

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

The wonderful British weather has not dampened our enthusiasm this week. Our children have embraced Keeping Healthy Week with good learning opportunities across the curriculum. Although Sports Day and our whole school photograph had to be postponed we have rescheduled Sports Day and hope to do the photo later in the term.

Thank you to those parents who have completed our curriculum survey. We will consider carefully how we incorporate your feedback and ideas into our provision. In order to maximise the number of responses we have extended our deadline until next Friday.

This term is always incredibly busy with lots of events and celebrations. Following recent feedback to ensure that you have essential information in a timely fashion we have attached an updated overview for this term and will aim to communicate key information at least one week in advance and give you reminders 24 hours beforehand.

As always thank you for your on-going support and I look forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks at our celebrations and events.

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM NEWS

Early notice that we have changed the timings of our summer and winter uniform, and in September, children will return to school in winter uniform rather than the summer polo shirts and check dresses.

CHOIR COMPETITION

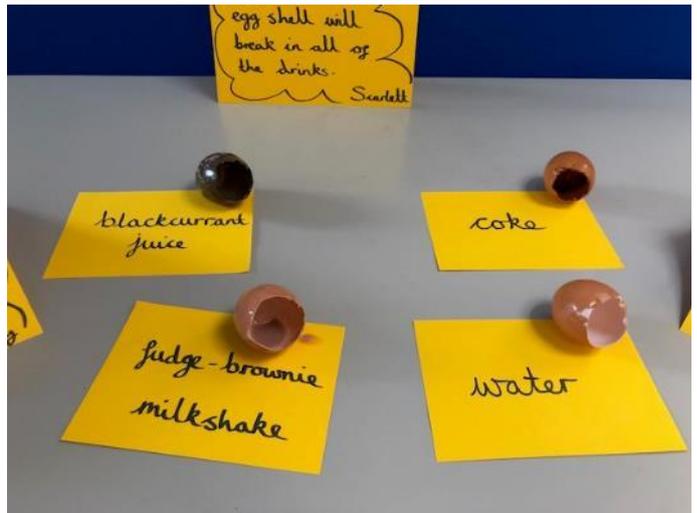
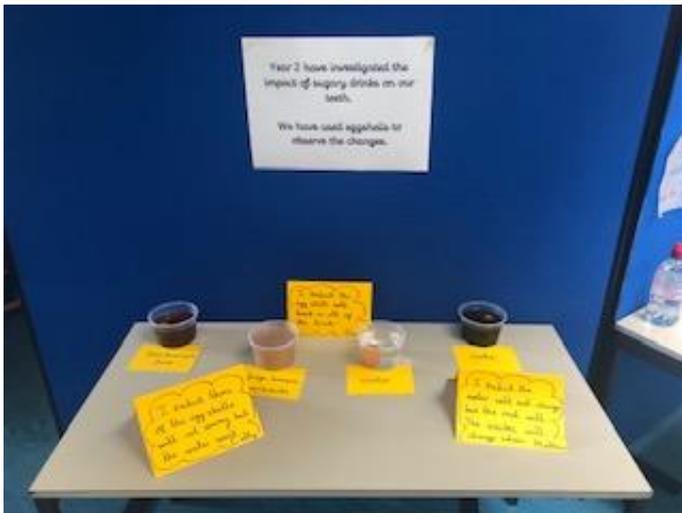
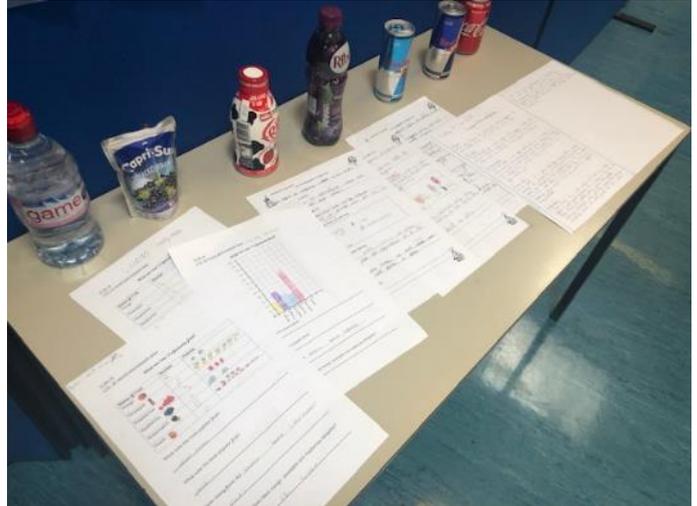
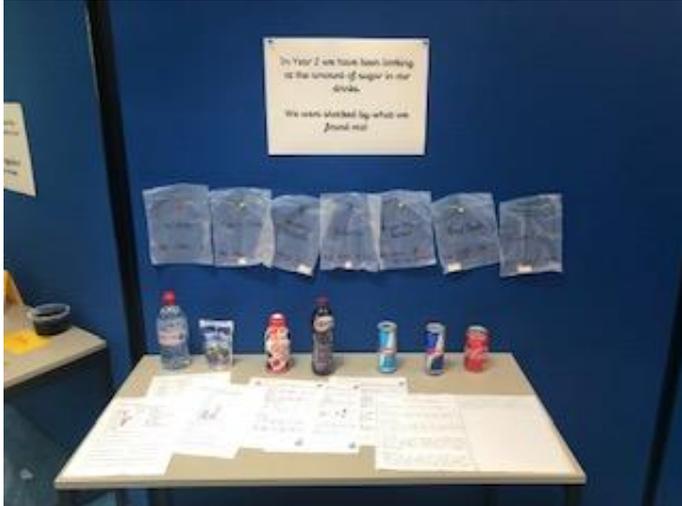
Staplehurst's wonderful choir were invited to perform in a contest in Tenterden, organised by The Lions. The choir sang 2 songs: The first song (Hot Air Balloon) was sung in harmonies and the second (One Moment, One People) had parts. Eight schools in total took part in the contest. Mrs Seymour was delighted with the children's behaviour and performance. Many teachers and parents from other schools complimented our children. If you'd like to hear them for yourselves, make sure that you come to watch them at the School Fete!



