

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been heartwarming to see our children return this week, and to feel the school buzzing with energy once again; our attendance this week has been 96%.

To ensure that our children have settled back quickly into school life, the focus has been to re-establish relationships, core routines and our school values – the foundations of well-being and good learning. This week it was a delight to meet our Year 6 Learning Ambassadors; they have reset their goals for what they want to develop in our school and shared their thoughts and ideas as to how we will mark this period in our school history.

A date for your diary: this term's parent forum will be on Thursday 18th March 2021, at 10am. As usual you will be able to raise your views and ideas; Mr Williams-Jones will join us to share how we are developing our knowledge rich curriculum at Staplehurst.

Getting back into routines and ways of working are very important but can be very tiring for us all; have a restful weekend and we will see you all on Monday refreshed and ready for action!

My very best wishes.

Miss Davenport & the Senior Leadership Team

KEY DATES/INFORMATION

Parent Forum Meeting: 18th March (Thursday) 10 am. Invitation will be sent via Parentmail.

Red Nose Day: 19th March (Friday)

Uniform: Winter uniform until Term 5

Class Photos: 11 May (Tuesday) *More info to follow*

End of Term: 1st April (Thursday)



Communication

We pride ourselves on good levels of communication with all our stakeholders.

Please remember that in addition members of the Senior Leadership Team are always available at the start and end of the school day.

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EARLY YEARS

We have loved seeing everyone back in school this week and we have been proud of how well they have readjusted to being back in school. We were surprised on our first day back to discover that a nest had been built in our sports trolley! We then found out it was a robin and she had laid 6 eggs. She has been spotted flying in and out of the nest all week.

In maths this week we continued from where home learning ended by finding different ways of making 10. We used Numicon and double sided counters to explore how many ways we could represent 10 on the 10 frame.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have been exploring length this week. We have measured the length of objects and also worked out the total length of 2 objects by adding. We used different objects to measure with. We've had lots of fun!



YEAR 2

This week in Science, Year 2 investigated which material would be best for a bucket. The children discussed the properties that the bucket needed to have and thought about whether it would be suitable in a fire. We had lots of fun pouring water onto the materials to test if they were waterproof.



YEAR 3

In Year 3 we have enjoyed getting creative with our Iron Man text. We learnt how to make simple drawings more mysterious by slightly smudging the chalks on our black paper to make it look like parts of our Iron Men were glowing or misty. We also brought in some of our Iron Man creations that we had been working on during lockdown. Our classrooms are slowly being taken over by these mysterious beings!



YEAR 4

Geography

This week, Year 4 took a close look at Rainforest Biomes. Looking at their climates and plotting the monthly rainfall rates in Manaus Brazil, which at times is almost 4 times as heavy as the rainfall in Staplehurst and London!



Science

In science Year 4 are looking at how to classify different kinds of living creatures. We looked closely at invertebrates and even went on an invertebrate hunt around the school grounds. We found woodlice, worms, spiders and enjoyed taking our learning out into the Sunshine!

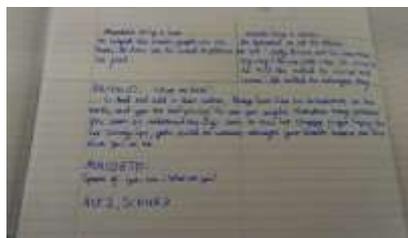


YEAR 5

Year 5 have continued with their Science learning on Materials and their Properties this week, with experiments on separating materials. The children used sieving, filtration, magnetisation and evaporation as techniques to think about the best ways to separate different materials.



This week Year 5 continued to study Shakespeare's Macbeth- we translated the original text to modern English and analysed the characters of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.



YEAR 6

The children in Yr 6 have been learning about sustainability. They discovered how the city of Frieberg in Germany has achieved sustainability and had a go at design their own green cities.



Year 6 are learning about the circulatory system. They have been learning about the importance of exercise in keeping our bodies healthy, and the impact of exercise on the circulatory system. They measured their heart rates and calculated the difference that different forms of exercise made.

