

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

YEAR 6 SAY THANK YOU

We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils this week, as they have all shown great maturity and excellent work ethics towards their SATs. Lots of the children enjoyed meeting up each morning for breakfast and were very excited to find out from Mrs Seymour each day where the croissants had been sourced from. Countries included France, Germany, Belgium and even Mars!! The best ones were from Australia as they were upside down!!

We would like to say a special thank you to our local Spar, who have once again made a donation towards the breakfasts and provided the freshly baked croissants every morning.



YEAR 6 ENJOY THE END OF SATS WEEK

This afternoon the Year 6 children enjoyed having a picnic lunch outside in the sunshine. Afterwards, they had lots of fun playing team games including rounders and relaxing after their week of exams.



EARLY YEARS HAVE FUN WITH WORMS

This week Early Years have had fun making wormeries. The children loved digging for worms in the garden and got very excited when they found some very long ones! If your child has made one at home, we would love to hear how they are progressing!



SCHOOL EVENTS NEXT WEEK

We have some important meetings next week with information we want to share with our current and prospective parents and carers.

Tuesday 22 May

Year 5 PESE Meeting at 6pm – Junior Hall
Early Years 2018 Welcome Meeting at 7pm – Infant Hall

Wednesday 23 May

Year 4 Transition to Upper KS2 Meeting at 6pm in the Junior Hall

GARDENING CLUB

Our school gardeners have been working extremely hard this term and their efforts are really paying off with the garden looking very lustrous. Two of our budding gardeners, Emily B and Jessica S, in Year 6 have reported about what they are doing and the things they are growing:

“At Gardening Club we have been very busy, growing vegetables and flowers. We water them and do the weeding. This time of year is extremely busy as we are picking and washing radishes, removing weeds which could quickly spread and taking the buds off the chives and planting seeds. Gardening Club takes place on a Wednesday after school; we sometimes get delicious treats and vegetables to take home.”



ATTENDANCE

The Department for Education's target for attendance is 95%. We always strive for 100%.

Whole school attendance

Attendance for the whole school for the week is **95.3%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **6C15** who achieved the highest attendance this week with an amazing **100%**.

SEPTEMBER 2018 AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are delighted to announce that Harlequin Out of School Clubs (HOSC) have been chosen to provide our new After School Care facility here at Staplehurst School.

The club will start in September and will be open from 3.15 – 6pm each school day and is for Staplehurst School children.

HOSC are a well-respected childcare provider and have been operating out of school clubs for 17 years. Look out for a flyer coming soon or, in the meantime, for more information or to express an interest, please contact them direct at www.hosc.co.uk/contact_us.

Alison Payne is the owner and managing director and she will be holding some informal sessions in due course.

Alison will also be able to give basic guidance about accessing tax efficient childcare.

We are delighted to welcome Alison and her team into Staplehurst School.

DONATIONS PLEASE

Year 2 need used kitchen roll cardboard tubes for their spy project as part of their Secret Agents Training.

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.

YEAR 5 – PESE 2019 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registration for the 11+ opens on the 1 June and closes on the 2 July. Parents will be able to register online by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/ola, or fill in a paper registration form, which will be available at the office after 1 June.

Last week children brought home a letter detailing their CAT scores and an invitation to an information meeting on Wednesday 22 May 2018 at 6pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

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 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.

YEAR 6 – SAVE YOUR 5PS AND 10PS!

Hopefully the Year 6s are saving up as many 5p and 10p coins as they can, to donate to the Leavers' party fund. Don't forget 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 21.05.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

w/c 04.06.18 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

NAMES IN UNIFORM

Please may we stress the importance of naming your child's uniform. The lost property is now overflowing with items of clothing with no names. There will be a lost property table outside reception next week, so please do take take a look.

PTA NEWS

SUMMER FAIR 23 JUNE 2018

The PTA is starting to prepare the stalls for the Summer Fair and need any unwanted crockery for the Crockery Smash.

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 25 May in exchange for bottles or chocolate for the Tombola at the fair.

Also Kim Pullen estate agents will be sponsoring us by putting up For Sale boards advertising the Summer Fair. If you are able to have a board up at your property for approximately two weeks advertising the Fair then please leave your address and contact details with the office, and we will make the arrangements.

CAR BOOT FAIR 8 JULY 2018

The PTA is excited to announce that we will be hosting a car boot fair on Sunday 8 July 2018 if there is enough interest to support this.

The charge for a stall will be £10.00. If you are interested please leave your contact details with the office.

EASY FUNDRAISING

The PTA have registered with easyfundraising and need your help!

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help our PTA, raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staplehurstspta/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

STAPLEHURST UNDER 5S PLAYGROUP

On Monday 21 May Staplehurst Under 5s Playgroup are having an open morning between 9:30 and 11:00am for prospective parents and children to come meet the children, staff and committee members and all the activities they have to offer. Refreshment will be available.

WORD BUDDY CLUB

On Thursday 31 May, Kent History and Library Centre Maidstone. The theme this year is Russia and World Cup based word activities for children of all ages. Have fun learning about Russia and the Football World Cup and create your own Russia Doll or Footballer. The activities are from 3 – 4pm and all children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult. There is no fee but booking is

required. Call 03000 413131 or email historyandlibrarycentre@kent.gov.uk.

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 2 June is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. As the weather was glorious in May, lots of you were out and about. Those that were able to join us really enjoyed the activities and so they are running it again! So, the theme will be '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.

OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

Staplehurst Open Gardens weekend is coming up soon: Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 June. Programmes cost £5 and give free entry to 19 gardens in and around Staplehurst, with refreshments offered at some venues. Staplehurst School Gardening Club is proud to be opening on both days, so do come along to support their work. Buy your programme now from: 'Made by Kent' or ring 891258 or 891225 or email maryhenley@zulogic.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE



15 July – Staplehurst Manor Summer Fayre
Look out for more information in future newsletters!

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 22 May

Year 3 Roman Dress Up Day
Parent Drop In (Years R, 1, 3, 4 and 5) (2.45pm)
Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting (6pm)
Welcome Meeting Early Years Classes 2018 (7pm)

Wednesday 23 May

Year 3 Trip to Dover Museum
Year 4 Transition Meeting (6pm)

Friday 25 May

Last day of Term 5
Year 2 Dress Up as Secret Agents
Non Uniform Day to support PTA

Monday 4 June

Start of Term 6

Wednesday 6 June

Early Years Trip to Rare Breeds Centre

Wednesday 13 June

Sports Day

Friday 15 June

Year 2 Trip to Port Lympne

Saturday 23 June

PTA Summer Fair (12-4pm)

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.