

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

Another exciting week has flown by! The 'Big Sing Up' on Wednesday was a superb whole school event which saw us unite with children and communities across the world through music – thank you to those members of Staplehurst community who were able to join us for this event.

At Staplehurst School we believe in promoting and modelling the importance of daily reading; following on from our successful celebration of World Book Day please continue this momentum at home with your children by making sure that they read every night and record their reading in their home school diaries. If you need any further tips or advice please speak directly to your child's class teacher.

Well done to our budding interior designers who completed our 'Design a Classroom' competition; we have now submitted our designs and will keep you posted if we have any winners or runners up!

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

SING-UP DAY

On Wednesday, our children joined in the International Sing-up Day - a day to celebrate the power of song. From the UK to the UAE and the US to China, schools and singers around the whole world joined together on Sing Up Day. This year's song (One Moment, One People) was on the theme of working together to make connections with others. People from the school's community were invited to take part, from office staff to governors to the PTA to the School Council. Children shared work on 'working together' that they had done in class, including using hands to be kind and communicating using sign language. The school enjoyed a range of lively warm-up activities before joining in together to sing the song. It has been proven that singing strengthens bonds and releases endorphins, making Staplehurst school a very happy community indeed.

Here are some of the comments from children about how singing makes you feel:

- Makes you happy
- Helps your vocabulary

- Feel you belong
- Warms up and exercises your body

- Think about other people
- Makes you kind and warmhearted
- Helps you express yourself

- Gives you confidence
- Helps you learn new things



CONCERT AT BETHANY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, Bethany School invited the Choir children and their families to a concert performance of 'Peter & The Timber Wolf', with the story narrated by international author, Ann Bryant (author of Peter & The Timber Wolf). The performance was a great introduction to classical music for children and a fantastic tie-in with literature.



RED NOSE DAY

Today the whole school supported Red Nose Day by making a donation and wearing something red. This was very well supported by pupils and staff. The amount we have raised so far is just over £300.

YEAR 5 SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Yesterday four Year 5 pupils, Florrie in 5C and Charlotte, Isla and Bliss in 5L represented Staplehurst School in a Science Challenge at Invicta Grammar School. The girls faced some tough challenges but enjoyed the day. We would like to thank the parents for transporting the children and Miss Harris for escorting them.

PARENTS' GUIDE

Enclosed with this week's newsletter is a copy of the 'Parents' Guide to Growth Mindset' which could help support you when talking about learning with your children, whether that's a discussion over teatime about the day at school, or when encouraging your children to complete homework. We would like to support our children to be resilient learners, to take risks with their learning and to know that we can learn from our mistakes. We hope you find this useful.

YEAR 6 SATS AND KINGSWOOD MEETING

We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents to a short information session regarding the forthcoming SATs, due to take place the week beginning 13 May 2019. The session will cover how we plan to support the Year 6 children through the week; as well as the timetable and last minute top-tips.

Parents of children attending Kingswood are invited to stay on after the meeting, to hear more about what the children will need for the trip; the variety of activities that the children will have the opportunity to undertake; as well as other key information/contact details and a list of staff who will be accompanying the children for the week.

Everyone who attends the meeting will be entered into a prize draw and the winner will receive a £30 voucher and a bottle of wine.

STAFF CHANGES

Today we are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Harris. 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.

BIKEABILITY

Bikeability starts next week. For those children taking part, don't forget you will need to bring your bike and helmet!

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

We are now in a position to be able to offer more instrumental lessons at school. If your child would like the opportunity to learn the guitar, piano, ukulele, drum or violin please contact Sam Laming on [07754 996080](tel:07754996080) or email samlaming@hotmail.com to discuss his rates and availability.

Sam has over ten years of teaching experience and currently teaches guitar to our year 5.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	Class	Time/Location
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:

Monday 18 March

Bikeability Course Starts (Year 5)

Wednesday 27 March

Year 2 SATs Information Meeting (2.30pm)

Friday 29 March

Early Years Space Day
PTA School Discos

Tuesday 2 April

Parents' Forum (2.15pm)

Thursday 4 April

SATs and Kingswood Meeting (6pm)

Friday 5 April

End of Term 4

Tuesday 23 April

Term 5 begins

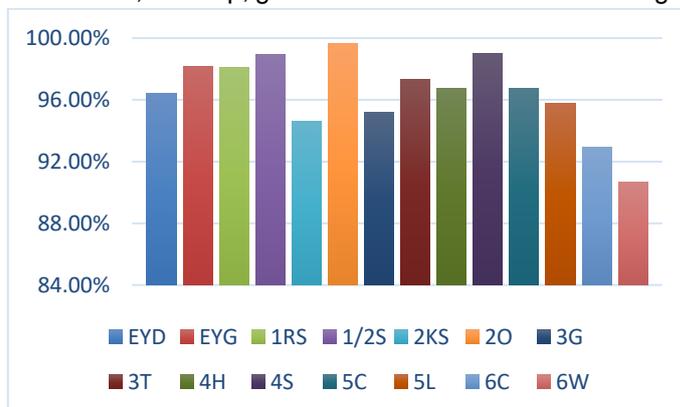
SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 18.03.19 Year 5, 4, 6

w/c 25.03.19 Year 4, 6, 5

ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING OLIVER CLASS 20 – 99.62% 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.

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 the 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.

LAMBING WEEKEND

High Weald Academy is hosting its annual Lambing Weekend on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March from 10am to 4.30pm daily. Entrance is £2.00 with children under 3 free. Refreshments are available and there is FREE parking. All proceeds support the running of the farm.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday, 30 March there will be an Easter Coffee Morning at the United Reformed Church between 10am and 12.30pm. There will be coffee, cakes, crafts, chocolate, plants and much more on offer. Please pop along, browse the stalls, enjoy a coffee and a chat and let the children make a free sun catcher or Easter craft whilst helping to raise funds for mental health provision at Staplehurst School.

ENSONGLOPEDIA OF ANIMALS

On Saturday 20 April, Frittenden Memorial Hall are holding John Hinton's EnSONGlopedia of Animals at 3.00pm. This is a musical comedy with 26 animal songs. Tickets cost £6.50 or £23 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) and are on sale at the Bell & Jorrock's and Acorns Village Stores, Frittenden or www.frittendenevents.co.uk