

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

During this period it is really important to us that our school community remains connected, and that we continue to build on our strong partnership - even though this is virtually!

It has been wonderful to hear from staff that over 95% of our children are engaging positively with us through: phone calls home, Purple Mash or our PRIDE activities. In this edition we celebrate the strength and range of home learning that is taking place every day.

By now all of you would have received your child's report. Many thanks to those parents who have emailed their feedback as parent and pupil voice is truly valued.

In the media the speculation continues as to when and indeed how schools will re-open. I would like to reassure you that the Staplehurst team are considering how we will make the necessary adjustments to the environment and curriculum so that we are fully prepared. At an appropriate time we will communicate this with you. Your child's safety and well-being will be at the heart of our provision and plans.

My very best wishes,

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - "BUNTING BOMBING"



In conjunction with Made in Kent, Staplehurst School would like to join with other villagers in decorating Staplehurst with bunting to celebrate this historical event.

Your task will be to create bunting from whatever you may have at home. It could be sewn, knitted, crocheted, made of wood, tin cans or whatever you have in a "make do and mend" style! You can put up your bunting as soon as you like for everyone in the village to enjoy!

If you would like to take part, email pictures to your class teachers, so that we can add them to our website and help us to virtually celebrate this important day in history.

CURRICULUM NEWS

HOME LEARNING

Teachers are loving the home learning you are sharing over the Purple Mash blogs and via the year group emails. Please keep them coming so we can celebrate the fabulous work that is being done. The Home Learning Blog on the school website is starting to take shape and it's a great way to share your stories and photos with the school community; please continue to send your own stories to your class teacher via your year group email. We are also posting regularly on Twitter so if you aren't already following us, it's a great way for us to share news and other relevant information with you. Follow @staplehurstsch to find out more.

CELEBRATION AWARDS

From this week, we will be celebrating with your children their learning and achievements and sending certificates to children nominated by their class teacher.

This week we are proud to celebrate with:

EYD	Freddie for trying really hard with his reading at home. Isla M for having such a positive attitude towards home learning and for trying a range of activities. Mia for making an amazing Goldilocks and The Three Bears puppet show!
EYG	Amelie for designing and building different bird feeders during the Easter holidays. Jessica for her wonderful Goldilocks story map and beds for the Three Bears Victoria for fabulous money work using her home shop
1RS	Elio, Archie, Gus, Jasmine and Freya for regularly completing Purple Mash work to a good standard.
1KS	Hannah for completing all of her key tasks to a high standard and lots of lovely topic tasks too.
2H	Molly for embracing every aspect of home learning. Molly has actively used the blog and worked hard on her maths and literacy work. Max for his enormous enthusiasm for his own learning and kind praise for other's hard work on the class blog. Jake for continuing to apply the learning objectives we've discussed in school to his literacy work over the last two weeks and wonderful work on food chains and life cycles.
2O	Minnie, Lilly and Sophie for going above and beyond in their PRIDE challenges; they have completed some lovely craft activities as well as building exciting dens! Benjamin for having a positive attitude towards home learning and achieving well in his tasks.
3C	Cally and Matilda for always completing their home learning with rigour and enthusiasm. Lauren and Sophie for showing real determination to complete tasks - even when they find it difficult. Tallulah and Harvey for using their time to learn new skills such as cooking and knitting.
3F	Evie Belle, Paige, Eevie and Jona for making a great effort everyday on all tasks. Zack for working hard on his maths, handwriting and spellings.
4H	Lillian for showing resilience in adjusting to learning at home with Mum. Luca for slowing down and applying greater effort in the work he produces. Mia for completing her work independently.
4S	Daisy for her great engagement with online learning and her independence, determination and resilience that she is showing in all areas.
5C	Eban for his imaginative work on the Battle of Bosworth, using Lego to re-enact the battle. Henry for the very high quality recount on the Battle of Bosworth, produced on Purple Mash, including imported images and detailed descriptions of each stage of the battle. Callum V for his superb attitude to home learning and the good quality work he is producing on Purple Mash. Harry for a very well written gossip article about the future marriage of Henry III.
5F	Esmé for her excellent Battle of Bosworth recount and her Giuseppe Arcimboldo inspired fruit and vegetable artwork. Elsa for some fabulous independent learning at school. You have also shown kindness and compassion to the younger children by including them all in your games and have been keen to help your peers.
6L	Isla for her superb research into our new topic (USA in the 1900s Ollie for approaching each and every Purple Mash task with determination and perseverance.
6T	Zac for showing a positive attitude to home learning and completing challenges to a high standard.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL SITE

So the rain hasn't dampened the spirits of the key worker children. They have created obstacle courses, made pancakes, created shrinking plastic keyrings, and clay models to remember this very strange time!

They have also worked hard on their learning on Purple Mash, covering a range of topics from Boudicca's Rebellion to the Olympics!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS DURING CORONAVIRUS CLOSURES

If you have experienced a change in family circumstance, that could now make your family eligible for Free School Meals, fill in the form at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>. It's quick and easy and, if you qualify, you will be added to our list to receive supermarket vouchers.