



STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

It has been another positive week at Staplehurst and all children across the school are now fully immersed into their new texts and themes for this term. The summer term is always such an exciting and very busy term with SATs, Sports Days, Year 6 performances as well as our Summer Fair and end of year class celebrations.

Well done to our wonderful Year 6 children who sat their SAT exams this week. As you know, they have been working incredibly hard all year and have really put in the extra effort required. Well done and a massive thank you to everyone who has worked so hard with the children day in and day out this year.

Please remember that next Friday is an INSET day. Staff will use this time as a fantastic opportunity to review and develop our curriculum to ensure that it provides our children with the very best learning experiences and opportunities to prepare them for the next stages in their learning and life in the 21st Century. We look forward to sharing this with you in Term 6.

Have a fabulous weekend and keep reading!

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

### PARENTS INTO READ!

The weekly 'Parents in to Read' sessions for Early Years and Year 1 are proving to be a great success with the parents and the children and we've had some fantastic feedback:

A lovely way to feel more included with the school.

Enabled us to widen our book selection at home.

Great to see the different ways the children learn.

[We] count the sleeps until storytime!

Thank you for your support. Don't forget this is a weekly event every Friday from 8.45am until 9.15am.

### VISIT BY MAIDSTONE UTD FC CAPTAIN!

On Wednesday there was some excitement in school as the Maidstone United Captain, Blair Turgott, came in to meet Mr Glazier and Mr Littleton to talk about organising a sporting tournament in school. Watch this space!

Fin S in 5C was particularly thrilled to meet one of his sporting idols and we think Mr Glazier was too!



## CURRICULUM NEWS

### YEAR 6

We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils this week, as they have all shown great maturity and excellent work ethics towards their SATs, and we had 100% attendance for the tests. Lots of the children enjoyed meeting up each morning for breakfast and we would like to say a special thank you to our local Spar, who have once again made a donation towards the breakfasts and provided the freshly baked croissants every morning.



Today the Year 6 children had a Dress Down Day and watched a film in the morning, followed by a picnic tea in the afternoon. They had lots of fun playing games and relaxing after their week of exams.



## READINGS LISTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

We are often asked about suitable reading books for children of different ages, so thought the following website might be of use if you are looking for books to borrow from the library, or to buy for your children;

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/key-stage-book-lists>

Please remember that reading every night for at least 20 minutes with your child will help expand their vocabulary and reading speed and ability in all subject areas!

## SPORTS NEWS

### STAPLEHURST vs KINGSWOOD

Last Friday (10 May) Team Staplehurst played their latest league football match against Kingswood Primary.

A tight first 15 minutes saw Staplehurst leading 3-0 and with five minutes to go before the end of the first half, our team of heroes moved into fifth gear and scored another three magnificent goals to lead 6-0 at half time.

The second half brought much of the same with some fantastic attacking movement and unbelievable passing on show allowing Team Staplehurst to come out as 12-2 victors!

A special mention must be given to our debutant Jack K, who put in a solid performance at the back! This was his first game for Staplehurst and judging by his brilliant performance, it certainly won't be his last!

**WELL DONE TEAM STAPLEHURST! ANOTHER THREE POINTS IN THE BAG!!**



## PTA NEWS

### CRAZY MAY DAY



It was Crazy May Day today. The children and teaching staff showed off some fantastic creative hairstyles and other crazy things. We would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for helping to make it such a success and we have raised over £260 which is amazing!

### COMPETITION

Calling all artists! Don't forget to enter our 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**.

### 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. There will be lots of new exciting activities this year, including laser quest. We hope to see you there!

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### INSET DAY – 24 MAY 2019

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).

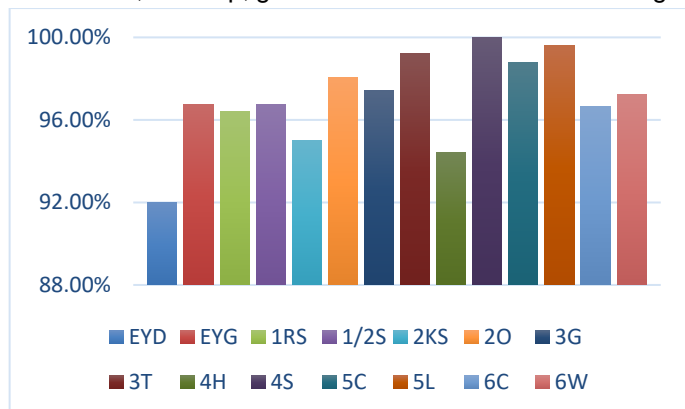
## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

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 SEACOLE CLASS 4S – 100% 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.



