

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

A slightly shorter than usual week but one that has been very focussed with lots of exciting learning. Thank you for your positive comments regarding our twitter – it really gives you an up to date experience of life and learning at Staplehurst, which I am pleased you value.

Excellent attendance and punctuality is a focus at our school and we would like to thank all parents and carers who work in partnership with us to ensure their children attend school regularly and punctually- by working together we are making a difference!

INSET day tomorrow will allow staff to further develop their skills and expertise in order to deliver even better learning experiences and opportunities for our children. We look forward to sharing this with you!

Have a super extended weekend!

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

Please remember if you would like daily updates about the learning at Staplehurst join us on twitter @StaplehurstSch.

LIGHTING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We have noted that the front of the school isn't as brightly lit as we'd like, and as such, are in the process of working with a contractor to install additional lighting. We're aiming to get the works done promptly.

WORLD WEEK EXHIBITION – MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

On Monday 2 December parents and carers are invited to go on a short journey around the world, to discover the amazing work the children will have produced during World Week. We shall be displaying the creative pieces of learning in pupils' classrooms between **2:30 and 3:15pm**. You will be able to collect your child/children from their classroom and using the outside doors, visit the different countries and locations they have studied. However, please only visit your own children's classrooms to see their work. Once you have finished your journey, you are welcome to take your child/children home.

The school gates will be open from 2:15pm, to allow you to enter the school site and be waiting outside the classrooms for the doors to open. If you are unable to join us for the exhibition, children will remain with their teacher until 3:15pm, before being dismissed at the normal time.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Reminder that forthcoming coffee morning workshops have been arranged on the following topics:

Friday 6 December Maths
Friday 13 December Reading

Our next Parent Forum will be held on Friday 29 November.

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

CURRICULUM NEWS

READING AT STAPLEHURST SCHOOL



Class 3F have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. They have enjoyed the book so much some of the children have brought their own copies in to share with the class. The story features the adventures of young Charlie Bucket inside the chocolate factory of eccentric chocolatier Willy Wonka.

I love the book because it is about chocolate and chocolate is my favourite thing...

Tommy says:

'I like Charlie and the Chocolate Factory because it expresses my feelings and it is funny...

Freya says:

I like the pictures and I love hearing Mr Forster read...

Eloise says:

AIR QUALITY AROUND THE SCHOOL

On Monday we were joined by representatives from the local Council who spoke to us about their new anti-idling campaign, aimed at improving the quality of the air around the school. They spoke to the children about why keeping the air that we breath clean is so important and suggested some strategies that we can all use to play our part. They have also given us an air pollution sensor so that we can measure and compare the quality of the air around the school and the village. Look out for future updates on this exciting project!



We are tweeting articles as well so if you are not already following us on Twitter, you could be missing out. Follow us @StaplehurstSch to keep up with all our latest news!

YEAR 2 REQUEST

During World Week, Year 2 will be creating London city and tube map art. If anyone has any recycled materials e.g. green milk bottle caps etc. that match the colours of the tube map or anything that could be used to represent buildings in the city we would really appreciate them. Thank you.

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. However, please note that Jacket Potatoes must be pre-ordered the day before.

YEAR R ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

If you have a child due to start in Year R in September 2020, please note 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 one further tour round the school on Wednesday morning at 9.30am on 20 November. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING RYLANCE (5F) CLASS – 100% 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.

DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events:

Friday 22 November

Inset Day – School Closed

Monday 25 – Friday 29 November

World Week

Wednesday 27 November

Year 6 trip to Kent Life WW2 Day

Friday 29 November

Children to wear coloured clothing to represent the country they are studying in World Week:

Years EYFS, 2, 4 and 5: red, white and blue

Year 1: blue and white

Year 3: green, white and red

Year 6: red and white

Saturday 30 November

Choir to Sing at Millbrook Garden Centre (11.30am)
Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime

Sunday 1 December

Choir to sing at Staplehurst Christmas Tree Parade and Lights (5pm)

Monday 2 December

World Week Exhibition (2.15pm)

Friday 6 December

Class 6T Celebration Assembly (2.30pm – note change of date)

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 25.11.19 Year 6, 5, 4

w/c 02.12.19 Year 5, 4, 6

PTA NEWS

SCHOOL DISCOS

Thank you to everyone who supported the school discos last week. We made an amazing profit of £1,050.15.

SECRET SANTA COLLECTION

Today the children wore non-school uniform in return for a donation to the PTA's Secret Santa and we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated. The quantity and quality of the gifts has been fantastic. During December the

children will be able to visit the Secret Santa room to buy gifts for parents and carers. The gifts are priced at £2 each and the children can buy up to two gifts, which will be wrapped by Santa's helpers!

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. There are also regular chances for you to win, sometimes just by visiting a retailers website.