

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

FACEBOOK PAGE

Staplehurst School has a Facebook page. Like and Follow us to keep up to date with news and reminders.



YEAR 3 ENJOY ROMAN DAY

This week, Year 3 have taken part in an exciting end to their Roman History topic. On Tuesday the children and staff arrived dressed as Romans and spent the day making shields and finding out exciting facts this period of history.



On Wednesday they visited Dover Museum where they made clay soldiers and found out about Roman objects such as oil lamps, Roman footwear, horseshoes and mosaics.

All of the children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and have certainly learnt a lot about what Romans did for us.



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 **94.87%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **2KS8** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **99.62%**.

ATTENDANCE THIS TERM

We would like to thank you all for your support in increasing our attendance this term. A fantastic **230** children across the school have achieved 100% attendance this term. These children have been advised that they can wear their own clothes on the first day back after half term (Monday 4 June).

YEAR 2 SPECIAL AGENTS

Today Year 2 graduated from the Secret Agent Training Service. All agents have worked really hard this term and we are extremely proud of their achievements.



SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 11.06.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to Rowling – Blue House who won this term's House Point Challenge with 2,585 points. Children in Blue House may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 8 June 2018.

LETTERS TO THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SUSSEX

Pupils in Year 3 have written letters to Prince Harry and Meghan to congratulate them on their marriage. Tyler and Gladys from 3T and Jack and Edie from 3T went to the post box with Miss Nelson to post the letters on behalf of their class.



PROTECTING YOUR DETAILS (GDPR)

The Governing Body is committed to protecting your personal information. As part of this commitment the Governing Body has updated the School's Privacy Notice. The Privacy Notice is enclosed with this newsletter and published on our website at <http://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/school-info/policies> – it explains what information we hold about you and your child(ren); and how we collect, use and share this information. If you have any questions please contact DPO@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk.

INSPIRE TO COMPETE ROUNDERS COMPETITION



Well done to Josh, Finley, Jacob and Declan from 4R, who competed in the Rounders Tournament at Colliers Green Primary School this week.

The 'Fearless Four' got stuck in despite not having quite enough players; they came a very respectable second and had lots of fun!

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

We need more parent helpers for the Early Years trip to the Rare Breeds Centre on Wednesday, 6 June. If you are able to help please contact the office or one of the Early Years class teachers.

SEPTEMBER 2018 AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Harlequin Out of School Clubs (HOSC) will be providing our new After School Care facility here at Staplehurst School from September.

Please see enclosed flyer for more information or contact them direct at www.hosc.co.uk/contact_us.

HARLEQUIN IS RECRUITING

Harlequin would like to recruit staff locally for the After School Club which opens in September 2018. They are recruiting trained and untrained staff to work alongside their trained team.

Hours will be 7-26 hours per week. Paid annual leave, company pension, etc.

If you would like more information please email alison@hosc.co.uk

SPONSORED READ – 28 May - 8 June 2018

By now, your child will have come home with information and sponsorship forms for our sponsored read. This will run across half term and the following school week, and we are hoping to raise some more funds to complete our new library. There will be prizes for the class who raise the most money, the individual who raises the most money and the child who reads for the most minutes. We will be giving the children time to read in school, but please encourage them to pick up a book in the holiday. As you are aware, school budgets are continually being squeezed and this money could really help make a difference to your child. Thank you for your support.

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.

We welcomed our current Year 5 parents and carers to an information evening this week. We've had some really positive feedback so it was good to know that parents found it helpful. The presentation slides are on our website.

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 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

On Friday 22 June there will be a Disco at Staplehurst Cricket Club for children in years 3-6 (KS2 age group) from 5-7pm.

Tickets are just £5 and include a hot dog and drink; cookies and doughnuts will be available to purchase for 50p each.

Tickets will be on sale on the school gates on 7, 8 and 14, 15 June or phone/text Rachael Fagg on 07973 469216 and Anne-Marie Woodcock on 07801 705765.

The children that attended last year had a great time so get your tickets quick.

Parents are welcome to drop off children or stay, the bar will be open!

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.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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 after Half Term, 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.

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/staplehurstscpta/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

WATER SAVVY FUN DAY – 16 JUNE

Next month, on Saturday 16 June, Kent Fire and Rescue Service will be hosting a Water Savvy Fun Day at Bewl Water in Tunbridge Wells, 10am-2pm. This is free family fun event, and the first of its kind. It's set to be an

opportunity for everyone to learn about how to stay safe around water while having fun.

A poster is enclosed with this newsletter is a poster which lists just some of the exciting activities happening on the day, such a live water rescue demos from firefighters, Splashpals Newfoundland dog water displays, chances to climb aboard a fire engine and get in a rescue boat, and much more.

More details can be found here – www.kent.fire-uk.orhg/waterfunday

SAVE THE DATE



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

DIARY DATES

Sunday 3 – Wednesday 6 June

Year 6 Residential Trip

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)

Saturday 8 July

PTA Car Boot Fair (TBC)

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Harlequin Flyer

Water Savvy Fun Day Poster

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.