

## STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

My highlight this week was observing our Reception children squealing with joy when they were investigating the superb puddles in the playground – they demonstrated how we can learn and have tremendous fun in any situation!

As you will be aware the government have confirmed that no further classes will be expected to return this academic year term; although we are unable to predict what life will be like in September, today you will receive information regarding your child’s teacher for next year and opportunities for your child to return to school in term 6 for a transition session. In addition we have planned Zoom celebration assemblies to ensure that children have an opportunity to reflect on their unique learning achievements this year.

Looking ahead I need to share with you that Miss Decker will be leaving us at the end of this year due to personal reasons. I am sure you will join with me in thanking her for her dedication and the significant contribution she has made to our early years and Key stage 1 provision; we wish her well for the future. Next week I will share the leadership arrangements that will be in place from September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

#### Key Dates:

w/c 29 June	Zoom Celebration Assemblies
By 3 July	Transition materials to prepare children sent to parents
w/c 6 and 13 July	Meet the Teacher Transition Sessions

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### CELEBRATION AWARDS

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

EYD	Ethan for having a really positive attitude towards writing activities this week. Home Learning: Rosanna for trying really hard with her phonics.
EYG	Cora - for her enthusiastic attitude to new activities, especially outside. Home Learning: Victoria for her lovely worm poem.
1RS	Freya for settling back to school so well and for great learning this week. Home Learning: Gus for continued engagement in home learning activities, including some wonderful creative work.
1KS	Mark for his great work on reading and ordering 2 digit numbers. Home Learning: Amy for engaging fully with all learning tasks.
2H	Max for working extremely hard on all aspects of his home learning. Dexter (KS1 Bubble) for a super return to school, great manners and a positive attitude.

2O	Olivia for creating a lovely folder about the four sentence types for her SPAG poster!
3C	Sophie for always completing her home learning to a high standard and with enthusiasm.
3F	Jona for always remembering to do her home learning every day. Hope (Year 3/4 Bubble) for her enthusiasm and maturity in her first week in school.
4H	Isabella for continuing to apply great effort and independence to her home learning.
4S	Henry for fantastic writing and maths reasoning.
5C	Grace for her enthusiastic response to the learning about flooding in Boscastle. Gracie B (Year 5/6 Bubble) for her positive attitude to her work and happy personality in school. She is also demonstrating her leadership skills in leading games and activities with the group.
5F	Lydia for working really hard and making excellent progress with her maths. Charlotte B (Year 5/6 Bubble) for entering school each day confidently and settling to her work quickly. She has made a great start to her time in the bubble.
6L	Tanisha for always approaching her online learning with dedication, perseverance and an all-round brilliant attitude!
6T	Matthew for always taking a diligent and conscientious approach to his home learning, completing work to an outstanding level.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL SITE

We were delighted to welcome back our Year 1 children this week. In 1RS you can see that the children have returned in the form of Superheroes. We have been reading stories about them and creating our own Superheroes; from Water-woman to Bubble-man. In 1KS some of the children are using their break times to collect nature resources to then build habitats for wildlife.



The Year 5/6 Key Worker Group have been investigating weathering and erosion as part of their geographical learning. They had great fun using bicarbonate of soda, vinegar, sand and water to investigate the effects of acid rain, water and wind on rocks.



The Year 5/6 Key Worker Bubble have been learning about flooding this week. As well as finding out about weathering and erosion, they have designed flood-proof houses to withstand a flood. They then developed their DT skills to make a model of their designs.



### **GOODBYE MRS HARRISON**

Sadly, Mrs Harrison has left Staplehurst School this week. She joined us six years' ago in the summer of 2014 and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during that time. She will be greatly missed by children and staff but is wished all the very best for the future.

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN SCHOOL**

Whilst we like to celebrate with our children when it's their birthday unfortunately, in the current situation, we ask that you do not bring in sweets or cakes to share with other children in their class.

### **THE MAUDSLEY CHARITY RESOURCES**

This has been a difficult time for many families. If you would like some ideas with supporting negative emotions and difficult behaviour, please take a look at the link below:

<https://maudsleycharity.org/familiesunderpressure/>

### **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.