

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

YEAR 5 STUDY EGYPT

Year 5 have been busy studying Egypt and its cultures. The children have been learning about mummification and as a practical exercise they mummified Rohan then an orange; the experience was very messy and sticky! The children also followed instructions to cut and make a sarcophagus complete with a mummy inside!



SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday, Mr Littleton took ten children from Year 2 to the Infant Agility Competition at the Weald Sports Centre. The children took part in a number of different agility stations including bouncing, bowling, jumping and throwing. They all performed brilliantly and we are extremely proud to say that our team won the whole event and have been crowned as **Cranbrook Champions!**

We will now go on to compete against other districts so watch this space!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	Class	Time/Location
25 Jan	5C17	2.30pm Junior Hall
1 Feb	1/S6	9.00am Infant Hall
8 Feb	4H13	2.30pm Junior Hall
15 Mar	4S14	2.30pm Junior Hall
29 Mar	Early Years	9.00am Infant Hall
3 May	3T12	2.30pm Junior Hall
10 May	3G11	2.30pm Junior Hall
7 Jun	2O9	9.00am Infant Hall
14 Jun	2KS8	9.00am Infant Hall

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 **96.59%**

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **1RS** who achieved the highest attendance this week with a fantastic **99.62%**.

COUGH SWEETS & LIP BALMS

Please may we remind you that if children need to bring cough sweets with them to school they must be handed into the office and may be administered at breaks and lunchtime.

Lip Balms may be brought into school if they are needed but they should not be coloured or flavoured. Children may keep them in their coat pocket and use them during breaks and lunchtimes. Any other use is at the discretion of their class teacher. They are the responsibility of the child and should not be shared with other children. Thank you for your co-operation.

DONATIONS PLEASE

If anyone has any spare clothes for ages 5-8 years, particularly trousers, pants and socks, they would be gratefully received, especially in Early Years.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

We would like to hear from anyone who has a spare lunchtime during the week and would like to come in a help our Year 5 Library Monitors keep the library tidy. Please contact the lovely ladies in the office.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 21.01.19 Year 6, 5, 4
w/c 28.01.19 Year 5, 4, 6

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 and you must apply by 31 January 2019.

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

FLU VACCINATION – ADDITIONAL CLINICS

We have been advised by that due to unprecedented demand and winter pressures there will be additional flu vaccination clinics for any children in Years R to 5 who did not receive this at the school session last term.

Appointments can be booked by calling the Immunisation Service on 0300 123 5205 and consent forms will be available on the day. Please note these are not drop in clinics.

Saturday 19 January 2019 (09.30am - 12.00Noon).

College Road Clinic, College Road, Margate, CT9 2RT

Tuesday 22 January 2019 (3.00pm - 5.00pm)

The Training Room, Twydall Primary School, Twydall Lane, Rainham, Kent ME8 6JS

Saturday 26th January 2019 (10am - 13.30pm)

Tonbridge Cottage Hospital, Vauxhall Lane, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0NE

Monday 28 January 2019 (15.30 - 17:30pm)

Medway Maritime Hospital, Magpies Centre, Level 2, Green Zone, Windmill Road, Gillingham, ME7 5NY

Tuesday 29 January 2019 (15.00pm - 16.30pm)

Exchange House, Thomas Way, Lakesview International Business Park, Hersden, Canterbury, CT3 4NH

Tuesday 29 January 2019 (16.45 - 18.45pm)

Gravesham Community Hospital, Room 6, Bath Street, Gravesend, DA11 0GG

Tuesday 29 January 2019 (15.30 – 18.30pm)

Royal Victoria Hospital, Art Room, Radnor Park Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5BN

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.

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

On Saturday 2 February at Staplehurst United Reformed Church, there will be the usual messy fun which is open for everyone who wants to come and enjoy some games, crafts, singing, story and prayer with tea together afterwards. This month they are thinking about Gideon, a character in the bible who didn't think he was anything special, but God had a special job for him to do - reminding us that God sees something special in each of us. They will be making edible fire on a rock, doves of peace, test tube vases, a huge poster for Church and some physical challenges to keep everyone busy! Doors open at 3.30pm; the Messy Church Team look forward to seeing you there!

STAPLEHURST CRICKET & TENNIS CLUB

Swallows & Amazons is a new fun and fitness programme for 6-9 year olds delivered by qualified coaches from Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club. It is focused on developing balance, co-ordination, reactions, speed, and resilience through running, throwing, lifting, kicking, catching and general play. An 8 week indoor pilot will run on Thursday evenings – 5.00-6.00 pm – at the Weald Sports Centre from February 7 to March 28 inclusive.

The winter cricket training programme for all Under-11 squad players takes place on the same dates from 6.00-7.00pm, also at the Weald Sports Centre. All existing and new Year 5 and 6 boys and girls are welcome to join this preparatory programme looking forward to the outdoor season.

Both programmes are FREE for junior Club members and new members are welcome at the junior subscription rate of only £3 per month payable by direct debit. For more information and to book, email info@staplehurstcricket.com or leave a message on the Club's Facebook page.

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.

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

Friday 25 January

Class 5C17 Celebration Assembly (2.30pm)

Wednesday 30 January

Owl Academy Visit (Year R & 1)

Friday 1 February

Class 1/26 Celebration Assembly (9.00am)

Friday 8 February

Class 4H13 Celebration Assembly (2.30pm)

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.