

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER**SCHOOL NEWS****MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Parents and Carers

“Children always come first. They are our future.”

This week we have seen our EYFS and Key Worker children return to school for Term 6. They have adapted to our new learning environment and are really enjoying being back at school; a special thank you to the staff who have ensured that this process has been seamless. The next stage of our phased return is to open our Year 1 provision from Monday 15 June; please ensure that you confirm your place by Wednesday 10 June. This decision is subject to any announcements by the Government or a change to our staffing.

We remain committed to providing quality home learning. Plans will continue to be uploaded weekly and from Monday 15 June teachers will begin to provide videos on Purple Mash to model key concepts and develop mastery skills.

Thank you to all parents who have emailed their feedback over this period. It is wonderful to receive thanks and positive messages; in addition it is important to hear the issues that need clarification. Our next Zoom Parent Forum is on Thursday 11 June to give you another opportunity to share your views. Details on how to join the meeting will be sent next week.

Have a good weekend

Best wishes,

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

CURRICULUM NEWS**CELEBRATION AWARDS**

This week we are proud to celebrate the learning and achievements of:

EYD	Ella for her fantastic attitude towards learning in school this week. Home learning: Willow for writing a lovely list of garden creatures.
EYG	Max for his positive attitude when returning to school. Home learning: Caitlin for continuing to work so hard on her home learning.
1RS	Ameilia for continued determination in completing her home learning tasks. Jemima (KS1 Bubble) for her positive attitude even when everything is different.
1KS	Reggie T for all of his hard work in completing his home learning challenges.
2H	Abiel for a brilliant start to this term's home learning and for writing a super description of Gerald the Giraffe!
2O	Alec for using a lovely choice of adjectives in his writing activities on Purple Mash.
3C	Tilly for her positive attitude to home learning. Jacob (Year 3/4 Bubble) for showing maturity, effort and enthusiasm for learning in his new class this week.
3F	Jazzmine for starting the new term so positively with her home learning.
4H	Luca for a great attitude to home learning.

- 4S** Ollie for continued enthusiasm and effort with home learning.
- 5C** Edie for her excellent work on Tudor fashion and for her great descriptive writing inspired by the book Floodland.
- 5F** Tilly for a well-structured and exciting piece of writing in the style of Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick.
- 6L** Ben for the perseverance and hard work that he has put into his online learning.
- 6L** Archie (Year 5/6 Bubble) for his super independence and motivation with his work this week, and always with a smile of his face.
- 6T** Emilia for consistently putting in an exemplary level of effort to her home learning, showing a conscientious and positive attitude every day.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL SITE

Last week, the Key Worker children enjoyed some half term fun in school. They made chalk patterns, stained glass windows, their own paper theme parks and created potato characters with a den for them to live in.



The Early Years team are incredibly proud of how the children have adapted to the changes in school this week. To make the most of the good weather, they have enjoyed story time outside, finding different spots around our wonderful school grounds! During exploring time, the children have enjoyed physical activities on the KS1 playground. Hopscotch and chalk obstacle courses have been particular favourites.



In the KS1 Key Worker bubble (which we have codenamed team Sparkle Crawler) we have been looking at mini-beasts. Today we made bright and colourful beetles for our mini beast habitat!



The Year 3/4 Key Worker bubble has had a busy first week back to school. The children have been doing PE every morning with Joe Wicks and have worked hard on their fractions in maths: adding, subtracting and finding fractions of amounts. During the afternoons, they have been working on a topic about mini beasts - starting the week with a mini-beast hunt around the school grounds. The children were amazed at all the tiny vertebrates and invertebrates that live in our woodland and grassy areas. They classified them and then drew and painted them later in the week. It has been a busy, but great week!



The Year 5/6 Key Worker bubble have started using the novel Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce to inspire their art work this week. They have sketched pictures based on space and tried using printing techniques to recreate their designs.



THE MAUDSLEY CHARITY RESOURCES

This has been a difficult time for many families. If you would like some ideas with supporting negative emotions and difficult behaviour, please take a look at the link below:

<https://maudsleycharity.org/familiesunderpressure/>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS DURING CORONAVIRUS CLOSURES

If you have experienced a change in family circumstance, that could now make your family eligible for Free School Meals, fill in the form at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>. It's quick and easy and, if you qualify, you will be added to our list to receive supermarket vouchers.