

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

It has been fantastic to connect with our children and families this week at our Zoom celebrations assemblies – we have really missed you all and it was a delight to hear and see the children sharing their experiences. It has been a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the academic year and how we have all embraced the challenges that we have faced. Congratulations to those children who received a Headteacher Commendation.

Thank you to our Early Years team who welcomed our September Reception children to a picnic – the weather didn't dampen our spirits and it was fabulous to officially meet our new children and families.

As you will be aware the government has announced that schools will re-open to all children from September. From next week we look forward to welcoming children in every year group for their half or full day transition sessions, followed by our Meet the Teacher Zoom meetings. It is important for children's well-being to have an opportunity to reconnect with school life before our return in September. The focus of these sessions will be to adjust to the new environment and to re-establish: relationships, routine and our school values – the foundations of good learning.

On Thursday 16 July we will hold our final Parent Forum this year; as always I look forward to seeing many of you there and hearing your views and ideas .

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

LEADERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2020

Further to last week's update on the leadership arrangements from September, we are pleased to introduce Mr Smith who will be teaching in Year 2.

Mr Smith, Key Stage 1 Phase Leader and PE Lead



Hello, I'm Mr Smith and I'm the Key Stage 1 Phase Leader and PE leader for the school. I am very much looking forward to starting at Staplehurst School, having spent 7 years at my previous setting, teaching in both KS1 and KS2. Excitingly, this year I will be teaching in Year 2. I love teaching all aspects of the curriculum, but I particularly enjoy Maths and PE, particularly lessons which can combine both - active learning is the best! When I'm not teaching, I can always be found outside - taking part in or watching sport. I very much look forward to meeting with you all throughout the upcoming year. Please feel free to approach and speak to me about anything that you would like to know or need.

CURRICULUM NEWS

BOOK EXCHANGE

Thank you to those families who are using our book exchange; please check the times below that you are able to come on site to book swap.

Weather permitting, the book exchange trolleys will be available from the hours of 10am – 12pm. If it is raining the books will not be put out.

- Monday – Year 2 only
- Tuesday – Year 3 only
- Wednesday – Year 4 only
- Thursday – Year 5 only

CELEBRATION AWARDS

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

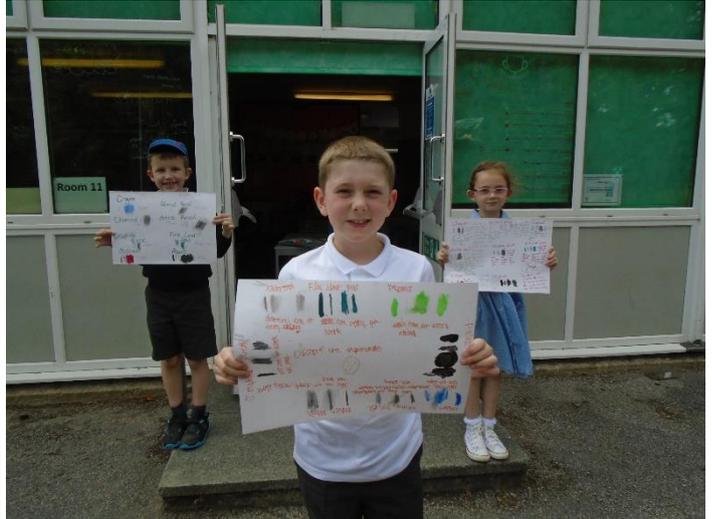
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| EYD | Mason for trying really hard with the doubling and halving activities this week. Home learning: Ruby for fantastic writing about snails. |
| EYG | Amelie for her fabulous independent writing |
| 1RS | Gus for continued engagement in all home learning. |
| 1KS | Ronnie for great effort during our poetry and life cycle work. |
| 2H | Lewis for his super literacy this week. Molly (Key Worker Bubble 1) for setting a good example to others and working incredibly hard on her maths. |
| 2O | Emily for trying hard on all of her home learning activities. |
| 3C | Willow for her dedication and effort in all her home learning (especially Maths) |
| 3F | Katie for making such a positive start to her home learning journey. |
| 4H | Arthur for his determination and resilience in home learning which is continuing into his topic learning about rivers. |
| 4S | Edward for listening hard to feedback given and finding ways to always challenge himself. |
| 5C | Charlie W for showing great determination to complete his home learning and for producing a fabulous global warming report. Connor (Year 5/6 Key Worker Bubble) for his positive attitude in the key worker bubble this week. |
| 5F | Ellie S for consistently working hard and producing super work. |
| 6L | Aoife for the tremendous amount of effort and skill that went into her brilliant writing task! Wonderful language techniques and perfect punctuation! |
| 6T | Mikaella for consistently putting in high levels of effort to her home learning and showing a positive attitude during transition sessions in school. |

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL SITE

This week in Early Years the children have had fun learning how to double and half in Maths!



This week in Key Worker Bubble 1, the children created a model village out of clay and painted them. Can you spot the Church? They have also been experimenting with different media. Ready to complete a masterpiece!



The Year 3/4 Key Worker Bubble have been learning all about weather and clouds, and made these beautiful cloud mobiles showing our favourite things and hopes and dreams for the future.



SPORTS NEWS

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK RESULTS

To celebrate National School Sports Week, our Key worker children took part in some fantastic sports events! From super speed bouncing to daring dribbling, our children absolutely loved taking part in the various different events across the week! We would like to say a HUGE well done to all of the children for trying something new and getting involved!

#NSSWtogether

#SchoolGames



TONBRIDGE &
West Kent School Sports Partnership
@ The Hayesbrook School



Here are the results across the different Year groups:

Year 1 – Football Challenge

1st Braxton
2nd Margo

Year 2 –Football Challenge

1st Ronan
2nd Benjamin
3rd Dexter

Year 3 – Football Challenge

1st - William
2nd – Matthew

Year 4 – Football Challenge

1st - Robbie
2nd - Freddie
3rd – Amelia

Year 5/6 – Speed Bounce Challenge

1st Fin S
2nd Roman
3rd Archie

Year 5/6 – Football Challenge

1st Fin
2nd Roman
3rd Bayley-Ray



END OF YEAR GIFTS FOR STAFF

Whilst our teaching staff never expect parents to bring in presents at the end of the school year, we have been asked what arrangements could be made should anyone wish to do so. During the last week of term we will set aside an area in the shelter where parents can place a gift for any member of staff they would like to give a gift. We will need to arrange time slots for this and will send further details next week via ParentMail.

STAPLEHURST SUMMER PLAY SCHEME

We have been advised that sadly, the Summer Play Scheme that usually takes place over 3 weeks in the summer holidays will not be operating this year. If you are looking for summer holiday provision, Harlequin After School Club will be running through the holidays.

WATER SAFETY

Looking for a way of educating and entertaining young people during these challenging times, while at the same time teaching fundamental water safety skills? Want to build in time to prepare your young people with beach and water safety skills ahead of the summer? Then why not take advantage of our free water safety teaching activities, that are available to you now and throughout the summer term.

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/water-safety-from-home>

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.