

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

Unbelievably we are actually half way through term 5 and I am very proud of how our learning community continues to grow and develop through these times; this term's PRIDE value of 'determination' is clearly in action! A particular thanks to our staff who are on site for key worker children and also providing on-going support and guidance with your child's home learning.

We value all of the learning our children are completing and deliberately provided a combination of online and topic based activities to give you flexibility and choice when planning your child's day. Please feel free to adapt what is provided to meet the needs of your child and family situation. Next week we will share an online survey as we welcome your feedback.

I would like to invite you to a Zoom Parents' Forum on Thursday 14 May. This will allow us an opportunity to listen to your views and any immediate or longer term concerns that you may have (further details will follow).

As we approach the Bank Holiday and VE Day anniversary celebrations I would like to wish you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

## VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - "BUNTING BOMBING"



In conjunction with Made in Kent, Staplehurst School are joining in with other villagers in decorating Staplehurst with bunting to celebrate this historical event.

We have enjoyed seeing some photos of children creating their home-made bunting and we have put some of these on our Home Learning Blog. Don't forget to email pictures of your bunting and celebrations of VE Day to your class teachers, so that we can add them to our Events Blog on the website and record 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

This week we are proud to celebrate the learning and achievements of:

EYD	<p>Daniel for trying really hard with his phonics this week.</p> <p>Charlie for exploring a range of home learning activities and for helping to prepare and cook some fantastic meals!</p> <p>Willow for making some lovely puppets to help retell the story of Little Red Riding hood.</p>
EYG	<p>Jasmine for completing her home learning in fun and imaginative ways.</p> <p>Jenson for his positive attitude to home learning and particularly his reading.</p> <p>Caitlin for great work in phonics.</p>
1RS	<p>Harry, Leah, Isla, Jemima and Daisy for continued effort in engaging with your home learning.</p>
1KS	<p>Amy for her amazing castle den with working drawbridge inspired by our castles topic and engaging fully with all learning tasks.</p> <p>Ava for completing all of her tasks to a high standard.</p>
2H	<p>Dexter for all his efforts on his home learning, trying new things on Purple Mash and building a 3 storey Lego house all by himself!</p> <p>Chloe for working hard on Purple Mash and exploring opportunities for developing literacy skills online.</p> <p>Anya for using practical Maths activities at home when measuring, planting and baking.</p> <p>John S for using Teach your Monster to Read to improve his fantastic reading.</p>
2O	<p>Eloise for an excellent video all about the life cycle of a butterfly.</p> <p>Harry and Oscar for going above and beyond in their home learning.</p>
3C	<p>Felix, Ella and Katie H - For showing enthusiasm and hard work in all their home learning.</p> <p>Oscar, Kieran and Jimmy B for making Rock Hero in TT Rockstars (under a second per answer) - AMAZING!</p> <p>Edward H for showing enthusiasm for home learning tasks set as well as pursuing other learning projects.</p>
3F	<p>Lucas for his excellent art project.</p> <p>Matilda and Ethan for their effort with Purple Mash this week.</p> <p>Max for his excellent PRIDE challenge work making a superb dragon and for helping his little sister with her work too.</p>
4H	<p>Oscar for his resilience in adjusting to home learning.</p>
4S	<p>Edward and Elsbeth for engaging so well with home learning.</p> <p>Ollie for working so hard and completing all the PRIDE challenges.</p> <p>Caden for doing so well with his online learning - you have wowed me with all the work you have done!</p>
5C	<p>Zac for his fantastic attitude to home learning: he completes his work daily and to a good standard - well done!</p> <p>Gladys who is enjoying completing a wide range of home learning activities each week from the topic overviews. Well done!</p>
5F	<p>Jack H and Eva B for fantastic biographies about Elizabeth I. Both children produced really well written reports that were packed with facts about Good Queen Bess.</p> <p>Poppy M, who has been working really hard on her maths. Poppy has demonstrated a solid understanding of decimals and percentages.</p>
6L	<p>William for the extra mile that he has gone this week with his online learning. In particular, his superb Maths thinking when calculating units of measure conversions.</p>
6T	<p>Rohan and Annabel for outstanding effort in their topic and PRIDE challenges. They've been engaging in a range of tasks coming up with creative and imaginative ways of presenting and sharing their work.</p>

## TOP TIPS FOR READING AT HOME

Reading is still an essential part of home learning for all our children. We have found this handy 7 step guide, from the EEF, that might help parents when reading with your children at home. A copy is enclosed with this Newsletter.

## WELLBEING TREE

Children across the school wrote wellbeing messages onto leaves during Wellbeing Week, and now we have created our Staplehurst School Wellbeing Trees - full of positive thoughts - just what we need at this time.



## MORE NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL SITE

Our key worker children have been busy this week, making puppets and putting on a puppet show to the rest of the children, making a colourful display for our window with an important message and joining in with the village bunting bomb by making some colourful flags for a special display ready for VE Day celebrations tomorrow.





### 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.