

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 very productive week of learning at Staplehurst. Children have thoroughly enjoyed their trips and I am delighted to see how this is extending their skills and knowledge – we have some fantastic historians in the making! Next week our Year 6 children will be sitting their Key Stage 2 SATs; I have been very impressed with their level of focus and determination that they are demonstrating in order to achieve their full academic potential. It was also fantastic to see and hear how they have been using their meditation skills to allow them to relax and be composed which is such an important life skill.

Reading continues to be a key focus across the school; children have been very proud and excited to tell me how much they have been reading at home. Thank you for your ongoing support and if you need any further support or guidance please do ask your class teacher.

Following feedback that parents would appreciate information earlier about the selective schools process, I am pleased to offer the opportunity for parents and carers in Years 3 – 5 to an 11+ session with colleagues from Cranbrook School. Please come along on Thursday 16 May from 2.45pm if you are interested in finding out more about the process and the opportunities on offer at one of our local grammar schools. (Please book via the School Office). The session will last approximately 15 minutes. There will be a separate meeting for parents and carers of Year 5 children to outline the process for transfer to secondary school in September 2020 on Thursday 23 May at 2.45pm or 6.00pm.

Thank you for your on-going support

Best wishes

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

### PARENTS IN TO READ!

Once again, we had a fantastic response to the new 'Parents in to Read' session for Early Years and Year 1. Thank you for your support. Don't forget this is a weekly event every Friday from 8.45am until 9.15am.

### TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

We would like to thank our children and parents that supported the school and bought books at the Book Fair. We raised a huge amount that will be spent on reading books for the children.

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### YEAR 3

This week Year 3 went on a trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa. They explored the ruins of the 2000 year old Roman house and found out all about life in Roman Britain for those who lived here. They dressed up in Roman clothes, played Roman games, handled a range of artefacts, including kitchenware and jewellery and got to taste some delicious Roman food! The children had a fantastic time and are looking forward to our Roman Day in the last week! Thank you to the parent helpers who made our trip possible by coming with us, we are unable to take the children on off-site visits without your support.



### YEAR 5

Year 5 have started a new topic this term based on the text *The Matchbox Diary*, which is about a great-great-grandfather who has a box containing matchboxes, in which there are objects which trigger memories of his childhood. As each matchbox is opened, the great-great-grandfather is able to tell in granddaughter about his early life in Italy and emigrating to America at the beginning of the 20th century.

Pupils are using the text as stimuli for their writing, which has including using personification, metaphors and similes to describe a setting and later a journey across the Atlantic during a storm. In addition, pupils have also written dialogue between the family members, and letters which were sent from the father in America.

## YEAR 6 – SATS WEEK

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be sitting the SATs tests. Don't forget if your child is coming in for breakfast they are meeting at 8.15am in the Junior Hall. We wish our Year 6s all the best for next week. You have worked really hard – good luck!

On Friday, the children will be having a Dress Down Day to celebrate all of their hard work and will be watching a film in the morning and having a picnic in the afternoon, with the opportunity for some outdoor activities

## SPORTS NEWS

### KEY STEP GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

Yesterday we took two Year 6 teams along to the Tonbridge Gymnastics competition. This was a "first" for Staplehurst for two reasons - we have never entered any gymnastics competitions before and we went by train!

The children were in two teams, however they had to perform on an individual basis which was extremely nerve wracking. They had to learn a Floor Exercise - a sequence of 10 disciplines including forward and backward rolls, arabesques, shoulder stands and cartwheels. They then had to do a vault and finally another sequence called Body Management.

Considering that the children had had to learn these disciplines during PE lessons, with just a few after school training sessions, they were all amazing. Mr. Littleton had not actually seen any of them performing before the competition and he was astonished by the quality of what he was witnessing.

I was extremely proud of every one of them. Their behaviour was impeccable and, for some, this was the first time that they had actually represented Staplehurst in a sporting competition. The looks of relief on their faces once they had finished their exercises was a sight to see.

We were competing against eight other schools and we do not yet know the results. Having said that, this was more a case of the children thoroughly enjoying the experience and overcoming their fears.



Team A - Amber E, Lilly H, James S, Sophie C.  
Team B - Izzy F, Warren F, Shannon O, Katie H, Philippa B.

