

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

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year the School Council decided how the school would raise money for Children in Need. They organised a cake sale, wore spots for the day and asked Mr Littleton to dress up as a bear for the day to collect money (thank you Mr Littleton for agreeing to do this). Initially, the cake sale was only going to be available for KS2, however, due to the very generous donations from parents, we were delighted to be able to extend this to Years 1 and 2. The amount raised so far this year for Children in Need is nearly £400.



FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS

League News

Last Friday our school football team played their second game of the league season against Kingswood Primary.

After their fantastic victory against Loose Primary, our team were keen to grab another win and essentially three vital points that would take them back to the top of the league.

A hard fought first half saw Staplehurst go into the break 4-0 up and a dominant second half performance, with a handful of superb goals, saw our mighty team win 8-1!

Needless to say, Mr Littleton and Mr Amos were incredibly proud to see their team play, putting their training into practice with a truly brilliant performance! TOP OF THE LEAGUE!



Tournament News

On Tuesday this week, we were excited to be invited to take part in a Football Tournament at Dulwich Prep School for Years 5 & 6 with children from seven other local primary schools. It was a super afternoon of sportsmanship and football played in glorious autumn sunshine. The final was played between Goudhurst and Staplehurst, and we are thrilled to announce that Staplehurst won 2-1 after 3 sessions of golden goal extra time – a nail biting end to a super event.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – CLASS 6W

Next Friday, 23 November we look forward to welcoming the parents and carers of children in Class 6W to the celebration assembly in the Junior Hall at 2.30pm.

WELL DONE CHURCH READERS

We have received numerous compliments from people who attended the Remembrance Service on Sunday about how well our children read the names of those from Staplehurst who gave their lives during the WW1 & WW2 Conflicts. They all read clearly, looked very smart and conducted themselves in a manner reflecting the occasion. They are a credit to the school and to their families. Well done to Oliver B, Freddie H and Florence M from Year 6 and Alfie K, Matthew M, Emilia P and Bliss V from Year 5.

POPPY APPEAL

We have received a message of thanks for the money raised outside the school and from the school office selling poppies. This year the amount raised was a fantastic £141.66. Without your help the Royal British Legion would not be able to continue its vital welfare and benevolent work. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If your child is unable to attend an after school club please ensure that they tell the teacher concerned or the school office. This avoids raising concerns if a child is not accounted for when the club register is taken.

ABSENCE DUE TO SICKNESS

May we remind parents that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, PLEASE ensure they have been well for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Today, your child should have brought home their Data Collection Sheet which details the general information we hold on our computer system about your child. Please check, correct and/or complete this form and return it to the office so that we can ensure our information is up to date. In particular please check the priority and telephone numbers for the Emergency Contacts. **In an emergency we need to be able to get hold of someone within 5 minutes.** Please return the form even if there are no changes, as this will confirm that our details are correct.

We also ask that you advise us of your **current email address**, if you have not already done so, as our preferred method of communication is via email rather than sending paper copies home.

Some of the information boxes are quite small, so if you need to provide additional information about your child please write it on the reverse of the Data Sheet. Thank you for your co-operation.

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE CHART

Don't forget to encourage your child to complete their Attendance Christmas Tree chart each day. A small gift will be given to each pupil that manages 100% attendance for this half term.

Current Attendance Champions (from September): 1st 4S14 - 97.6%, 2nd 5L18 - 97.5% and 3rd 6W16 - 97.3%.

KCC expect every child to have at least 95% attendance. Help us to help your child achieve their full potential. Happy colouring! – Bonny Sullivan – FLO

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 **95.15%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **209** who achieved the highest attendance this week with a fantastic **98.85%**.

UNIFORM POLICY

We are very proud of our school and our pupils and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our pupils the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best.

We ask all parents/carers to ensure that their children are dressed in the correct clothes and shoes, have PE kit in school (including trainers for KS2) and follow the guidelines on hair and jewellery. Please make sure all clothing is labelled with your child's name.

We do thank everyone who sends their children in correct uniform, but we have had to speak to a few children recently about incorrect items of clothing or shoes. Children will be sent home with a letter if their uniform is not in accordance with the school's policy.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 19.11.18 Year 3, 6, 5, 4

w/c 26.11.18 Year 6, 5, 4, 3

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2019

If you have a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, you need to apply for their place at a primary school. You must submit one application per child, even if you already have a sibling at school. Applying online is quick, simple and convenient. The application process opens on Monday 5 November at www.kent.gov.uk/ola and you must apply by 31 January 2019.

