

Staplehurst School



# NEWSLETTER

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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

Here we are at the end of our spring term and another great week of learning and opportunity at Staplehurst School; how time flies when you're having fun! The week began with a brilliant assembly led by our wonderful school librarians and our volunteer librarian, Mrs Simpson. Our librarians reminded us how to use our library effectively and responsibly when we have our weekly session – it has been great seeing the children reading for pleasure and using these skills.

Learning continues to be our focus, yet this week it has been particularly great to be able to welcome parents to our forum. Your honest and open dialogue with Mrs Stevenson and myself provided us with a deeper understanding of your main priorities; this allows us to work with staff and governors to further improve our provision and learning experiences for your child. Our next meeting will be on 4 June.

Many thanks to Rev. Silke Tetzlaff and Rev. Andrew Royal for leading our whole school Easter assembly. Have a peaceful and restful holiday; we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 23 April (St George's Day!)

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

### HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS

The Headteacher commendations for this term are:-

EYD	Acer F	3T	Riley B
EYD	Thomas P	4H	Tyler C
1RS	Emily D	4S	Aiden McBean
1/2S	Chloe K	5C	Annabel H
2KS	Tallulah V	5L	Isla M
2O	Olivia B	6C	Izzy F
3G	Billy W	6W	Amber E

### GET INTO TEACHING EVENT

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Teach Kent to recruit and train the next generation of teachers and to become part of the story of great teaching we are hosting a 'get into teaching' information event here at Staplehurst School at 7pm on Tuesday, 23 April 2019 in Room 10. We would love to see you there and if you would like to attend please contact the school directly: [office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk). Please see the attached letter for more information.

### PARENTS IN TO READ!

From Friday 26 April, we are pleased to invite parents/carers/grandparents of children in Early Years and Year 1 to come in and share a book with your child in their classroom. This will be a weekly event and run from 8.45am until 9.15am, when adults can then join Miss Davenport, Headteacher and Mrs Seymour, the Literacy Leader for tea/coffee and a chat about how to engage your child in reading for pleasure and how to help them with reading at home.

### FUNDRAISING FOR FIVE ACRE WOOD SCHOOL

We were delighted to present a cheque to Five Acre Wood School towards their 'Make a Splash' campaign for a new hydrotherapy pool.

Parents and carers were kind enough to donate towards the collection at our Christmas performance and Five Acre Wood School were thrilled to receive our donation of 372.

Pictured are our pupils who have siblings who attend Five Acre Wood: James, Ameilia and Albert S, Rebecca M, Lily L, Charlotte B and Reegan B.



### HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to Peake – Yellow House who won this term's House Point Challenge and may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 26 April 2019.

### THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

Mrs Collins will be leaving us to pursue a career away from teaching due to family circumstances. Since joining us in September 2017 she has been an instrumental part of the Senior Management team leading the school forward. She

has also helped to improve the teaching of maths across the school. All this as well as being a full time Year 6 teacher! We would like to thank her for all her help and wish her the best of luck in the future.

## MUSIC NEWS

### KENT RECORDER FESTIVAL

A great time was had by the year 5 and 6 Recorder Club last Friday evening at the Kent Music School's Recorder Festival. We played many pieces including a jazz piece, where Emilia volunteered to improvise a few bars all on her own in front of fifty children and all their parents! We were amazed to see not just descant recorders but other ones too. We are looking forward to trying the tenor, treble and soprano on Friday lunchtimes in the Club.

## SPORTS NEWS

### TEAM PHOTOS

Well done to all our pupils involved in our recent sporting successes.



Hockey Team A – Silver Medallists: Izzy F, Tom B, Hohn-Sentry J, Liam D, Tom P, Philippa B, Sophie C, Amber A, Kester J and Louis H.



Netball Team B – Bronze Medallists: Freddy B, Liam D, Louis R, Katie H, Charlotte L and Summer C.



Cranbrook Netball Champions and Kent Finalists: Tom P, Kester J, Sophie C, Amber E, Izzy F and Flo M (not pictured).

### KARATE SUCCESS

James S 6C took his martial arts grading on 24 March in Canterbury. It consisted of three hours of martial arts in front of three panel judges. James passed and is now deputy black belt. Well done James!



