

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

I have written to you today regarding our potential plans for a return should the Government decide to re-open schools on 28 May. I am sure you can appreciate that decisions are made following Government guidance, Local Authority recommendations and our own risk assessment of the situation; this ensures that both children and staff are safe and we are able to build our provision in a sustainable way.

Home learning will remain a key focus for us at school and we thank you for returning your feedback. We have taken on board your points regarding the use of screen time and spelling provision. In addition we will aim to incorporate more practical activities and incentivise our PRIDE value challenges. We are also discussing how we could potentially move into more online teaching of new concepts if this situation remains into the next academic year.

School remains open next week for our key worker children but can I take this opportunity to thank you for working with us over this term and please enjoy your increased freedom over the half term break; let's hope the sun keeps shining!

We will be writing to you again after the announcement on 28 May to make clear our programme as advice from Local Authorities and central Government is subject to constant change.

Best wishes,

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### CELEBRATION AWARDS

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

EYD	Mason B for trying hard with home learning this week, particularly reading.
EYG	Pyper for her enthusiastic maths home learning Seb for working hard with home learning tasks Mason P for fabulous home learning, including cooking and crafts.
1RS	Jasmine, Gus and Archie for writing a fantastic leaflet about how to become a knight
1KS	Beth H for a great effort with online learning and for her fantastic additional learning projects at home.
2H	Charlie for working hard on his home learning and keeping his potato plants well-watered! Lola for her wonderful homograph poem inspired by Michael Rosen's poem 'Imagine'. Shayan for working with a growth mindset on his purple mash 2Do's. Beth F for using teach your monster to read to improve her fantastic reading. Michaela for working independently at home and working hard on her maths and literacy tasks.
2O	Olivia, Maisy and Ben for challenging themselves in the four operations Maths practise. Hazel for persevering in her Maths and drawing tens and ones to help her.

3C	Casey for showing great enthusiasm for home learning and maths in particular. Elissa for working hard on her fractions and writing and showing great resilience.
3F	Nathan for a superb effort with his home learning this week.
4H	Bluebelle for getting on with her work at home with a positive attitude and showing great effort Noah for showing incredible dedication to his presentation while learning at home
4S	Skkye for determination and perseverance in home learning, but especially maths. Paisley for independent home learning. Henry K for his engagement in home learning.
5C	Poppy H for working really hard on her home learning, sharing her work on Purple Mash and sending in photos to show what she is doing. Jack K for working really hard on his Spanish Armada newspaper report and producing a superb piece of writing.
5F	Poppy M for your detailed drawing of a galleon ship for the Year 5 Book Club. Henry A for his commitment to and enthusiasm for his home learning.
6L	Jacob for the huge amount of effort and dedication that goes into his online learning! Mr Littleton has been particularly thrilled to see his superb spelling scores!
6T	Felix for consistently putting high levels of effort into his home learning and always taking on-board the challenge tasks set. Harrison for approaching home learning with an ever increasing positive and resilient attitude.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL SITE

It's been a busy week at school, planning ahead for a potential return to school. The key worker children helped by practising lining up on our new green dots! And today, our key worker children gathered natural materials to create art by imprinting and experimenting with clay.



## HELPING WITH ANXIETY

The link below is a PDF with some useful phrases to support anxious children – this could be particularly useful when supporting children on their return to school:

<https://elearning.creativeeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Phrases-for-calming-anxious-children-1.pdf>

## 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.