

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

BEST SATS RESULTS FOR 3 YEARS!

I am delighted to report Staplehurst School has achieved the best overall SATs results for 3 years – this is an amazing achievement and we should feel extremely proud. I have told the Local Authority that I am aiming for Staplehurst School to be “outstanding” in 18 months and we are well on our way to achieving this.

Amanda Stevenson
Acting Headteacher

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE OF SPLASH!

We've had some fantastic comments about the Year 6 production this week. The children have worked really hard and as a result the performances were entertaining, fun and extremely well-choreographed.

The play was spectacular, everything was perfect...the teachers must be so proud” Izzy F 5S

“the play was amazing....so funny” Flo 5S

“Huge congratulations for what was a wonderful performance of Splash! The children were so confident and grown up” Mr T



The money raised from programme sales and the collection from the interval amounted to £145.50 and was donated to More Than Words Charity which is a small, local charity in Kent that provides free Makaton signing training and inclusive events to families of children with disabilities and communication difficulties.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING

We reported last week on the pupils in Year 6 who were making money to donate to their chosen charity JDRF which supports people with type 1 diabetes. We have counted up all the coins and we are delighted to be writing a cheque for £331.86!

YEAR 2 TIME CAPSULES

Back in September, Year 2 created time capsules. They measured their height with string and put it in the envelope along with a piece of work that was all about them and what they wanted to achieve this year. The children opened their time capsules this week and were amazed at how much they had grown! They were all really pleased that they had met their achievements this year, especially how much progress they have made with their writing! It was a lovely way to see how far they have come (and grown...!) this year. Miss O'Brien, Mrs Kitney and Mrs Staines are so proud of all the children!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Today KS1 Celebration assembly had a special visitor “Attendance Ted”. Loveday Potter, our School Liaison Officer, ran the assembly and praised the children for the improved attendance.



TRANSITION MEETINGS

It was really good to see so many parents attending the transition meetings this week and we welcomed all the positive feedback from you. We hope you found these meetings helpful but should you have any further questions or comments please don't hesitate to get in touch.

IMPROVING SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about activities, events and things that really matter is something we care about.

By now you should have received a registration link for ParentMail via Email/SMS which is our new system for communication and payments that we will be using from **4 September 2018**. From this date you will no longer receive texts or emails from the school unless you have signed up and you will no longer be able to pay for school lunches, uniform, etc., via Scopay. This is a service used by over 6,000 schools, nurseries and children's clubs to communicate to parents. ParentMail will be beneficial to you because you can:

- Use a free mobile app on Android and iOS to pick up school messages instantly.
- Top up dinner money or pay for schools trips/items in just a few taps.
- Complete forms, give consent/permissions and give feedback on surveys.
- Keep on top of school meetings and events.
- Book parents' evening appointments.
- And much, much more!

Registering with ParentMail is very easy! Once you've received your registration link just follow the instructions in the message.

Please be assured that ParentMail is registered with the Information Commissioner and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we highly recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

We've had lots of positive feedback on the new communication tool and 66% of our families have already signed up. Don't forget to do so before September.

LOST PROPERTY

On Monday 16 July there will be a mountain of "Lost Property" on tables outside, to the front of the school for you to look through. Any items that are not claimed by the end of the day will be either thrown away or sent to charity.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Today will be the last school-run after school club to be held this term. Thank you to all who have supported our clubs and we look forward to putting together a new and exciting clubs list for next year. Please note that from September, parents will not be able to remain on school grounds to watch the children while attending a club.

BUS SHELTER

You may be aware our wooden 'bus shelter' was damaged a few months ago. The damage has been assessed and the cost of repair, although minor, is expensive and we would rather buy a new more modern looking structure. If anyone would like to buy the old structure, we would be willing to sell it for £250 – please

speak to the office for more details. Buyer must be able to collect.