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER

Mrs Sullivan is changing her hours after Easter and will be in school all day on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

## NETBALL TOURNAMENT

We are holding a Netball Tournament here at Staplehurst School on Thursday 25 April. As the court on the Junior Playground will be in use that afternoon, it will be necessary for parents collecting children in Years 3 and 4 to wait on the other side of the fence and children will be sent out via the office. Year 5 and 6 will be sent out via the Year 5 classrooms and parents will need to wait at the Blue Gates in Surrenden Road. **There will be no access across the playground that day.**

## HEAD INJURY PROCEDURE

To ensure that parents are aware when their child has suffered a head injury at school, we have introduced a more robust system. In future, parents will be informed of the incident by telephone on the day and the head injury form will be handed to the adult collecting the child at the end of the day. We are also in the process of ordering wristbands rather than using the stickers as they often fall off during the course of the day.

## SUMMER UNIFORM

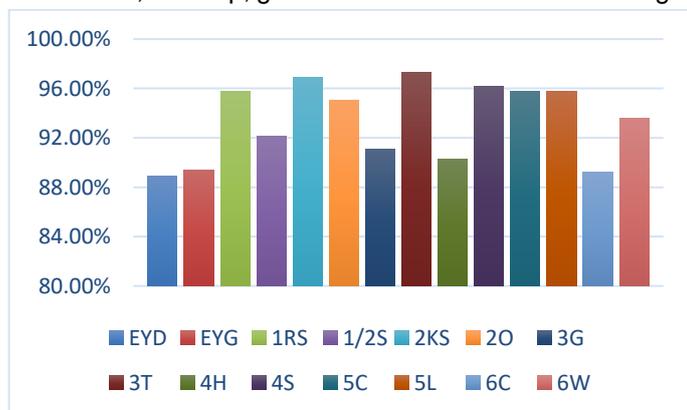
A reminder that after the Easter break the children may wear summer uniform; polo shirts and shorts for boys and summer dresses for girls. If boys decide to wear the winter shirt then a tie must be worn please. We are very proud of our very smart uniform and we wish to maintain these high standards. Thank you.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	Class	Time/Location
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

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING THATCHER CLASS 3T – 97.32% 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.



## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 23.04.19 Year 5, 4, 6  
w/c 29.04.19 Year 4, 6, 5

## DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events at Staplehurst School:

### Tuesday 23 April

Term 5 begins  
Get into Teaching Event (7pm)

### Thursday 25 April

Netball Tournament

### Wednesday 1 May

Year 1 Trip to Bodiam Castle

### Thursday 2 May

Book Fair (Infant Hall)

### Friday 3 May

Book Fair (Infant Hall)

### Tuesday 7 May

Book Fair (Infant Hall)

### Wednesday 8 May

Year 3 trip to Lullingston Roman Villas

### Monday 13 May

Year 6 – SATs Week

## 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.

## VACANCY – Clerk to the Governing Body

We have a vacancy for a Clerk to the Governing Body and we are looking for an organised person with excellent interpersonal and literacy skills, who can work well as part of a team. They should also be able to maintain confidentiality at all times.

The role is part time, with the number of hours varying week to week but can be 12-15 hours per month, term time only.

The successful applicant will be expected to work from home and have access to a computer and the internet. They will need to organise and take minutes of Governors' meetings at the school, which usually take place at 8am or 6.30pm. For a full job description or to have an informal chat, please contact:

[clerktogovernors@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:clerktogovernors@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk) or call the office on 01580 891765.

## PTA NEWS

### 300 CLUB

March's draw took place today and the winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Daisy (3T) and Molly C (1/2S)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Harvey H (1/2S)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Harvey H (1/2S)

Prizes can be collected from the office after the Easter break.

It's not too late to join in the fun so if you fancy a chance to win please complete and return the 300 club form (available from the office).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MESSY CHURCH EASTER HUNT

Staplehurst URC Messy Church are going to be hiding chicks 🐣 around the village and all you have to do is find them. They are hiding now until Easter Messy Church (Saturday 6 April) so look carefully around the shops and windows to spot them. Collect your chick 🐣 hunt list from the URC Spring Coffee morning on the 30 March (and stay and enjoy the stalls and refreshments then) or collect a copy from the school office. Fill in where you find each named chick 🐣 and bring it to Easter Messy Church from 3.30-6pm on the 6 April for an Easter prize and to enjoy crafts, songs and the Easter story together, followed by tea. Happy hunting and the Messy Church Team look forward to seeing you on the 6 April.

### 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)