## 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.

Children will bring home a letter on Tuesday next week detailing their CAT scores and an invitation to an information meeting on Thursday, 23 May 2019 at 2.45pm or 6pm.

## HARLEQUIN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

You are invited to:

### Harlequin After School Club's Open Day

On Monday 20 May 3.10pm – 4pm in the Infant Hall

Have you ever wondered what goes on in Harlequin?  
Come along and be nosy!

Visit with your children on Monday for a free taster any time from 3.10pm – 4pm.

Although not essential, if you would like to come along please let Alison know in advance and your child can join the regulars for a snack. Tea/coffee available for parents/careers.

You can look around the club and chat to staff and other parents whilst your children play.

Alison has a wealth of knowledge about childcare. So if you have any questions do ask, even if they are not related to Harlequin. Alison, Naiha and the children would love to show you their club.

[alison@hosc.co.uk](mailto:alison@hosc.co.uk)

## DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events:

### Wednesday 22 May

Year 3 Roman Dress Up Day

### Thursday 23 May

Year 2 Secret Agent Dress Up Day

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

KS2 Disco, Staplehurst Cricket Club (5-7pm)

### Saturday 22 June

PTA Summer Fair

## DONATIONS

We are looking for donations please:

**Lego and Pop-up Tents/Beach Shelters** for the play zones outside at playtimes!

**Teddies** for a Teddy Stall to help raise money for the Year 6 Leavers' Party.

**Adults and Children's Books** for a Second-hand Book Sale one afternoon next Term.

## DOG OWNERS

We know that some of you like to bring your dogs on the school run but please be mindful that some of our children are uneasy about walking past them. Please avoid blocking the pathways and keep them under control outside the school gates.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The orders for class photographs have now been collected. If you wish to place an order you will need to send your order direct to Profiles Photography. Details are on the envelope under Late Orders.

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 20.05.19 Year 4, 6, 5

w/c 3.06.19 Year 6, 5, 4

## MENU CHANGES

**Thursday 23 May:** the menu will be Battered Fish or Cheese Pinwheels with chips, Peas, and Jelly for dessert.

## 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>

### STAPLEHURST UNDER 5S GARAGE SALE SAFARI

It's back by popular demand - the Staplehurst Under 5s Playgroup Garage Sale Safari will take place on Saturday 8 June between 10am and 3pm. The fantastic residents of Staplehurst are invited to open their garages to sell their unwanted items.

The Garage Sale Safari gives you the opportunity to sell your unwanted items, without having to leave the comfort of your own home. You can even offer a refreshment stand, or similar if you prefer. Simply, set up shop on your drive, or within your garden and let your customers come to you.

Stall holders pay just £8 to be plotted on our map, which will be available to buy from Made by Kent & Turn a Tap for £1.

To book your place on the Garage Sale Safari Map, please sign up today, email [under5events@gmail.com](mailto:under5events@gmail.com) with your name, address and phone number. Stalls are just £8 per stall holder and details of how to pay will be emailed to you.

Here's to decluttering, bargain hunting and fundraising for Staplehurst Under 5s.

We accept cash payment and we also accept PayPal payments, but in this circumstance the stall holder fee is increased to £8.50.

### STAPLEHURST SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2019

Please help us fundraise for the Year 6 Leavers' Party by joining in the Scarecrow Festival.

Your Scarecrow can be any theme and size and needs to be registered at Made By Kent shop before Tuesday 28 May to be included in the online map and vote. Please get your friends, family and neighbours involved...you might be this year's winners!

Voting for your favourite scarecrow will open at 10am Wednesday 29 May and an online map with all the entrants, names and locations will be published on Facebook on Tuesday 28 May.

Happy Scarecrowing!