WEDDING NEWS

Please don't be confused in September when we all come back to school. Miss Backhouse is getting married during the summer holidays and when she returns her married name will be Mrs Slow, but don't worry, she won't be!! We wish her good luck on her special day!

FOOTBALL NEXT SEASON

With the new football season just around the corner, Mr Littleton and Mr Amos are looking for new recruits and returning heroes to join Staplehurst School FC. Boys and girls are welcome to join as we will be entering mixed gender tournaments throughout the next academic year. Look out for letters in September!

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 **93.59%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5S18** who achieved the highest attendance this week with a fantastic **99.63%**.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 16.07.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

w/c 03.09.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

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

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.

PTA NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

From September and the AGM (date to be advised) I am stepping down as the current chairperson of the PTA. I will remain on the PTA as my daughter continues her schooling here at Staplehurst school and help where I can.

If you are interested in joining the PTA or would like to find out more of what's involved then please do come and have a chat with me or speak with our current Vice Chair, Sophie Simpson.

Thank you to each and every one who has supported me in this role. I hope that support for our PTA will continue and that we can find a new chairperson very soon.
Regards *Anita Moore*

CAR BOOT FAIR

The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported last week's Boot Fair. It was a lovely Sunday morning and was good to see a few faces, and grab a few bargains. This year was very low key and hopefully if there is further demand then we will hold another Boot Fair on a future date.

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 to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staplehurstpta/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH – 14 JULY

This Saturday, 14 July is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. It's going to be an active one with a 'Staplehurst selfie challenge'. Go prepared with a device to take selfies on a village selfie hunt - will you be able to hunt down a list of various Staplehurst landmarks and take photo selfie evidence to bring back to church? Can you complete the challenge in time for tea and ice-creams at 5pm, all of which will be provided as your reward? Do go along and join in the fun and friendship of our last Messy Church of this school year, starting from the United Reformed Church anytime between 3:30 and 4pm. See you there!

STAPLEHURST SCARECROW FESTIVAL

On Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July Staplehurst will be holding its first Scarecrow Festival raising money for the Scouts and Guides etc. To register or find out more pop in to Made by Kent; you must be signed up to be included on the list of entrants which will be published on Friday 20 for a public online vote!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/264613420753814/>

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SUMMER FETE AND DOG SHOW

The All Saints Church Summer Fete and Dog Show is being held on Saturday 4 August between 12 and 4pm in the grounds of Staplehurst Manor. There will be a variety of stalls so do go along for a great family day out.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Are your children hooked on The Greatest Showman? Lots of parents can't get away from it! But do you know why we are all so captivated by it? Because it makes us feel good, the feeling of knowing that anything is possible if you believe it to be. Where focus goes, energy flows. It is the Law of Attraction.

Would you like your children to take part in an activity programme over the summer which is inspired by the Law of Attraction? Teaching your children in a very subtle way about self-belief, goal setting, positive growth mindset and gratitude amongst others. The cost of the activity bundle is £44, for all the details please head over to www.theartofnow.co.uk/new.

FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

Football Five Star will be running not one but two of their ever popular courses at Jubilee Sports Field during the upcoming summer holidays:

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 August
Thursday 23 and Friday 24 August

These should prove to be great pre-season training for children. To book your child's place please use the following link below:

<https://footballfivestar.co.uk/holchoice.html>

HOTSHOTZ MULTISPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

HotShotz Tennis in association with Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club are running Multisports Summer Camps at the Club on Frittenden Road. Tennis, cricket, hockey and other sports coaching delivered by qualified coaches. 9.00am - 5.00pm (early drop-off, late pick-up available by arrangement) on July 23-28 incl, August 6-10 incl. and August 28-31 incl. Booking from £27 per day is online at www.hotshotztennis.co.uk or call 07932 573888.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 19 July

Leavers' Assembly 2pm

Friday 20 July

Last day of Term 6

Tuesday 4 September

2018-19 Term 1 begins

Monday 10 September

Year R start part-time

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.