

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

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming you back after your Christmas Holiday and to wish you all a Happy New Year.

### WELCOME

We would like to say a warm welcome to Mrs Humphrey who has joined us in Year 4 as a Teaching Assistant.

### HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Peake – Yellow House were the winners of last term's House Point Challenge and enjoyed wearing their own clothes to school today. Well done Yellow House.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

To help ease the transition to having a later lunch Year 3 now follow Year 2 into lunch and Years 4, 5 and 6 will rotate weekly.

w/c 07.01.19 Year 5, 4, 6

w/c 14.01.19 Year 4, 6, 5

### MENU CHANGE – PIZZA PARY DAY

Thursday 17 January is School **Census Day** when the Government counts the number of school meals taken and determines how much funding to send to schools for the year. **With school budgets being continually squeezed, it would really help us if your child could try a school meal on this day please.** Our catering company will be providing a different menu from that advertised:

Margherita Pizza  
Meat Feast Pizza  
Veggie Pizza  
Homemade Potato Wedges  
Sweetcorn & Peas  
Coleslaw  
Salad Cart  
Chocolate Cake  
Fruit Pots/Yoghurts

### SPRING TERM CLUBS

The new Clubs List for the Spring Term has now been circulated. All Clubs will start next week.

### 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. Go to [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and you must apply by 31 January 2019.

### REVISED SCHOOL POLICIES

The following policies have recently been ratified by Governors and may be viewed on our website <http://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/school-info/policies>:

- Safeguarding Policy: This was an annual statutory review and the updated policy includes updates in accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2018 and GDPR.
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy: This was an annual statutory review but there were no major changes.
- Online Safety Policy: This was an annual review and the updated policy includes KCSIE 2018 & GDPR updates.
- Home School Agreement: This was scheduled review of the agreement which has been changed to a statement rather than a signed document.

### SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURE

The DfE (Department for Education) states that "schools should, wherever possible, stay open in severe weather" and we recognise that it is important for Staplehurst School to remain **open** so that parents are able to work and children can continue to learn. Our fundamental principle is that every effort will be made to ensure that Staplehurst School remains open even if only limited numbers of children can attend.

In each instance the school will determine:

- whether the school site is safe
- how many staff are likely to be in

then make a decision based on the safety of children.

**If the school is CLOSED we will notify you via ParentMail and also publish a message on our website and Facebook page.**

## PTA NEWS

### 300 CLUB

It's not too late to join in the fun so if you fancy a chance to win please complete the 300 club form (available from the office) and return to school with £9 per number for membership for the next 9 draws.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Film Night at the URC

Staplehurst United Reformed Church  
TN12 0AS

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 18.30**

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

On big screen (not quite cinematic sized, but still big!)

All ages welcome  
Sing if you must!

FREE ENTRY AND REFRESHMENTS, INCLUDING POPCORN

### STAPLEHURST UNDER 5 PLAYGROUP

On Wednesday 23 January 2019 between 9.30am and 11am, Staplehurst Under 5 Playgroup are holding an Open Morning. This is an opportunity to meet the children, staff and committee members and experience all the wonderful activities they have to offer! Refreshments will be available.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling all budding young singers! All Saints Staplehurst has started a new children's choir *Sing!* running on Friday evenings from 6.00pm until 6.50pm. They sing a wide selection of music and look to find opportunities to perform. The choir meets weekly and new members are always welcome, just come along and see if it's for you – best suited to children age 7 and up. No need to be a congregation member. Find them at the back of the church on the right – see you there! Any questions please call Jacqui on 07796 487538.

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 18 – Friday 22 February**

Half Term

### ADMIN

**Online payments** - This is the preferred method. Please pay online for School Dinners, Trips, 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.

### STAPLEHURST MONARCHS

Weather permitting, the boys teams aim to start again on 19 January.

### STAPLEHURST GIRLS FOOTBALL

Staplehurst Monarchs are looking for more girls to come and play football with the Monarchs & If you are in year 2 or 3 we have spaces in the Under 8 team.

If you are interested in giving football a try please contact Staplehurst Monarchs Youth via the Facebook page or email [ghaywood@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ghaywood@tiscali.co.uk).

### ALL STARS CRICKET CLUB

Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club is once again providing a FREE indoor after-school ALL STARS cricket club for girls and boys in Years 3 & 4 with little or no cricket experience, building on last summer's scheme. The emphasis is on FUN and developing basic bat and ball skills and fitness. Delivered by qualified coaches with full DBS, the Club will run on Tuesdays - 3.30-4.30pm -in the school hall for 9 weeks from January 22 until April 2 incl. (excluding half term and 26 Feb).

Places are limited so please book by emailing [john.swannick@staplehurstcricket.com](mailto:john.swannick@staplehurstcricket.com) or private message through the Club's Facebook page.