

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

It has been an exciting start back to term and there has been a real buzz around the school. The week began with us revisiting our P.R.I.D.E. values in assembly: we explored the importance of ‘positivity’ and how this mind-set improves our interaction with friends, self-esteem and helps us to reach our goals. We also discussed what we do at Staplehurst if our friends are mean, rude or we think there is bullying. As always our children had brilliant responses and ideas; they were very clear about what we do at our school.

On Monday afternoon I visited our Year 6s at Kingswood and was delighted to see them raft making - superb team work and fun being had by all! Yesterday I popped into Reception to be welcomed by our children who were eager to tell me about their trip to Rare Breeds – I was so impressed with how much they knew and how articulate they were about their learning. There has been some impressive home learning and reading across the school, especially in Year 4. The children have really enjoyed sharing and discussing their fabulous learning on display outside their classrooms. Today the love of reading was everywhere to be seen. We had our Pyjamarama event which encourages the importance of reading at bedtime and was a great way to end the week. Thank you to all parents from Reception to Year 4 who joined us for our Parents into reading.

Have a good weekend.

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

### STAFF TRAINING DAY

On INSET day our staff were busy evaluating our curriculum provision and planning ahead for next academic year. Your views are really important to us so please complete the parent curriculum questionnaire when it arrives in your inbox as it will allow us to further improve the quality of education that we provide for your children.



### PARENT FORUM FEEDBACK

Thank you to parents who braved the rain this week to attend our Parents' Forum on Tuesday, which was also attended by Chris Roome our Chair of Governors. As always your views are truly valued as they allow us to further improve the quality of education at our school. Thank you for your thoughtful feedback and ideas. Please see below some of the comments raised on 2 April and how we have begun to address these.

| You said                                                                                                          | We did                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Some parents felt that bullying is an issue that needs to be addressed.                                           | All staff have revisited our behaviour policy to ensure we apply this consistently(available on our website). There have been whole school and class assemblies.<br><br>School Council have introduced the High Five Hand to remind children of the behaviour we expect when conflict occurs. |
| Transition from secondary to primary school needs to be improved to support our children.                         | Key transition activities have been planned for term 6 for all year groups. More information will follow this term.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The school to provide more information on the 11+                                                                 | 2 parent sessions have been held that were open to parents from year 3 upwards.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Parents do not feel that a creative curriculum is being taught at the school                                      | Curriculum overviews are now emailed home termly to provide parent with key information on all subjects taught.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| KS2 parents feel there are not enough opportunities to engage with the school and they lose touch with the school | We are actively planning opportunities to improve home school links in KS2 e.g. collection of children from classroom for years 3 – 6; parents invited in for events such as parents into reading.<br><br>More opportunities will be scheduled this term and next academic year.              |

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### YEAR 5 – PESE 2019 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registration for the 11+ opened on the 3 June and closes on the 3 July. Parents will be able to register online by visiting [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola), or fill in a paper registration form, which is available from the office.

### YEAR 6 – KINGSWOOD

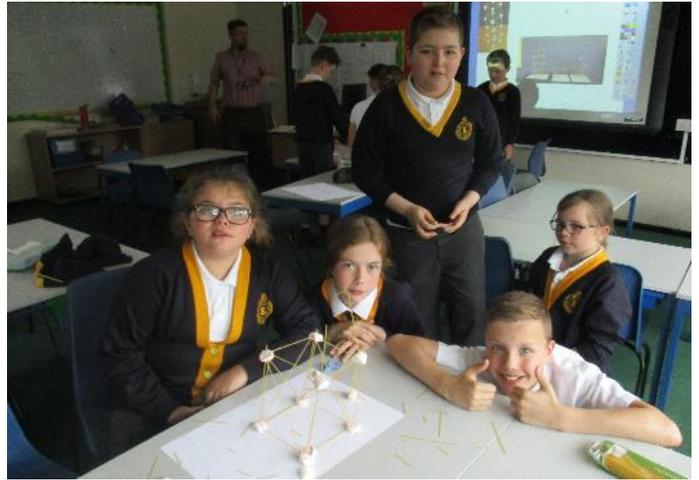
Our Year 6 adventurers are now back safe, sound and exhausted from their residential trip to Kingswood. They all had a marvellous time and experienced many new activities. If you have not already had a chance to look at the blog, it is still available on the school website: go to Pupil e-zone then click on **Kingswood Blog**. We will be adding some more photos.



### YEAR 6 – NON-KINGSWOOD ACTIVITIES

It has been an eventful first week for me at Staplehurst School but the non-Kingswood group have made me feel really welcomed and part of the community. We have had a fun week, designing exclusive hotels for children, baking biscuits in the kitchen, making board games, producing playground art (which unfortunately was washed away by the rain) and even had a movie afternoon. The biscuits were meant to be iced but the aroma of warm chocolate was clearly too tempting! They were even praised by the school's head teacher! Although we also tried to build towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows, the resulting structures were not very successful! Thank you to all for making me feel so welcomed this week.