Y6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline has now passed to apply for a place online. However, it's not too late to apply by post; paper applications are available from the school office.

DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

This is a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site at any time.

FOR SALE – TABLE TENNIS TABLES

We still have two table tennis tables for sale - brand new in packaging. If anyone would like to buy one we are willing to sell them for £150 each. Buyer must be able to collect.

HARLEQUIN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Charlie and Summer are the winners in the sloth competition! We were playing a game involving slow moving creatures which sparked the idea of having the competition. Huge skill involved as they had to hang upside down for as long as possible and keep absolutely still. It's harder than you think.



PTA NEWS

SECRET SANTA DONATIONS

Next Friday, 23 November, your child can come to school in their own clothes. Please donate a gift for mums, dads, grandparents or uncles and aunts e.g. bath products, chocolate, after-shave, candles etc. to be collected at the school gates or handed in to the School Office. During the first week of December children will be able to visit the Secret Santa room to buy gifts for parents and carers. The gifts are priced at £2 each and the children can buy up to two gifts, which will be wrapped by Santa's helpers!

SCHOOL DISCOS

Tickets for the school discos will be on sale at the school gates morning and afternoons from week commencing Monday, 3 December.

300 CLUB

The next draw will take place towards the end of November. To be in with a chance of winning please complete the 300 club form (available from the office) and return to school with £11 per number for membership for the next 11 draws.

LUCKY DIP BAGS

Don't forget to encourage your child to decorate their lucky dip bag any way they wish, then fill with goodies. e.g. sweets, small toys, stationary or craft items. (new items only please). Mark on the bag if gifts are suitable for "girl", "boy" or "unisex" and seal. Once filled, bring to school by 30 November for collection in class. Bags will be sold at the Christmas Fair.

SELLOTAPE AND WRAPPING PAPER

The PTA would love donations of unwanted rolls of Sellotape or Christmas wrapping paper (new or part used) to use for wrapping gifts at Secret Santa in a few weeks. Please bring any donations to the school office.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



All the Christmas drawings have now been uploaded onto the www.mychildsart.co.uk website. To view the

artwork log in with the following unique codes shown below:

Username: **Staplehurst**
Password: **HvasfmrA**

We hope lots of you will wish to order Christmas cards and other Christmas gifts with your child's design on which will help support the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 24 November, Staplehurst United Reformed Church is holding a Christmas Coffee Morning from 10.00am until 12.30pm.

Do pop along to this event and support the Church in raising some money for the Weald Family Hub, a new and local organisation raising money to support those working with local young people with mental health issues.

There will be:

- Oodles of cakes and goodies for immediate use and to save for Christmas!
- A chance to find out more about the work of the Weald Family Hub.
- Teas, coffees, mince pies and plenty of seats for a good natter.
- Handmade crafts, gifts and presents to get your Christmas preparations underway.
- Tombolas and competitions for an extra bit of fun.

FOOTIE MAD GIRLS!

Staplehurst Monarchs Youth FC are looking to get more players (Years 2 and 3) for their new U8 Girls team. They train at the school on Saturday mornings and will soon start to play matches against other teams. If your daughter would like to give it a go, please email them (smufc1@yahoo.co.uk) and they send you more details.

DIARY DATES

Friday 23 November

Non-Uniform Day for Secret Santa

Thursday 29 November

Year 6 Trip to Kent Life

Saturday 1 December

PTA Christmas Fair (12-3pm)

Monday 3, Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 December

Secret Santa

Friday 7 December

Christmas Discos

Tuesday 11 December

KS1 Christmas Performance (1.45pm)

Wednesday 12 December

KS1 Christmas Performance (9.30am)

Wednesday 13 December

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 19 December

KS2 Christmas Performance (9.30am)

Class Parties (pm)

End of Term 2

Thursday 3 January 2019

Start of Term 3

ADMIN

Online payments - This is the preferred method. Please pay online for School Dinners, Trips, Swimming, Uniform and Equipment (via ParentMail) and Breakfast Club (via Scopay).

Dinner Money queries and payments - Please contact Maxine on 07501 007835.

School Uniform - Uniform can be ordered and paid for online (via ParentMail) (orders will be sent home with your child). The Uniform Shop is open anytime, but **please avoid Monday mornings and Friday afternoons**. Thank you.