

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 busy and exciting week at Staplehurst with great learning experiences across the school. It was a pleasure to accompany our school choir to The Learning Tree Pre-School in the village. They performed to our new Reception children and parents who will be joining us in September and were fantastic ambassadors for our school, exuding this term's value of 'excellence'.



The importance of reading for pleasure has been top news this week as children have enjoyed exploring the Book Fair and we have introduced our new incentive '30 reads' to promote the importance of developing daily reading habits. Once again our EYFS and Year 1 Parents into Reading was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The views of parents and carers are very important to us as this provides opportunities for us to further improve our the learning experiences for your child. Can I thank parents who use our 'open door' policy to share their views. Please make a date in your diary for our next Parent Forum on Tuesday 4 June, 2.00 – 3.00pm.

Have a fabulous bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,
Miss Davenport
Headteacher

PLEASE KEEP OUR SCHOOL TIDY

We are very proud of our school grounds and we like to keep the site looking clean and tidy to make it look for our families and visitors. Please place any litter in the bins provided so we can continue to show off our lovely grounds.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

We've had tremendous support so far for the Travelling Book Fair. The Fair will be here until Tuesday 7 May so there's still time to grab a bargain with the 3 for 3 offer.



PARENT HELPERS

We really value the contribution parents make when volunteering to help on class trips out of school but we are aware how disappointing it can be if there are more volunteers than we need for a particular trip. To make sure the system is fair and equitable we will be operating a 'first come, first served' basis for future trips. Parents will be notified in advance when a trip is to be announced to ensure that everyone has the same opportunity to offer help.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a special thank you to our local Spar, who have once again offered to make a donation towards the Year 6 SATs breakfasts and will providing freshly baked croissants, cereals and juices every morning during SATs week.

It's not too late to join in the breakfast fun. If your child would like a breakfast any day that week please send your form back by **Wednesday 8 May**.

CURRICULUM NEWS

YEAR 1 – TRIP TO BODIAM CASTLE

As part of their topic on Castles, Year 1 visited Bodiam Castle this week. The children enjoyed exploring the ruins and dressing up as knights of the realm. During the trip they shared their knowledge of the topic and have since produced some phenomenal writing on their return to class which highlights the way our trips complement curriculum learning in school. As always, we would like to thank all the parents who accompanied the children.



YEAR 2 – SECRET AGENT TRAINING

This week Year 2 have started their Secret Agent Training Service (SATs). The year group are all really excited about their fun activities and special quizzes over the next four weeks. Year 2 children may come to school dressed as secret agents on Thursday, 23 May 2019.



YEAR 4 – OUTSIDE WORLD TOPIC

As part of their topic "The Outside World", Year 4 have been learning about hedgehogs. This week the children made hedgehog houses to try and encourage these endangered creatures to visit our school grounds. They thought about using biodegradable materials and had great fun designing and making them. Mary-Ellen even made one at home with her Dad, and Jack K brought in some cat food to feed them!



YEAR 5 – MONEY AWARENESS

This week Year 5 have been lucky enough to be learning about the importance of budgeting and using money in everyday life. The two sessions were led by visitors from the charity Family Trust, who had the pupils working in teams to complete different challenges. The children were really enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

SPORTS NEWS

KENT NETBALL FINAL

We are really proud of our Year 6 High Five Netball Team who were in the Division Final on Wednesday night. It was a fast paced game with some excellent play from both teams. Unfortunately Staplehurst lost 12-4 but Mrs Stevenson and Mrs S Seymour were extremely proud of how well our children played.

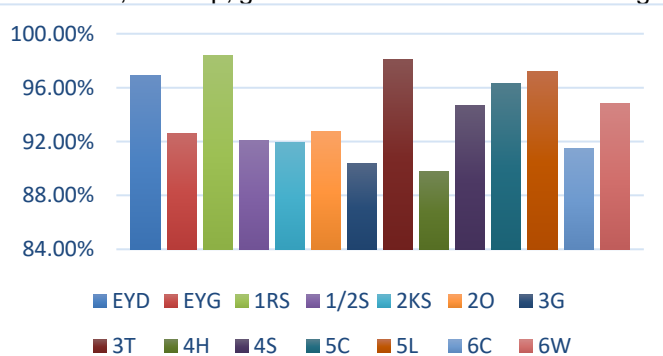
SCHOOL INFORMATION

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	Class	Time/Location
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 REDGRAVE CLASS 3T – 98.41% 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.



CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

If you have missed today's deadline for the return of class photographs, you will need to send your order direct to Profiles Photography. Details are on the envelope under Late Orders.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 06.05.19 Year 6, 5, 4

w/c 13.05.19 Year 5, 4, 6

DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events at Staplehurst School:

Tuesday 7 May

Book Fair (Infant Hall)

Wednesday 8 May

Year 3 trip to Lullingston Roman Villa

Monday 13 May

Year 6 – SATs Week

Friday 17 May

PTA Crazy May Day

Saturday 22 June

PTA Summer Fair

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.

PTA NEWS

CRAZY MAY DAY

Friday 17 May is Crazy May Day at Staplehurst School, when children can come to school doing one or more of our craaaaaazy suggestions. Pay 50p for each crazy thing - just pay on the day. Please see attached letter with the list of the crazy things they can do.

COMPETITION

Calling all artists! We're running a competition for the children to design the front cover of the programme for our summer fair. The winning entry will be on the summer fair programme that is given to all adults on entrance to the fair. Entries cost 50p and should be submitted to the school office by Friday 7 June. See attached letter for more information.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

On Friday 21 June, children can come into school in their own clothes. Please bring in a bottle for the Summer Fair's Bottle Tombola - alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks or toiletries products are always popular.

SAVE THE DATE:

SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 22 JUNE

The PTA Summer Fair and BBQ will be held on Saturday 22 June, from 12 to 3.30pm. See attached newsletter for

information about the exciting activities we're having this year, including new activities like laser quest. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

STAPLEHURST TENNIS CLUB

This Sunday 5 May Staplehurst Tennis Club are holding their Family Open Day at the Cricket Ground in Frittenden Road from 10am until 2pm. Pop along and see the new courts and sign up for free coaching for Juniors. Contact admin@hotshotztennis.co.uk to book your free session! From 12pm there will be a BBQ, Ball Machine, Fastest Serve Competition and the opportunity to Challenge the Coaches (who will be using a frying pan!).

BLACKPOOL INTERNATIONAL DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to all our children who took part in the Dance Championships in Blackpool last weekend. What a fantastic experience!