CURRICULUM NEWS

YEAR 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed Healthy Week! We've been looking at how much sugar is in different types of drinks. Surprisingly, there are more cubes of sugar in one milkshake than we are allowed in one day! We also investigated the effect of sugar on our teeth. We put egg shells into different drinks and left them over night. The egg shell that was affected the most was from the Capri-Sun drink. We are now going to think about better choices for the drinks we have.



YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have been looking at being healthy. We have learned about having a healthy body (through eating a balanced diet and exercising) and having a healthy mind (linking to our daily mile and meditation sessions). Year 4 particularly enjoyed our discussion around sugar - we were shocked to find out that some drinks contain 4 times as much sugar as we should have in just one day!



YEAR 4 – 30 DAY READERS

This week some of our Year 4 children were gifted a new reading book of their choice as a celebration of them reading for 30 days in a row. Well done keen readers!



YEAR 5 – PESE 2019 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registration for the 11+ opened on the 3 June and closes on the 3 July. Parents will be able to register online by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/ola, or fill in a paper registration form, which is available from the office.

PTA NEWS

SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 22 JUNE

We are really excited about the Summer Fair coming up next Saturday, 22 June. The PTA are still looking for helpers so if you haven't signed up already a further form is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The PTA are asking for cake contributions for the refreshments stall. As always we thank you for your donations. If you are kindly donating shop-bought cakes, please provide them in the unopened original packaging.

Also, if anyone is free to help set up the stalls that would be really appreciated. Please let the office know if you are able to help with this; you will need to meet at the school anytime from 9.00am on the day.

We hope everyone can come and join in the fun.

COMPETITION – DESIGN THE SUMMER FAIR PROGRAMME COVER

Thank you for all the wonderful entries for the design the front cover of the programme competition for our Summer Fair. Miss Davenport had a very difficult task choosing the winners but we are pleased to announce that the KS1 Winner is Chloe K in 1/2S and the KS2 Winner is Skye P in 5L. Both children were presented with a certificate and prize in our Celebration Assemblies this afternoon and all entrants received a certificate.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

Don't forget that next 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.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

We have put in place a Lockdown Procedure to safeguard our children in the event of an incident, eg. an intruder and we will be testing this procedure next week.

Can I reassure you that this practice is not intended to alarm or distress you or any of our staff or pupils. It is anticipated that this will be a short practise with the afternoon continuing as normal afterwards. If you would like any more information on our lockdown plans, please make contact initially with the office.

We believe that after this practice we will all be in a better position to deal with an actual lockdown. There are many reasons for organisations to go into a 'Lockdown' but if this should happen in the future we will communicate with you as soon as possible via ParentMail.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	Class	Time/Location	
28 June**	2O9	2.15pm* Infant Hall	* Please note change of time due to the weekly 'Parents in to Read' sessions ** Please note change of date

DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM AT THE SCHOOL GATES

Many of you will have noticed that the main school gates are now electronically controlled. Please use the door entry system as before but the gates will now open automatically.

The gates will be open at the start and end of the school day so there is no need to press the call button at these times. Please ensure that you supervise your children at all times so the call button is not pressed unnecessarily. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 20 June

Year 2 Trip to Port Lympne

Friday 21 June

Non-uniform Day for PTA Tombola
KS2 Disco, Staplehurst Cricket Club (5-7pm)

Saturday 22 June

PTA Summer Fair

Wednesday 26 June

Sports Day (KS2 am/KS1 pm)

Friday 28 June

Non Uniform Day – Year 6 Only

Friday 5 July

Year 4 Trip to Anna Outdoors

Monday 8 July

Year 6 Performance (1.30pm)

Wednesday 10 July

Year 6 Performance (6.30pm)

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 17.06.19 Year 4, 6, 5

w/c 24.06.19 Year 6, 5, 4

COMMUNITY NEWS

EX PUPIL FUNDRAISING FOR WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP

One of our former pupils, Mollie T, who now attends Invicta Grammar School is raising money to go to Thailand next year with World Challenge to visit remote areas and do community work in the villages.

She is holding a Bingo night at the Cricket Club on Friday 5 July. Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start. Adult tickets are £5 for 3 games per round (6 rounds) and Child tickets are £3 for 1 game per round (6 rounds). Includes nibbles; the bar will be open!

Tickets available in advance contact: 07855 528054 Jane or 07541 984110 Mollie or email 15m.tripp@invicta.viat.org.uk

FREE YOUTH CLUB NOW OPEN IN CRANBROOK

This club is for all 8-12 year olds in the community on Wednesdays (term time only) from 3:45pm - 5:15pm at Cranbrook Children's Centre (attached to Cranbrook Primary School), TN17 3JZ.

These sessions are free of charge and are open access to young people in the local community. They run activities and programmes governed by the young people that attend them!

Please ensure that a parent or guardian is present with young people on the first session attended.

For more information please contact Roxanne Frost on: 07719 521491 or email: Roxanne.frost@salusgroup.org.uk