

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has flown by, and as we head into half term, can I express on behalf of everyone at Staplehurst our sincere thanks for your on-going support. Thank you to parents who joined us for our Zoom parents' forum: it was so heartening to hear first-hand your positive comments and appreciation. We have included some key takeaways in this newsletter for those of you who could not be with us.

I would like to thank our staff for their tremendous hard work and dedication this term. They have ensured that children have been able to return safely, re-establish relationships, core routines and our school values – the foundations of well-being and good learning. Our children have received a broad curriculum and are producing high quality learning outcomes.

Attendance has been strong and I am delighted to be able to write to all children who have achieved 100% attendance since September.

You all will have received our blended learning guidance. In the event that your child is not able to attend school due to isolation or lockdown, teachers have explained to them how they will be expected to continue to access and complete learning at home. In addition, we have sent home an exercise book to be used if required.

Whilst we want the children to enjoy the break, we do expect them to keep reading and learning. We are looking forward to seeing their holiday home learning when we return on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Have a wonderful half term and stay safe,

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

PARENT FORUM MEETING (22 Oct. 2020)

Questions/Points Raised	Our responses
If we have another lockdown will the school open to key worker children?	<p>Parents were advised that the school operates under the Government guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ No advance notice is given by the Govt. ✚ 'Blended Learning Guidance For Parents' was introduced. ✚ Teachers are to brief the students regarding lockdown, isolation, school work assigned on Purplemash and how to access them
<i>Pick up/Drop Off:</i> Parents appreciated the effort the school makes to make the process as seamless as possible. They acknowledged the challenges the school encounters while adhering to the safeguarding guidelines	<p>Parents were advised that staff endeavours to get the procedures right and make improvements where possible.</p> <p>Miss Davenport acknowledged some notice of change may have gone out given short notice and thanked parents for their cooperation and understanding.</p>
What Christmas festivities will there be?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Nativity (Early Years) ✚ KS1 will get back to LD with ideas (There could be a VDO with parent permission) ✚ KS2: Christmas Lunch and Christmas ✚ Jumper day ✚ PTA arranging activities ✚ Cancelled: All church activities at this time ✚ Christmas cards (Bubble Box) ✚ Information will be sent out once plans are finalised
Swimming Lessons	Miss Davenport has spoken to the Finance Manager to see how it can be arranged.

Appreciation for school

My daughter has been supported in school given the fact that she's new to the school. Thank you Miss Slow and Mrs Hodgkiss for your fantastic initiatives that helped her to catch up!

Grateful for regulations and for proactively introducing hot meals. Thank you!

Thank you for adhering to strict safeguarding guidelines given all the challenges the school encounters.

Everything is going so well for my daughter. She is very happy.

CURRICULUM NEWS

EARLY YEARS

EYFS have been learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. Today we read the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff and used cubes to retell it thinking about how many billy goats were on each side of the bridge at different points of the story.

We have enjoyed a fabulous first term in Early Years. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into school and how hard they have worked. They really deserve their half term break!



YEAR 1

Year 1 are finishing off our castles topic by learning about monarchs. Our new Kings and Queens made up rules and laws. They also had some hard decisions to make as rulers: Our Queen in the photo decided that a monarch should help people if there was a fire in London by building new houses. She also ordered her servants to call the fire brigade!



YEAR 3

We excavated each grid area carefully and recorded the position of each artefact. We removed organic material and carefully brushed each object to avoid damage. Using prior research we decided what each piece of evidence told us about prehistoric life.



YEAR 5

Year 5 were proud to show off their fantastic home learning about rivers this week. They really amazed us with their creativity and depth of understanding about this great geography topic! Thank you to all families for their support.



WINNERS OF 30 READS FOR TERM 1

Firstly, well done to all the children that completed 30 reads and more this term. As we know, reading at home is an important part of becoming an independent reader and developing a love of reading that we hope the children will take with them through life.

Mr Williams-Jones completed the raffle draw today for the prizes from <http://www.bringabooktolife.com> and are thrilled to announce the winners for each key stage are:

KS1: Victoria M, 1SS

KS2: Daisy C, 5S

Mrs S Seymour will get your prizes to you as soon as they arrive in school, early next term. Well done - and keep reading!

PRIDE CERTIFICATES

6T	Henry P for always facing challenge with a smile and a positive, resilient attitude.
6F	Henry A for his love of learning.
5S	Savannah B for her immaculate work and her all round ability to put huge effort into her work.
5W	Isabella A I could give the certificate to Isabella every week as she has such a positive attitude to learning, she always contributes to discussions and listens to others. She produced some excellent maths last week working on multi-step problems and giving clear and well-thought out explanations in reasoning questions.
4NC	Casey W for showing a very positive attitude to all his learning this week, especially his maths.
4LC	Betsy S for applying herself 100% to her written work on Ancient Athens, and producing a super first person narrative.
3HS	Jake M for showing determination to improve his writing and fantastic teamwork during maths.
3S	Archie G for his detailed observations in science and fabulous use of scientific vocabulary.
2O	Leah T for her excellent determination in Maths when subtracting crossing into the tens. Leah quickly knew how to exchange and apply her methods to word problems.
2S	Farron J for fabulous contributions towards writing and displaying a positive attitude towards a challenge.
1SS	Sophie B for her change in mind-set this term towards her learning. She is more positive in her approach to tackling problems and willing to have a go without as much prompting. Keep up the good work Sophie!
1A	Alisha-Rose B for showing such a positive learning attitude and for being such a good friend. Alisha-Rose has been busy practicing her number bonds in maths, and is just always offering to help her friends.

Staplehurst Monarchs Youth U10 Girls - The girls are looking for additional players (year 4 & 5) to add to their squad especially a goalie! Lady coach, no experience needed.

If your child is interested in a free no obligation try out please email us smufc1@yahoo.co.uk



NASAL FLU SPRAY

Your child's annual nasal flu spray is now due

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school on 25/11/2020.

Please complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline consent at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/> before 20/11/2020. More information was sent on Parentmail.

