

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

“Children always come first. They are our future.”

A huge welcome back to everyone and what a wonderful start to the term we have had. Our children have returned with great enthusiasm and it has been wonderful to see examples of high quality home learning in every year group. We are delighted that we are now able to share our learning highlights and key reminders with you on Twitter – follow us @StaplehurstSch to keep up to date with our learning experiences every day!

Pride Values

This term's whole school values is 'Respect'; this term we will explore how:

- You can have respect for someone because you admire something about them;
- You can have respect for someone's feelings, their wishes or their rights;
- You can have respect for things other than humans or things that aren't living;
- How we show respect in our school, community and for our planet.

Please join with us in celebrating with your children when they have demonstrated this important life skill with their learning in school and at home.

Next week we have our first parents' evening of the year and we are looking forward to seeing you there to discuss your child's learning and progress. **Please note that school will close at 2pm.**

Have a fabulous weekend.

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Following suggestions from our Parents' Forum we have arranged 4 coffee morning workshops on the following topics:

Friday 8 November	Growth Mindset
Friday 15 November	Phonics
Friday 6 December	Maths
Friday 13 December	Reading

The workshops will be held at 9.15-10.15am in the Infant Hall after the Parents into Read session. We look forward to welcoming you.

2019- 2020 WHOLE SCHOOL PRIORITIES:

- To raise and maintain standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics to ensure we are in line with national standards
- To implement an ambitious curriculum that reflects the vision and values of the school
- To further improve parental engagement: improving communication and promoting the school

EARLY FINISH – WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER – 2.00PM

Reminder that School closes early on Wednesday 6 November for our Parent/Teacher Consultations between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

30 READS

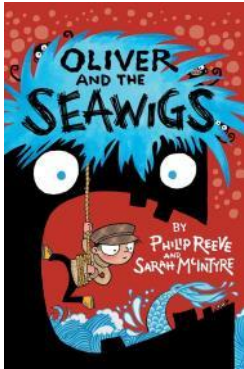
Please continue to read with your children every day and record their progress in your Contact Books. All children who achieve 30 days continuous reading will be rewarded with their choice of book from Miss Davenport's special selection of novels.

WELLBEING AT STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

We hope you all had a lovely half term and were able to complete random acts of kindness in the community. Next week we will have a day focusing on Growth Mindset. We will be looking at how we can change the way we think and how our brain works to better support our learning and behaviour. We look forward to sharing our range of work in next week's newsletter.

CURRICULUM NEWS

READING AT STAPLEHURST SCHOOL



In Powell Class (3C) we are reading *Oliver and the Seawigs* by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre which is a wacky story full of laughs. It is about a young boy called Oliver who is embarking on an adventure to find his parents. Miss Callan would like to thank all the children (and parents) who found the time to write some smashing book reviews over Half Term!

This book is a very funny book about a boy called Oliver who has parents that are also explorers. This thing I like is the description about his parents going everywhere but one place!

Tallulah says:

EARLY YEARS NEWS

This week EYFS have been learning all about Diwali. We have been making rangoli patterns on the fine motor table, diva lamps and creating fireworks pictures!

The children have been very busy in our outside area and have been exploring their own interests! A group of children discovered that if they stood on the new equipment they would be taller than Miss Decker. The children demonstrated fantastic problem solving skills while trying to investigate different ways of making towers that were taller than her too!

This week we have started our new topic 'People who help us' and have been finding out about the different ways staff help us in school. The children thought of questions they could ask Mr Piper, our Site Manager, and Mrs Monk, our Receptionist!

As the Rugby world cup final takes place tomorrow, EYFS have been practising their throwing and catching skills! We think we have some fantastic rugby players for the future!



SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCH - HEADCORN VS STAPLEHURST



Just before half term, our Staplehurst Football Team played their first two fixtures of the Maidstone District Football League 2019-2020.

Both games saw us come up against a tricky and well organised Headcorn team. Mr Littleton and Mr Amos had worked on passing and attacking movement drills with the squad, as it was clear that these skills would be needed against a team like Headcorn, who had conceded so few goals in their opening games.

After two intense and high tempo games, team Staplehurst won both games with 1-0 and 3-0 victories! That's six points in the bag which puts our team of heroes at the top of the league!

