

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

"Children always come first. They are our future."

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of the summer term! It has been a delight to see the children return refreshed and ready for learning with some excellent examples of home learning across the school. On Monday you will receive your child's curriculum overview for this term so please use this as an opportunity to further explore their topics with them.

Thank you to our EYFS and Year 1 parents who were able to attend our 'Parents into Reading' session this morning. This is a weekly opportunity to promote the love of reading amongst our children and families – thank you for your positive feedback and support. It was fabulous to have our English Leader, Mrs Seymour, on hand to provide excellent advice and tips for parents. Following the success of this event we will plan to do this across KS1 and years 3 and 4 from Term 6.

It was really exciting this week to host our first 'get into teaching' event in collaboration with Teach Kent and Sussex. Thank you to those members of our community who came and showed the desire and passion to enter the teaching profession – if you need any further information or support to apply please do not hesitate to contact me.

As always, thank you for your on-going support.

Best wishes.

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

PARENTS IN TO READ!

We were pleased to see so many of our parents take up this fantastic opportunity to spend some time in the classrooms and find out more about engaging children in reading for pleasure and how to help them with reading at home. This will now be a weekly event and will run every Friday from 8.45am until 9.15am.



TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

We are really excited to welcome the Travelling Book Fair back to school from next Thursday 2 May – Tuesday 7 May. The fair will be in the Junior Hall after school and books will for 3 for 2 again, so come and grab some bargains whilst supporting the school! We look forward to seeing you!

HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to Peake – Yellow House who won this term's House Point Challenge last term and wore their own clothes to school today.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photo proofs were sent home with children this week. As before, the Year 6 classes have been combined into one photograph as a final year souvenir. There is a copy of this in Reception if you would like to come in and take a look. Orders must be returned to the office by **Friday 3 May**.

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

We welcomed Allington Primary School here yesterday for an afternoon Netball Tournament. Unfortunately two other schools dropped out at the last minute but the teams that came had a great couple of matches with our A and B teams. The matches were hard fought but we are thrilled to announce that our Team A won their match 22-3 and Team B won theirs 4-2. Well done Staplehurst!



SCHOOL INFORMATION

SUMMER MENU

Our kitchen have made some amendments to the new lunch menus for the Summer Term in line with our children's preferences. We are sorry that this caused a delay in sending out the new options but we have now received the revised version from the Contract Dining Company which is enclosed. We are still waiting for the paper copies but will send them home with children as soon as we receive them.

FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

Reminder that Mrs Sullivan has changed her hours and is now in school all day on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

HEAD INJURY PROCEDURE

To ensure that parents are aware when their child has suffered a head injury at school, we have introduced a more robust system. In future, parents will be informed of the incident by telephone on the day and the head injury form will be handed to the adult collecting the child at the end of the day. We are also in the process of ordering wristbands rather than using the stickers as they often fall off during the course of the day.

SUMMER UNIFORM

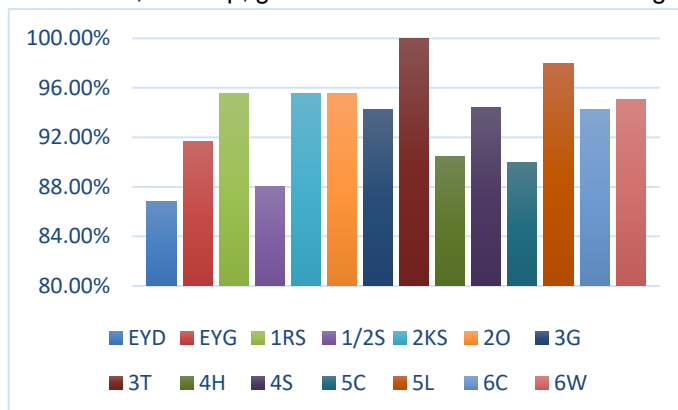
A reminder that children may now wear summer uniform; polo shirts and shorts for boys and summer dresses for girls. If boys decide to wear the winter shirt then a tie must be worn please. We are extremely proud of our very smart uniform and we wish to maintain these high standards. Thank you.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

| Date | Class | Time/Location |
|--------|-------|--------------------|
| 3 May | 3T12 | 2.30pm Junior Hall |
| 10 May | 3G11 | 2.30pm Junior Hall |
| 7 Jun | 2O9 | 9.00am Infant Hall |
| 14 Jun | 2KS8 | 9.00am Infant Hall |

ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING THATCHER CLASS 3T – 100% attendance – you are setting the standard and we are very proud of you. Punctuality and good attendance is important to establish positive habits as children, develop, grow and move on to their next stage.



SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 29.04.19 Year 4, 6, 5

w/c 06.05.19 Year 6, 5, 4

DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events at Staplehurst School:

Wednesday 1 May

Year 1 Trip to Bodiam Castle

Thursday 2 May

Book Fair (Infant Hall)

Friday 3 May

EYFS + Year 1 Parents in to Read (8.45am)

Book Fair (Infant Hall)

Tuesday 7 May

Book Fair (Infant Hall)

Wednesday 8 May

Year 3 trip to Lullingston Roman Villa

Monday 13 May

Year 6 – SATs Week

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

We are now in a position to be able to offer more instrumental lessons at school. If your child would like the opportunity to learn the guitar, piano, ukulele, drum or violin please contact Sam Laming on [07754 996080](tel:07754996080) or email samlaming@hotmail.com to discuss his rates and availability.

Sam has over ten years of teaching experience and currently teaches guitar to our year 5.

PTA NEWS**300 CLUB**

March's draw took place at the end of last term and the winners are:

1st Prize: Daisy (3T) and Molly C (1/2S)
2nd Prize: Harvey H (1/2S)
3rd Prize: Harvey H (1/2S)

Prizes are waiting for collection from the office after the Easter break.

It's not too late to join in the fun so if you fancy a chance to win please complete and return the 300 club form (available from the office).

COMMUNITY NEWS**STAPLEHURST TENNIS CLUB**

On Sunday 5 May Staplehurst Tennis Club are holding their Family Open Day at the Cricket Ground in Frittenden Road. Please see enclosed flyer for more information.