Mrs Stevenson  
Deputy Headteacher

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### INSET DAY – 24 MAY 2019 – HARLEQUIN

Harlequin are offering childcare on the Inset Day, 24 May from 7.30am – 6.30pm. Parents can book for just that one day. To book, please contact [enquiries@hosc.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hosc.co.uk).

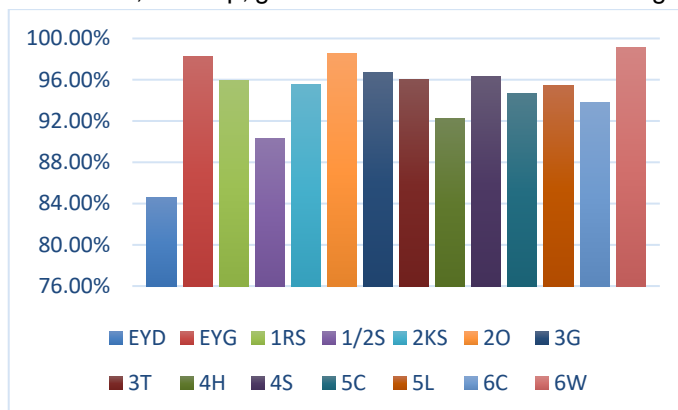
### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	Class	Time/Location
7 Jun	2O9	2.30pm* Infant Hall
14 Jun	2KS8	2.30pm* Infant Hall

\* Please note change of time due to the weekly 'Parents in to Read' sessions

### ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING WINDSOR CLASS 6W – 99.11% 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 not yet returned your class photograph order, there is still time as Profiles Photography are not now collecting the orders until Friday 17 May. After this date, you will need to send your order direct to Profiles Photography. Details are on the envelope under Late Orders.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 13.05.19 Year 5, 4, 6  
w/c 20.05.19 Year 4, 6, 5

### MENU CHANGES

**Thursday 16 May is Superhero Day** and there will be a special menu:

Superman's Chicken Meatballs  
Hulk's Veggie Nuggets  
Iron Man's Jacket Potatoes  
Served with Penne Pasta  
Punchy Peas  
Super Speed Sweetcorn  
Lemon/Spider Cakes  
Yoghurts or Fruit also available

**Thursday 23 May:** the menu will be Friday's menu – Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wrap with chips, Peas or Baked Beans, and Jelly for dessert.

## DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events at Staplehurst School:

### Monday 13 May

Year 6 – SATs Week

### Thursday 16 May

Years 3-5 Presentation by Cranbrook School (2.45pm)

### Friday 17 May

PTA Crazy May Day

### Thursday 23 May

Year 5 Secondary Transfer Information Meetings  
(2.45pm and 6pm)

### Friday 24 May

Inset Day

### Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Half Term

### Sunday 2 June – Wednesday 5 June

Year 6 – Kingswood Residential Trip

### Wednesday 12 June

Sports Day

### Thursday 13 June

Whole School Photograph

### Friday 21 June

Non-uniform Day for PTA Tombola

### Saturday 22 June

PTA Summer Fair

## INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

In addition to Sam Laming, we also offer instrumental lessons from Andrew Parry Music School. There are more details on the enclosed flyer.

## YEAR 5 – PESE 2019 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registration for the 11+ opens on the 3 June and closes on the 3 July. Parents will be able to register online by visiting [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola), or fill in a paper registration form, which will be available at the office after 3 June.

## PTA NEWS

### CRAZY MAY DAY

Don't forget, 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 a reminder of all the crazy things they can do.

With the exception of Year 6, all children must wear school uniform.

### 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

### FOOTBALL FIVE STAR HOLIDAY COURSE

On Friday, 31 May 2019 at Jubilee Sports Field in Staplehurst from 9.45am-15.30pm for ages 5-13. The cost will be £17.50 for the day, reduced to £15 for academy members and their siblings.

There will be tournaments, prizes and medals and they pride themselves in having FUN in a safe environment. Coaches are fully qualified, DBS checked and insured.

To book a place please contact Jim Bodle using the following details below.

Email: [info@footballfivestar.co.uk](mailto:info@footballfivestar.co.uk)

Mobile: 07850364560

Link: <https://footballfivestar.co.uk/holchoice.php>