Early Years	Year 4
22 June	Year 1	Year 3
29 June	Year 2	Year 6
6 July	Early Years	Year 5
13 July	Year 1	Year 4

BUSTER'S BIG BASH

There are still tickets available for Buster's Big Bash! This free family event takes place on the morning of Saturday 12 May in Dane John Gardens, Canterbury. It is a celebration of the achievements of pupils in schools using Green travel and Literacy schemes. As well as taking part in a record-attempt walking bus crocodile through Canterbury, children will complete a series of physical and sporting challenges, learn circus skills, race space hoppers and enjoy the go-karts. You can take your teddy bears and have a picnic in front of the circus show. Some special guests are rumoured to be attending this year....keep your eyes peeled for Buster and his friends! Check out this link for more details and to book your free place: <http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/walktoschool/bigbash/>

Places are first-come first-served and goody bags will be allocated to the first 300 children checking in at 9.45am on the day. All children who complete the challenge activities will receive attraction vouchers. Please address any queries to: chayes@thekmgroup.co.uk

CRANBROOK SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

On Wednesday 16 May Cranbrook School are holding an Open Morning from 8.45 until 11am.

Please register your attendance by visiting: www.cranbrookschool.co.uk/admissions/open-days/.

GOVERNING BODY NEWS

We are currently in the process of recruiting new Governors. If you are interested please email clerktogovernors@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk.

CHARITY WALK

Mrs Leppard would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored her Follow the Seagulls 50 miles, two day challenge in aid of Brainstrust. She said it was one of the hardest things she had ever done but she raised a massive £704, totally smashing her £500 target. The pain was worth it and nothing compares to the pain you feel if you are affected by a brain tumour. The total raised for Brainstrust for the weekend was over £40,000 so that will be a huge help to the charity in giving support to the sufferers and their families. Mrs Leppard has been in this awful situation with her own son, so she knows how important this help is. Thank you again to everyone who sponsored her.

PTA NEWS

PTA DISCOS

The PTA would like to thank all the children who attended the discos on Friday. It was the first time Early Years went into the Junior Hall for a 'proper' disco and they all really enjoyed the experience. One child said it "was the most amazing party ever"! The discos for the older children were also well supported and again the children had a fantastic time. The total profit made was just over £850 which will really help support the school.

It was the first time the PTA has run the discos with help from the teachers, rather than parent helpers, and it was a great success.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PLANT SALE

Staplehurst Horticultural Society is holding a Plant Sale at the Village Centre tomorrow Saturday 5 May between 8.30am and 12 noon.

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

Tomorrow Saturday 5 May is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. The theme this month is 'God is with us all the time' with all things messy and creative as usual. You can make jam jar lights, bead bracelets, globe biscuits, family circles and a mega paper chain. Doors open at 3.30 for a 4pm start for crafts and a short service around 4.45 in time for tea all together around 5pm. Do come and join the messy fun - everyone very welcome.

HEART OF KENT HOSPICE – BLUEBELL WALK 2018

Heart of Kent Hospice are holding their annual Bluebell Walk on Sunday 6 May 2018. This is a lovely walk for all the family and helps raise much needed funds for the Hospice. It starts and finishes at Harrietsham Village Hall and the 6 mile walk is through the beautiful Kent countryside on the North Downs. Dogs are welcome.

Register now:

Visit: www.hokh.org/events

Tel: 01622 790195

Email: fundraising@hokh.co.uk

TONBRIDGE JUNIORS FC TRIALS

Tonbridge Juniors FC are offering trials for boys in Years R – 10 and girls in Years R – 6 on Saturday 12 May between 10am and 12.30pm. Go along in football kit and shin pads to The Racecourse Sportsground, The Slade, Tonbridge TN9 1HR. It's a great opportunity for boys and girls to try out for a community football club whose ethos is 'football for all'.

For more information contact tonbridgejuniors@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE



9 & 10 June Staplehurst Open Gardens
15 July – Staplehurst Manor Summer Fayre

Look out for more information in future newsletters!

DIARY DATES

Monday 7 May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Wednesday 9 May

Coffee Afternoon with SLO 2.30pm

Tuesday 22 May

Parent Drop In (Years R, 1, 3, 4 and 5)

Wednesday 23 May

Year 3 Trip to Dover Museum

Friday 25 May

Last day of Term 5

Monday 4 June

Start of Term 6

Wednesday 13 June

Sports Day

Friday 15 June

Year 2 Trip to Port Lympne

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.