

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

A slightly shorter week than usual, but one that has been very productive with lots of exciting learning: as I walk around the school I see focus, commitment and enthusiasm from our children and teachers.

This week is anti-bullying week, and across the school we have reflected on the theme ‘United Together’. Following an assembly, the children have thought about the part they play in being ‘united together’ against bullying, and have created individual pledges.

INSET day Friday 20th November: tomorrow staff will further develop their knowledge and expertise in order to deliver even better learning experiences and opportunities for our children. We look forward to sharing this with you!

We would like to thank all parents and guardians who work in partnership with us, to ensure their children attend school regularly, and punctually, through these challenging times. By working together we are making a difference.

When dropping off/Picking please **Wash Hands, Cover Face, Make Space!**

Have a super extended weekend!

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

CURRICULUM NEWS

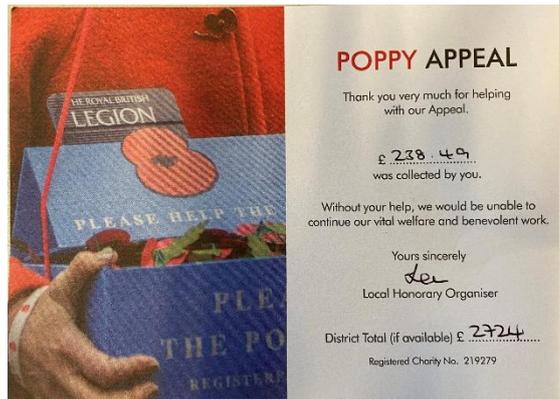
YEAR 5

In Science this week, Year 5 have been learning about friction and gravity. We used Newton metres to measure the friction of a pull on classroom objects and then we experimented with different surfaces to see which had more or less friction and how this affected the distance a car would travel.



Year 5 have been using their geography skills this week to map out the route a refugee might take on a journey from Syria to the UK. We thought about which countries we might travel through, as well as which seas or mountains we might cross. We also used compass points to ensure we headed in the right direction!



POPPY APPEAL – We raised £238.49.

Goodbye Mrs Humphrey. We will miss you. Wishing you all the best for your new role.

Ms Mccaffrey, welcome to Staplehurst School!

BREXIT NEWS

With BREXIT looming, we have risk-assessed the implications of a no deal exit being a possibility. We have heeded warnings of travel delays along the M20, and short-term food and medical shortages.

As such, we have sought assurance from The Contract Dining Company that school hot meals will not be affected; and we received a comprehensive contingency plan from them. We are satisfied that by being part of the global AiG group, they have fully planned for any eventuality, with food storage, increased stock levels, transportation and staffing.

We have also talked to any staff who may be affected by travel delays, and ensured that alternate routes have been identified.

Whatever the outcome, school will be open and functioning as usual.

For your part as parents, please could you inform us if you believe that there are likely to be any problems with transport to school or the availability of essential medicines.

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.