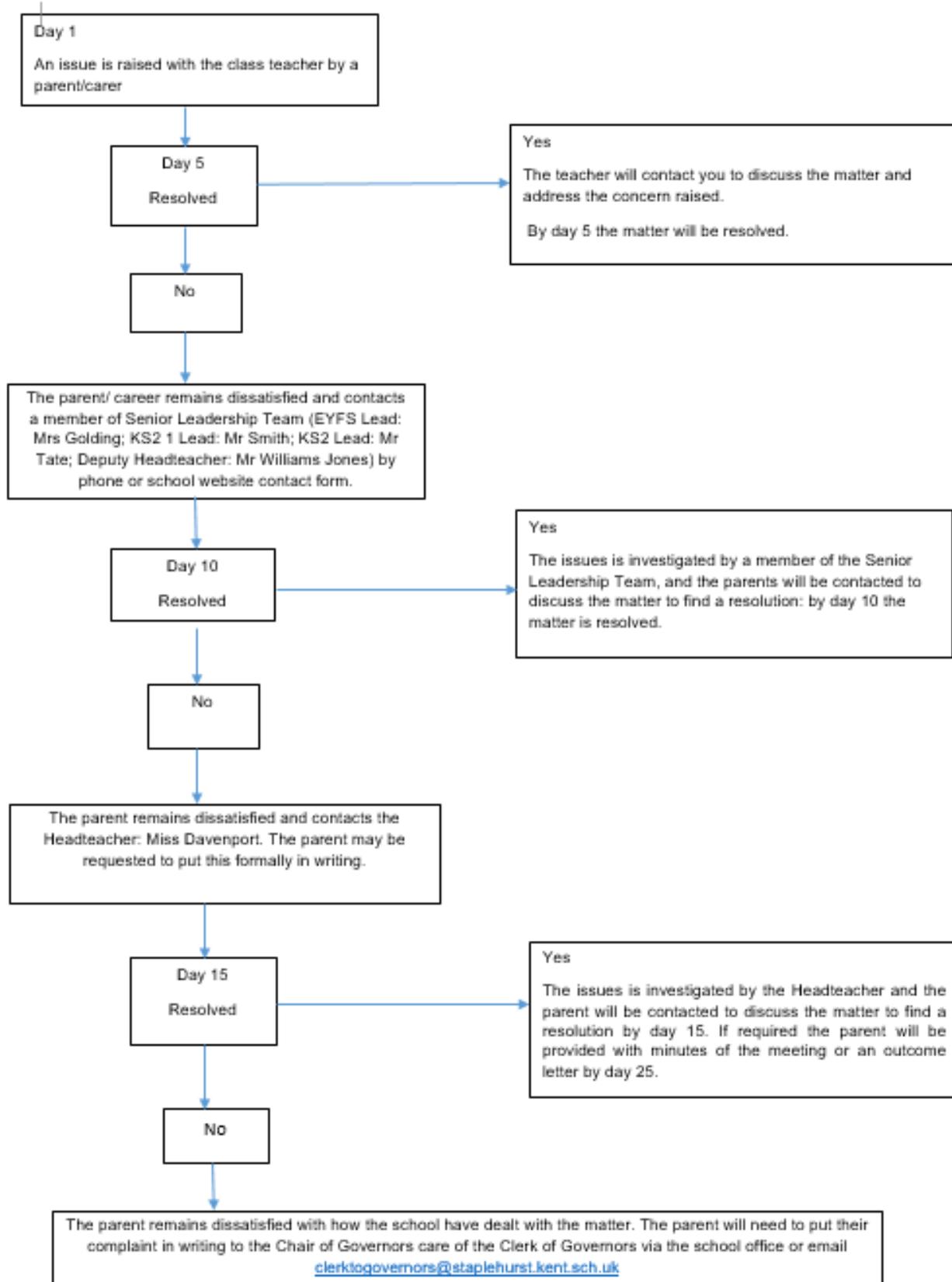


PRIDE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

EYKR	Billy-Jim has settled well into the school routine since lockdown. He has been keen to join in with all of the activities we have planned this week.
EYG	Sean has shown kindness for others this week, looking after another child who was feeling sad outside.
1A	Alisha-Rose has been fantastic in sharing her knowledge about strawberry plants in DT.
1SS	Josie has settled in well to her new class and into the school routines. She has shown determination with 'having a go' especially during Phonics. Well done Josie. Keep up the good work!
2S	Reggie. Fantastic enthusiasm in all subject areas, asking questions when stuck and showing determination when things have been difficult. Keep it up!
2O	Elio. Settling back into school routines and showing a great understanding of 2D and 3D shapes
3S	Martin. For a great start back at school. This week Martin has been working really hard particularly in phonics, he has been able to identify lots of the sounds.
3HS	Oliver. Throughout the term Oliver has worked hard on his home learning. He listens to feedback and improves his work when needed. He is diligent and has shown determination and perseverance in all his learning. Well done Oliver.
4LC	Paige. Super attitude to her school work on her return to school. Lots of engagement in every lesson and good answers to questions. Excellent!
4NC	Oscar. A great start to being back at school. Oscar has shown enthusiasm for all of his learning this week and has responded well to verbal feedback.
5W	Isabella has consistently put in a lot of effort with her home learning. She has worked to a high standard and last week produced some great English writing as she planned and wrote a biography of Shakespeare. Well done Isabella!
5S	Amie for showing determination and resilience towards home learning, even when she has found it tough at times. She always has a go at everything that is set and turns up to our assemblies every week with a smile on her face! Well done!
6F	Bobby. For a fantastic first week at Staplehurst and for settling in really well.
6T	Eban. Showing resilience and determination in his learning this week. Eban has been challenging himself and been positive about his learning with his levels of effort.

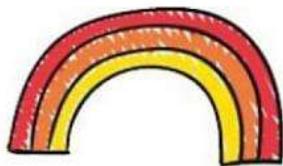


Handling Complaints: our process to address and resolve parental issues at Staplehurst

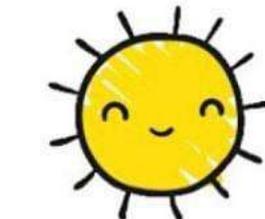


- ✚ Staplehurst Monarchs have spaces at our Mini Monarchs football sessions for girls & boys in Early Years & Year 1. We are hope to start our sessions again on 3 April. If you would like to come along to try football please contact us via the Staplehurst Monarchs Youth Facebook page.
- ✚ At the end of a busy week where we have all returned to school, it's important to remember to take care of ourselves.

Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids



Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.



Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.



Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



Focus on articulating feelings.

"I am angry."
"I am sad."

Encourage journaling and diaries.



Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

Encourage your child to focus on the moment.



Establish a self-care routine.



Recognize toxic stress events.

Blessing Manifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.