

Staplehurst School



# NEWSLETTER

## PRIDE

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Staplehurst School is an inclusive community. We do not tolerate bullying – race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

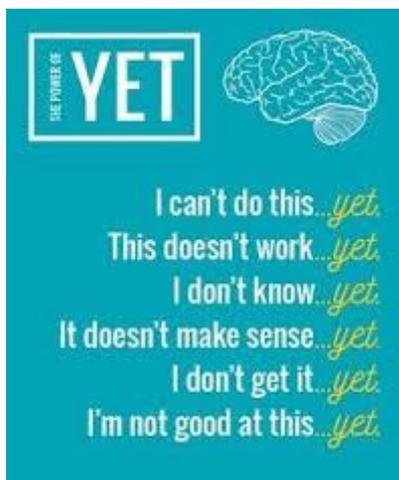
*"Children always come first. They are our future."*

Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely way to end the week with our Spring Concert. Our fabulous Choir and Key Stage 2 children, led by Mrs J Seymour, were proud to share our whole school favourites and the songs they performed at the Young Voices Concert earlier this year. Once again it was superb to see so many members from the community celebrating with us.



In this week's Whole School Assembly we explored the importance of a positive mind-set, which links to our core value of determination. We discussed the power of the word 'yet'.



Thank you to those children who shared inspirational stories of how their perseverance over time has led to academic and sporting success! Please continue the good work at home by celebrating when your child demonstrates this quality.

In this issue we have included the outcomes of our recent parents' survey. On Tuesday 2 April I will be holding my first Parents' Forum (2.15 – 3pm); this will provide an opportunity for us to discuss ways in which we can partner together to build on our strengths and further improve your child's experience at Staplehurst School; I look forward to welcoming you.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

### BIKEABILITY

This week some of our Year 5 pupils have been taking part in Bikeability. This is a valuable life skill for the children and the instructors complimented the children on how well they listened and participated. A particular mention for Alease B who was commended by the instructors, not only for her cycling skill but also for her kindness when she offered her bike to one of the other children in her group when their bike broke.



### YEAR 6 SATS AND KINGSWOOD MEETING

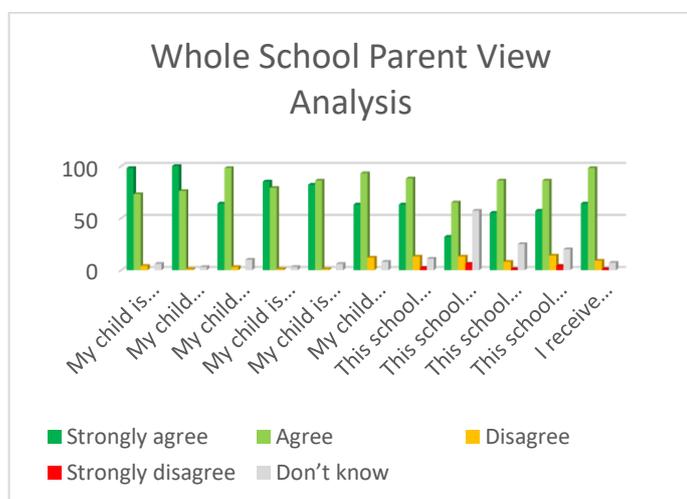
We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents to a short information session regarding the forthcoming SATs on Thursday 4 April at 6pm. The session will cover how we plan to support the Year 6 children through the week in May; as well as the timetable and last minute top-tips. **Please note that the meeting will now be held in Room 15 rather than the Junior Hall.**

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.

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.

## PARENTS' SURVEY

Thank you to those parents who completed our short survey when they came to the recent Parent Teacher Consultations. It has been a really useful exercise and we are pleased to note that the majority of you are happy with the school. However, we are analysing the whole picture and looking at the comments we have received to ensure that we continue to strive to do our best in everything we do. A full page version of the following graph is enclosed with the Newsletter.



## BREXIT

In line with government guidance for businesses, we have been discussing how the UK's exit from the European Union may affect our School. A letter will be sent out to parents early next week.

## WELCOME

We would like to say a warm welcome to Mrs Keeshan who has joined us in Year 5 as a Teaching Assistant.