Mr Forster



## SPORTS NEWS

### TRI GOLF TOURNAMENT

On the last day of term Mr Tate and Mr Glazier took a group of children from Years 3 and 4 to a Tonbridge Tri-Golf tournament. Despite never having played before, the children competed against seven other schools from Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells in a range of games, going on to achieve second place. The children really threw themselves into something new and had a fantastic time as result. They worked brilliantly as a team and should all be very proud of themselves.



## PTA NEWS

### SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 22 JUNE

The summer fair is fast approaching and Miss Davenport would like to thank all the members who give so much time to make this wonderful community event. As you know every penny raised goes to make better learning opportunities for our children so your support is critical. Miss Davenport has already begun discussing with the PTA team how this money will

used next year to support wider curriculum learning opportunities throughout the year – we will keep you posted. If you would like to join the PTA please email [staplehurstschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:staplehurstschoolpta@gmail.com) or via the office.

Letters requesting helpers at the fair were sent home this week. If you are able to give any time to help on a stall please send in your slip as soon as possible.

### COMPETITION – DESIGN THE SUMMER FAIR PROGRAMME COVER

Thank you for all the wonderful entries for the design the front cover of the programme competition for our Summer Fair. Miss Davenport will be judging the entries and the winners will be announced shortly.

### BOTTLE TOMBOLA

On Friday 21 June, children can come into school in their own clothes. Please bring in a bottle for the Summer Fair's Bottle Tombola - alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks or toiletries products are always popular.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### COLLECTION/PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEARS 3 – 4

Following feedback from Parent Forum, in order to further improve home school communication parents will now be able to collect their children from the Year 3 and 4 classrooms. Year 5 children will still be dismissed from the front playground.

### HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Peake – Yellow House who won this term's House Point Challenge may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 14 June 2019.

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

| Date      | Class | Time/Location       |                                                                              |
|-----------|-------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14 Jun    | 2KS8  | 2.30pm* Infant Hall | * Please note change of time due to the weekly 'Parents in to Read' sessions |
| 28 June** | 2O9   | 2.30pm* Infant Hall | ** Please note change of date                                                |

### HARLEQUIN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

You are invited to:

#### Harlequin After School Club's Open Day

On Monday 10 June 3.10pm – 4pm in the Infant Hall

Have you ever wondered what goes on in Harlequin? Come along and be nosy!

Visit with your children on Monday for a free taster any time from 3.10pm – 4pm.

Although not essential, if you would like to come along please let Alison know in advance and your child can join the regulars for a snack. Tea/coffee available for parents/careers.

You can look around the club and chat to staff and other parents whilst your children play.

Alison has a wealth of knowledge about childcare. So if you have any questions do ask, even if they are not related to Harlequin. Alison, Naiha and the children would love to show you their club.

[alison@hosc.co.uk](mailto:alison@hosc.co.uk)

### DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events:

#### Wednesday 12 June

Sports Day (KS2 am/KS1 pm)

#### Thursday 13 June

Whole School Photograph

#### Friday 21 June

Non-uniform Day for PTA Tombola  
KS2 Disco, Staplehurst Cricket Club (5-7pm)

#### Saturday 22 June

PTA Summer Fair

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 10.06.19 Year 5, 4, 6

w/c 17.06.19 Year 4, 6, 5

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### STAPLEHURST UNDER 5S GARAGE SALE SAFARI

It's back by popular demand - the Staplehurst Under 5s Playgroup Garage Sale Safari will take place on Saturday 8 June between 10am and 3pm. The fantastic residents of Staplehurst are invited to open their garages to sell their unwanted items.

The Garage Sale Safari gives you the opportunity to sell your unwanted items, without having to leave the comfort of your own home. You can even offer a refreshment stand, or similar if you prefer. Simply, set up shop on your drive, or within your garden and let your customers come to you.

Stall holders pay just £8 to be plotted on our map, which will be available to buy from Made by Kent & Turn a Tap for £1.

To book your place on the Garage Sale Safari Map, please sign up today, email [under5events@gmail.com](mailto:under5events@gmail.com) with your name, address and phone number. Stalls are just £8 per stall holder and details of how to pay will be emailed to you.

Here's to decluttering, bargain hunting and fundraising for Staplehurst Under 5s.

We accept cash payment and we also accept PayPal payments, but in this circumstance the stall holder fee is increased to £8.50.

### STAPLEHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY VILLAGE FETE

The Horticultural Society are holding their Annual Fete on Saturday 29 June 2019. They are seeking entries for the following competitions:

- Children 5 and under – a hand print of a flower A4 size
- Children aged up to 12 – a cottage garden on a plate. A suitable container no bigger than A4 size & 20cm high, using natural materials
- Adults & 13 + – a single rose in a vase or 5 blooms in a vase.

Please mark your entry with your name and contact telephone number and take it to the marquee between 11am and noon on the day.