

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very successful week; the children and staff, as usual have been exceptional. This term the KS1 & 2 playgrounds have some brand new play equipment: large table tennis tables! The pupils are already loving using them - challenging each other to tournaments at lunchtime. These tables are not only fun but a great way to develop physical and social skills at break/lunch time.

During this term children are being assessed to inform end of year expected standards. We will use these checks to inform and to help close gaps in learning which may have been impacted by the partial closures in the last twelve months. We will of course let you know how children are progressing later in the year and do everything we can to make sure that children feel confident, happy and ready to move to their new year groups in September.

I hope you have a lovely extended weekend and enjoy opportunities to see another household and visit the shops again. It feels like we are slowly coming through the toughest times but there is still a risk; should we find a case in school we would have to close the bubble so we will continue to be careful and ensure we keep everyone safe. As always, our risk assessment is updated and available on our website.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

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): 3rd May (Monday)

Virtual Coffee Morning: 6th May (Thursday) 10 AM

Class Photos: 11 May (Tuesday)

Non-uniform day: 21 May (Friday)

YEAR 3

As part of our science topic this term, year 3 are investigating the conditions needed for seeds to germinate and grow. We are using a comparative test to see if our cress seeds will germinate in different light conditions and with or without water. We will be checking these seeds over the next few weeks, observing any changes and recording the data in a chart. Year 3 are also going to be studying the way a sunflower plant grows over the whole summer term. We started planting these this week and are very much looking forward to watching them sprout.



YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 have been dramatising a section of our book 'Street Child', so they can fully understand and grasp the emotions of the characters as well as imagine the setting, ready for our letter writing on Friday.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have begun their Science topic on Plants. The children have planted their own sunflower seeds and we are going to observe their germination and growth each week. We have started to learn how plants grow and the process of photosynthesis.



YEAR 6

This week, as part of their WW2 learning, Year 6 have been learning about how propoganda was used to influence people's thoughts and actions and promote a sense of patriotism. They compared the use of propoganda during WW2 with during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.



For their music lessons this term, Year 6 are working on their own compositions. This week, they worked in groups with various instruments and worked out ways of recording a note of their musical creation on paper.



KS2 PLAYTIMES

This week KS2 have enjoyed using our new outdoor table tennis table. We will be using these during break times and lunch times.



PRIDE CERTIFICATES

EYKR	Josh Butler. For being motivated to write his Goldilocks book and concentrating on the sounds he needed for the words he was writing for the whole time. He has produced an amazing book!
EYG	Elvie enthusiastically worked on her Goldilocks writing, listening for the sounds she needed and concentrating on her letter formation
1A	Ayan produced an amazing piece of writing based on 'The Emperor's Egg' this week. He listened carefully in lessons and was able to add lots of extra detail to his writing which brought it to life. It was a pleasure to read!
1SS	Abe has been keen to learn, focusing well and sharing thoughtful ideas with the rest of the class. Well done Abe!
2S	This week Mark has shown outstanding determination, in particular with his spellings. He has not given up, even when things have been challenging. A great example to everybody.
2O	Amos Ackleton for joining Staplehurst School with a positive and ready to learn attitude to learning. Amos showed us his great Maths skills today through his ordering of 2-digit numbers.
3S	This week Henry-John has displayed an excellent attitude to learning, particularly in phonics and maths. Henry-John has put in a great effort in all of his assessments and learning this week and has tried his absolute best. Well done Henry-John!
3HS	Chloe approaches her school activities with maturity and determination. She always works hard and takes pride in her work and has volunteered to help throughout the week.
4LC	Tommy has shown a really good attitude to his learning this week. Trying really hard with the assessment and producing a super plan for his Viking creature in literacy.
4NC	Scarlett Whiting. For showing excellence with all of her learning this week. In particular in Maths, where she uses sentence stems to explain her reasoning.
5W	Luca has had a great week- he has shown great motivation by looking, listening and joining in with class discussions during lessons and also maintained great focus during the assessments. This term he has put huge effort into the presentation of his books and his handwriting has improved enormously. Well done!
5S	Diya Chembalipuram: In this week full of challenge, with all our assessments, Diya has shown great resilience. She has also managed to produce a lovely letter this week, based around our English book Street Child.
6F	Charlotte has shown dedication and resilience in her work around Propaganda in World War 2, working hard to design her own persuasive poster in a 1940s style.
6T	Aiden consistently contributes fantastic ideas to class discussion and debate, sharing his broad knowledge and understanding of the world, making fascinating and well-thought points.

✚ Last chance to join our balloon race.

Thank you to everyone who has brought balloons in our virtual race. Please remember that the race starts tomorrow lunchtime, so now is your last chance to make any changes to your balloon parameters. Once the race starts they can't be changed.



If you haven't bought a balloon yet and would still like to, please visit <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1581> to join in the fun.

The deadline is 11.30am tomorrow, Sat 1st May.

- ✚ Please join us for a Virtual Coffee Morning "As the path begins to clear" with Bonny Sullivan, Family Liaison Officer joined by Fegans PSP Co-Ordinator Katie Davis-Clifford, on Thursday 6th May at 10am.

-  Weald Coaching at Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club: registering now for start of 12 week junior cricket programme at ages 5-8, 9-12 and 12+ from May 9. Information video, drop-in Q&A session details and online registration can all be found here <https://wealdcoaching.com/book>

-  **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.