Well done! By Mr Littleton

SCHOOL INFORMATION

AROUND THE WORLD IN A WEEK

During the week 25 to 29 November our catering company Contract Dining are providing menus from Around the World. The menus are:-

Monday – Swedish Day

Swedish Meatballs
Vegetarian Sausage
Swedish Mashed Potato
Apple Strudel

Tuesday – Mexican Day

Chicken Enchiladas
Vegetable Enchiladas
Potato Wedges
Chocolate Chilli Cake

Wednesday – British Day

Roast Chicken
Vegetable Wellington
Fruit Crumble and Custard

Thursday – Italian Day

Lasagne
Vegetarian Lasagne
Neapolitan Ice Cream

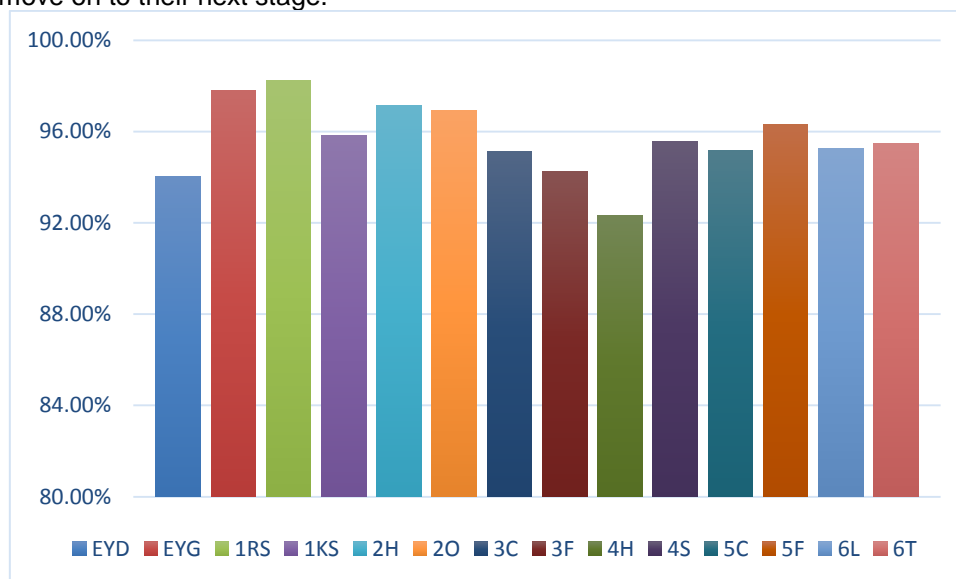
Friday – American Day

Beef Burger in a Bun
Vegetable Burger in a Bun
American Muffins

Jacket Potatoes, Mixed Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Fruit Pots and Yoghurts also available daily.

ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING HUSSAIN (1RS) CLASS – 98.22% attendance – you are setting the standard and we are very proud of you. Punctuality and good attendance are important to establish as positive habits as children, develop, grow and move on to their next stage.



YEAR R ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

If you have a child due to start in Year R in September 2020 we would advise that online applications will open on the 5 November 2019 for parents wanting to apply. The closing date is midnight on the 15 January 2020. Applications should, where possible, be made online using www.kent.gov.uk/ola. Offer day is 16 April 2020 where you will be offered a school for your child. Please see www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for full details or contact Mrs Clark in the school office should you have any enquiries. We are doing tours round the school on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am on 13 and 20 November. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place on these tours.

DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 6 November

Early Finish (2pm)

Parent/Teacher consultations (2.00-5.00pm)

Thursday 7 November

Parent/Teacher Consultations (5.00-6.30pm)

Wednesday 13 November

Year 4 Trip to Maidstone Museum

Wednesday 27 November

Year 6 trip to Kent Life WW2 Day

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 04.11.19 Year 6, 5, 4

w/c 11.11.19 Year 5, 4, 6

PTA NEWS

CHRISTMAS PANTO

All tickets are now sold out. We're looking forward to a great event. Make sure you like the [StaplehurstSchoolPTA](#) Facebook page to vote on your choice of snacks and refreshments.

We're also delighted to announce that we have been very busy sourcing a number of fantastic prizes for an online auction! Bidding is now live, so please visit [Auction of Promises](#) and search for Staplehurst School PTA. Prizes include a Golf Day, Santa's Grotto visit and even a Climbing Experience.

If you're feeling generous, you can also add your own promise, could even be something as simple as offering to do some ironing or being a handyman for an hour! The auction will close at the end of November.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to register to support the PTA and your child's education by signing up to Easyfundraising.org.uk - where you can earn free donations while you shop online. Only 33 people are signed up out of a school of 400 pupils, so it would be great to increase this.