

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

"Children always come first. They are our future."

Dear Parents and Carers

The children are all working incredibly hard on this term's topics and the highlight of this week has been our celebration of World Book Day. Our children have demonstrated great fun and great learning across the school! Thank you to those parents who took the opportunity to see the children's learning at the end of the day; please also remember to check our website of snapshots and children's work, learning and sporting achievements.

Excellent attendance is essential for our children and we would like to thank all parents and carers who work hard in partnership with the school to ensure their children attend school regularly and punctually. At the very beginning of each school day children are set straight to tasks whilst the teacher calls the register. These often involve rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. It is very important that children are on time for these sessions; please help children to be ready on time and not miss out on this.

We have listed our term dates for 2019-20 with the newsletter this week. Please make sure you take note of our holiday dates, as we will not authorise absences during term time. We monitor attendance very closely with the aim that all pupils get their full 190 day educational entitlement each year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

WORLD BOOK DAY

Yesterday, Thursday 7 March, we all went Harry Potter mad for World Book Day, with a themed day based around the popular children's books. Lots of children made a fantastic effort, dressing up as witches, wizards and magical characters and had great fun brewing potions, writing spells and flying around on broomsticks playing quidditch! Hopefully this has inspired a greater love for literacy and reading and all children were given a World Book day voucher to exchange for one of a range of exciting books.

At the end of the day we welcomed parents and carers into the Junior Hall for an exhibition of work that the children had been doing during the day and it was fantastic to see such a great turn out for this. As always, thank you for supporting us.



You can find more photos on our website <https://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/community/news>

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

On Wednesday 13 March our photographers will be in to take class photos and carry out a sweep of individuals and families who missed the last session. As always, please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform on that day. Thank you.

RED NOSE DAY

Next Friday, 15 March is Red Nose Day. Children may wear their own clothes but must include something red in their outfit. Please note that football shirts/kits are not permitted and no face paint or hair dye! Girls may wear red bows or ribbons in their hair. Please support this worthy cause by sending in a donation with your child.

RECORDER CLUB

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Seal's Recorder Club attended a rehearsal at Roseacre Junior School to practice for the Recorder Festival at the end of March. Evie, Robin, Florrie and Emilia have all enjoyed learning the new music over the last few weeks and even had the confidence to perform on their own at one point during the rehearsal in front of the conductor, pianist and many other teachers and children!



DESIGN A CLASSROOM COMPETITION

Don't forget there's still time to enter JBH Refurbishments' 'Design the Best Classroom Ever' Competition. If you would like a copy of the application pack please click on the link to view the resources available: <https://www.jbhrefurbishments.co.uk/design-the-best-classroom-ever-competition/>

STAFF CHANGES

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Harris who is leaving at the end of next week. Miss Harris has been a Teaching Assistant here for nearly 3 years and will be missed by staff and children alike. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done during her time here at Staplehurst School.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	Class	Time/Location
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

DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events at Staplehurst School:

Wednesday 13 March

Class Photographs

Friday 15 March

Red Nose Day

Monday 18 March

Bikeability Course Starts (Year 5)

Friday 29 March

Early Years Space Day
PTA School Discos

Tuesday 2 April

Parents' Forum (2.15pm)

Friday 5 April

End of Term 4

Tuesday 23 April

Term 5 begins

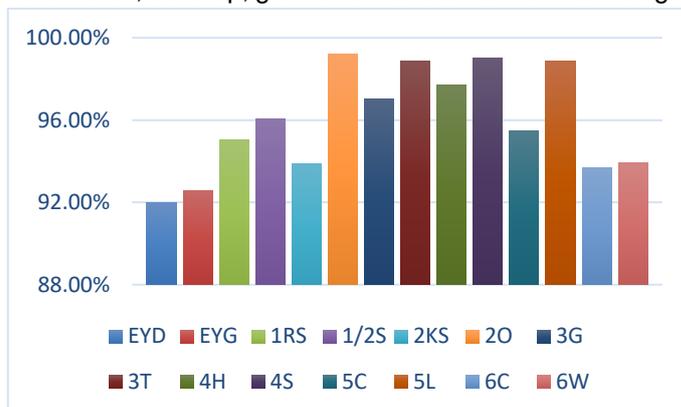
SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 11.03.19 Year 6, 5, 4

