

## STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The start of the summer term has brought with it an air of normality to school life: children are settled into routines, learning behaviours are excellent throughout the school, and classes have been excited to start their new core texts and knowledge rich topics.

Children are looking very smart and ready for learning in their summer uniforms; thank you for ensuring that your child has the correct uniform as we appreciate that this is more challenging at this time.

As always, we look forward to working with you this term as together we continue to navigate our way through this period.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team**

**Happy St George's Day****KEY DATES/INFORMATION****Communication: Messages**

- Please email staff non urgent messages; staff will respond within 2-3 working days. We have taken this decision in order to maximize the amount of time staff are working directly with children in school hours.
- If you have an urgent message e.g. you need to inform the school that someone other than yourself is picking up your child, please phone the office speak to a member of the team.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

**Important Reminders**

- Parents (+1 person per family) will need to enter the main gate and follow our one way system as normal.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times.

**School Closed (Bank Holiday):** 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Monday)

**Class Photos:** 11 May (Tuesday)

**Non-uniform day:** 21 May (Friday)

**EARLY YEARS**

In EYFS we have been looking at the traditional tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Phoebe drew a picture and showed with her face how angry Daddy bear was with Goldilocks after she broke Baby Bears chair and made him cry.

During exploring time, we have used the story in our learning - drawing bears, building cottages and using the construction to make Daddy Bear, Mummy Bear and Baby Bear. We are also enjoying reading different versions of the story.



## YEAR 1

Year 1's Geography topic this term is Hot and Cold Places. To start the topic, they have made maps of the world to help them learn the continents and oceans.



## YEAR 2

Year 2 are Geographers this term and are finding out all about Mugaremo village in Zambia and how it is different to Staplehurst. We began our Geography learning by taking a flight to Zambia. From the windows of the plane, we could see waterfalls and lots of flat dry land. We located the continent that Zambia was in and used a compass to see that Zambia is in the South of Africa next to Angola.



## YEAR 3

Year 3's science topic this term is plants. This week we discussed what we already know about plants before heading out and about looking at the different plants we have on our school grounds. We identified the different stages of their growth, from buds to flowers and seed pods, then got closer to nature by feeling the textures of the trees, leaves and grass beneath our feet, and wondering why they all felt different.



In Literacy this week we created our own stories using story envelopes. Inside the envelopes were pictures of characters and settings that we could use for our tales. In groups we briefly planned our stories before acting out the scenes and even had some children narrating to give a better sense of the events that were happening. We performed these to an audience who gave feedback on the wonderful work we had done. Some amazing tales were created and enjoyed by all.



## YEAR 4

This week in DT, Year 4 have been evaluating different purse designs. We looked at fastenings, materials and reliability of these designs. This is so we can design and make our own money purses inspired by the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings!



## YEAR 5

This term Year 5 will be learning about the Industrial Revolution and what life was like for children in Victorian times. So far, we have looked at a number of artefacts, used a timeline to locate the time period and started studying our book Street Child.



## YEAR 6

The Year 6 children have started their new topic on World War 2. As well as learning about the causes of the war, this week the children have been enjoying examining objects and artefacts in their classroom displays.



In RE this term Year 6 is considering the big question, What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa (harmlessness), Grace (the generosity of God), and Ummah (community)? On Wednesday, the children contemplated the part commitment plays in success. They thought about their different levels of commitment to different interests and questioned whether there are things that everyone should be committed to.



## PRIDE CERTIFICATES

<b>EYKR</b>	Thomas is trying really hard to make good choices in class. He is being kind to his classmates and doing the right thing when he feels frustrated.
<b>EYG</b>	Alfie has worked really hard this week, concentrating on completing a task and finding ways to improve what he has made.
<b>1A</b>	Braxton always has his hand up to contribute to class discussions. He is working really hard with his writing and becoming more independent. Braxton has been really kind and welcoming to a new child this week.
<b>1SS</b>	Seb has worked with a good attitude. He has shared great ideas with his peers and worked enthusiastically on story mapping our new class text. Well done.
<b>2S</b>	Farron Jones For showing a good attitude towards his learning this week and contributing to class discussions. Keep it up!
<b>2O</b>	This week we have been planning to retell a story from a different character's perspective. Gabriel has taken on the role of our character Zeraffa the Giraffe brilliantly and has planned his story around how the character would be feeling at each point.
<b>3S</b>	Noah has settled into our class fantastically. He is always very enthusiastic during class discussions and has lots of valuable ideas to share with his peers.
<b>3HS</b>	Jayden has worked with a positive attitude all week. We are really proud of his self-awareness and kind attitude.
<b>4LC</b>	Phoebe-Mae Young: Good attitude to her learning and applying herself well to class discussion. She enters the room with a happy smile and is well motivated in class.
<b>4NC</b>	Showing great enthusiasm with all of his learning this week. Jacob has shown increased maturity both in and out of the playground too.
<b>5W</b>	Riley has come back to school with a great attitude to learning. She is motivated and joining in with class discussion, she has also produced some excellent and thoughtful work around our class book Street Child.
<b>5S</b>	Alyssa Wragg: Alyssa has returned to school with a positive attitude. She has especially tried her hardest in Maths and has been motivated to learn. I am very proud of the excellent Maths work she has produced this week.
<b>6F</b>	Jack has shown excellent engagement with his historical knowledge of the Second World War, participating keenly in class discussions, maturely explaining his thoughts and listening to others respectfully.
<b>6T</b>	Connor has returned to school with a really positive attitude, showing an excellent engagement in his learning, participating in class discussions and sharing his broad knowledge of the world with others.

### ✚ Music Lessons

If your child would like to have instrumental lessons this term, please contact [andrewparrymusic.com](http://andrewparrymusic.com) for details of lessons, pricing and instruments offered at school. Lessons take place on a rota system, so children do not miss the same class lesson each week. Currently we have guitar, ukelele, keyboard and piano being taught, but others are available on request.

### ✚ Girls Football - Weetabix Wildcats Girls Football Centre - Staplehurst

The popular Weetabix Wildcats are back at Staplehurst from 28 April 6.30 to 7.30 & most Wednesdays over the summer. Cost £2 per session. Spaces are limited. We are open to all girls between 5-11 who want to come & give football a try or practice their skills. Lots of fun - If you came to our Open Morning at Easter you'll love this!

To book a space go to: The FA.Com , Women & Girls, - find your nearest Wildcats Session & we are under Staplehurst, Jubilee Playing Field or contact Staplehurst Monarchs Youth via Facebook or Instagram for more details.

### ✚ Hello from the PTA!

We are running the Virtual balloon race. Someone from our school community will win the beautiful silver pendant kindly donated by The Little Red Hen Jewellery. There is also the possibility of winning the overall race prize of £500.

