

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER
“Children always come first. They are our future.”

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I walk around our school, I am filled with such pride seeing all the wonderful achievements and opportunities that our children engage in daily, even in these times. These are all thanks to our magnificent never-to-be-underestimated team of hard-working, amazing staff! Thank you to everyone who makes our school so exceptional and thank you to parents, children and governors who continually support us.

This term's Parent Forum will be on Thursday 10th December at 10am; as always your views are truly welcomed: together we can further improve the provision for your child, and discuss any matters that you wish to raise. If you would like to attend please inform the office by email: office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk; please submit your question in advance of the meeting.

Open communication is very important to us. Should you wish to raise any issues or share ideas for improvements please contact us via:

- the school website: [Staplehurst School - School Contact Details](#)
- the school office: office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe!

Kind regards
Miss Davenport

CURRICULUM NEWS

EARLY YEARS

Early Years have been looking at one more and one less in maths. We used the story to add one more person each time and count the number of people we needed to pull up our turnip.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have kick started their new Maths learning on multiplication. We have been identifying and making equal groups to start with. Archie, Leah and Jessica found that 15 can be put into 3 equal groups with 5 cubes in each group. We have started to think about numbers that could make equal and unequal groups.



YEAR 4

Year 4 are learning about impressionism this week. They have been experimenting with the different techniques in the sketchbooks.



YEAR 5

In art this week, Year 5 have been using charcoal, pastels and graphite pencils to sketch and shade eyes, reflecting what a refugee might see in a war torn country. The results were excellent!



YEAR 6

As part of our Diversity topic, Year 6 have been learning about progress in women's rights over the last century from the Suffragette Movement, to the Ford Dagenham's worker's strikes and the ongoing Gender Pay gap controversy. Inspired by the power of protest, the children organised a demonstration to fight for the issues that they believe in!



Christmas at Staplehurst!

This year, as part of our Staplehurst School Christmas celebrations:

Early Years Christmas Around the World (KS1) What Christmas means to me (KS2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas Video (Nativities play to be uploaded on school website - Christmas video to be uploaded on school website - Decorate the classroom window competition - Making and sending Christmas cards, including to local care homes -Last two Mondays & Fridays of term - A Wellbeing Advent Calendar - Year group Christingle services - Christmas Art and Craft - Class Celebrations – last week of term, dates to be confirmed by class teachers
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinners	KS1 Christmas Jumper day – Wednesday 16 th Dec KS2 Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 17 th Dec
Look out for our school Christmas tree!	

More Christmas News!

- This Christmas, in the absence of our annual carol concert, each year group will be holding a Christingle service, where the children will make their own Christingles and celebrate the meaning of Christmas. To enable us to do this, please can we request that your child brings in an orange on the last Monday of term.
- Please could we also request for your child(ren) to bring old newspaper and yogurt pots for art lessons.