## 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](mailto: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.

## SPORTS NEWS

### NETBALL NEWS

On Tuesday after school, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Seymour took two teams from years 5 and 6 to compete in a High 5 netball tournament at Cranbrook School. There

were 7 teams in the competition and we played each team once in a game of two six minute halves. Both teams played really well, especially as we have not played high 5's before. We are really proud to say that our A team won the competition overall, with a huge 55 goals and no goals conceded, and our B team came third, only allowing 6 goals against us - so an amazing effort from everyone involved. Well done to Amber E, Tom P, Kester J, Sophie C, Flo M, James S, Izzy F., Lola S, Louis R, Freddie B, Charlotte L, Summer C, Katie H and Liam D. As always, thanks to the parents for your help with transport and amazing support on the side-lines - we couldn't do this without you!

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### EARLY YEARS COLLABORATION MEETING

Yesterday Miss Decker met with Early Years Practitioners from other local schools as part of a wider collaboration to strengthen best practice. It was a lovely opportunity for us to share some of the fantastic learning that our children have been doing recently and our children's writing in particular was much admired.

## 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 25 March

Bikeability (last day) (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

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## MENU CHANGES

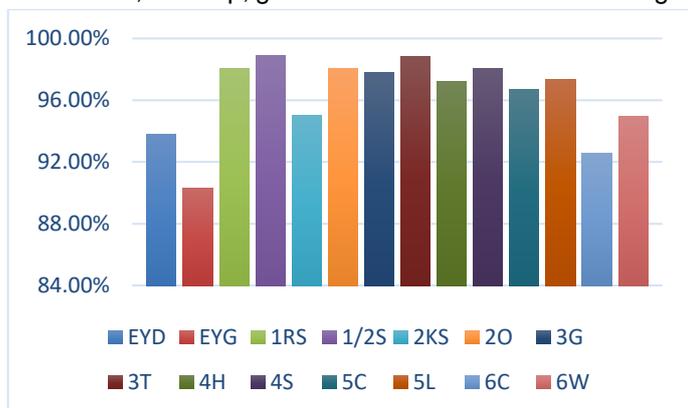
There is a change to the menu for Week 3. On Thursday next week, the main option will be Jacket Potato with the following choice of toppings:

Chilli (beef)  
Vegetable Curry  
Baked Beans  
Cheese  
Tuna

This will be followed by Strawberry Jelly.

## ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING SCOTT CLASS 1/2S – 98.92% 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.



## LOST PROPERTY

We have numerous items clothing in lost property, including jumpers, cardigans and coats. We can only return items of clothing which are named, so if you have mislaid any items please come and ask if they have been found.

## PTA NEWS

### SCHOOL DISCOS

Tickets for the school discos will be on sale at the school gates morning and afternoons from next week. If you miss them pop into the office as we will also have tickets there during the day.

Years 1, 2 & 3 Disco 4.30pm to 5.45pm £4.50 entry ticket only.

Years 4, 5, & 6 Disco 6pm to 7.30pm £4.50 entry ticket only.

There will be a tuck shop open at both discos where children can purchase drinks (50p), crisps (30p) and sweets (20p). Water will also be freely available. Children will also be able to buy light pendants for £1.

**Please note: parents/carers are not permitted to attend the discos and children should not bring mobile phones.**

Parents/Carers will drop their child at the door of the Junior Hall with their completed entry ticket. Please complete the contact details in advance to avoid delays on the door.

Children will enter the hall where there will be teachers and PTA members on hand to look after and assist them at their age-related disco.

At the end of the discos, Parents/Carers will be able to come into the hall where children will be sitting in their year groups. Children will not be allowed to leave unless accompanied by an adult.

Parents of children in Early Years will already be aware of the separate arrangements for their disco but please contact the office if you have any queries.

## 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

### LOST BIKE

One of our pupil's in Year 5 had their bicycle stolen from the doorstep outside the family home this morning between 6.15 and 8.20. It's a black and red BMX bike and if anyone has any information relating to this please pass it on to the School Office and we will let the parents know. In the meantime, please be vigilant and ensure that your bikes are locked when left outside.

### FORGE HOUSE DENTAL QUIZ NIGHT

Tonight, 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](mailto:info@forgehousedental.co.uk) for more information. Proceeds to Hospice in the Weald and the Veloo Foundation for children.

### CLEAN UP STAPLEHURST

Tomorrow, 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

This weekend is High Weald Academy's annual Lambing Weekend on both 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 & Jorrocks and Acorns Village Stores, Frittenden or [www.frittendenevents.co.uk](http://www.frittendenevents.co.uk)