w/c 18.03.19 Year 5, 4, 6

ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING OLIVER CLASS 2O – 99.23% attendance – you are setting the standard and we are very proud of you. Punctuality and good attendance is important to establish positive habits as children, develop, grow and move on to their next stage.



PTA NEWS

SCHOOL DISCOS

School Discos will be held on **Friday 29 March** (note change of date from that originally published). Tickets will be on sale at the school gates morning and afternoons from Monday 25 March.

More information is given in the enclosed flyer and there is a separate letter for Early Years children which has been sent home today.

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 £7 per number for membership for the next 7 draws.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are currently looking for a member of the community to join our friendly and dedicated Governing Body. We have one vacancy for a Co-opted Governor and would like to encourage anyone who has the time and commitment to fulfil the role to consider applying. For more information

or an informal chat about what the role involves, please contact the school or email:

clerktogovernors@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk. A person specification and application form can be found on <http://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/community/governors>
The deadline for applications is Friday, 22 March 2019.

BETHANY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 20 March, running from 9am-11.30am. During the morning you will be able to hear from our Headmaster, Francie Healy, tour the School with a current pupil and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. www.bethanyschool.org.uk/visit.

FORGE HOUSE DENTAL QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 22 March is Quiz Night at Staplehurst School from 7.30pm. Entrance is £10 per person, maximum tables of 12; bring your own food and drink. Call 01580 892509 or email info@forgehousedental.co.uk for more information. Proceeds to Hospice in the Weald and the Veloo Foundation for children.

CLEAN UP STAPLEHURST

Saturday, 23 March is the village Clean Up morning organised by Staplehurst Parish Council. This year they are taking part in the Great British Spring Clean, so go along to the Youth Club in the High Street at 10am to join in. Refreshments will be available for all volunteers at the end.

TERM DATES 2019-2020

Staplehurst School	
School Terms and Holidays 2019-20	
March 2019	
These holiday dates are set by Kent County Council. All schools are allowed a further 5 days for staff training.	
Autumn 2019 – Term 1	
Staff Training Day	Monday 2 September 2019
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3 September 2019
Pupils Return to School	Wednesday 4 September 2019
Year R Start Part-time	Monday 9 September 2019
Year R Start Full-time	Monday 23 September 2019
Break Up for Half Term	Friday 18 October 2019
Half Term	Monday 21 to Friday 25 October 2019
Autumn 2019 – Term 2	
Pupils Return to School	Monday 28 October 2019
Staff Training Day	Friday 22 November 2019
Break Up for Christmas	Wednesday 18 December 2019
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 19 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020
Spring 2020 – Term 3	
Pupils Return to School	Monday 6 January 2020
Break Up for Half Term	Thursday 13 February 2020
Staff Training Day	Friday 14 February 2020
Half Term	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2020
Spring 2020 – Term 4	
Pupils Return to School	Monday 24 February 2020
Break Up for Easter Holidays	Wednesday 1 April 2020
Easter Holiday	Thursday 2 April to Wednesday 15 April 2020
Summer 2020 – Term 5	
Pupils Return to School	Thursday 16 April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May 2020
Break Up for Half Term	Friday 22 May 2020
Half Term	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May 2020
Summer 2020 – Term 6	
Pupils Return to School	Monday 1 June 2020
Break Up for Summer Holiday	Tuesday 21 July 2020
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 22 July 2020
INSET (Staff Training) Days	
	Monday 2 September 2019
	Tuesday 3 September 2019
	Friday 22 November 2019
	Friday 14 February 2020
	Wednesday 22 July 2020
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