

Staplehurst School



# NEWSLETTER

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**Staplehurst School is an inclusive community and we do not tolerate bullying – race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age.**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### YEAR 6 BUDDIES DO A GOOD JOB

The children in Early Years are now staying all day and our Buddies are enjoying helping them settle in and playing games at lunchtimes.



### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
6 Oct	Year 1	Year 3
13 Oct	Year 2	Year 6
20 Oct	Year 1	Year 5

### Y3 and Y4 LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

We are delighted to tell you we have made the decision to give additional support on the Y3/Y4 playground at lunchtime, our aim is to provide positive strategies to enable children to achieve their best and learn to play appropriately with the guidance of an adult.

The two new sports coaches will work with the children at lunchtimes to begin this Monday; their role will be to teach team work, collaboration, and general fitness. The children will be organised into groups and the games will periodically change to suit the needs and interests of the children. The children will be encouraged to join in but if they want to play on their own they can.

We hope this will have a positive impact on the fitness of our Y3/Y4 children and assist them with their social and collaboration skills.

### FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed the parents of children in Year 2 who joined us for a cup of coffee and chat after the Celebration Assembly. The children were pleased to be able to show off their work as an extra celebration of their achievements. Next week we look forward to welcoming parents from Year 1.

### ATTENDANCE

The Department for Education's target for attendance is 96%. We always strive for 100%.

#### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 25 September was **95.28%**.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **6C** who achieved a fantastic **98.19%**.

### LATE ARRIVALS

There has been an increase in children arriving late in the mornings. This is not only unsettling for the children who arrive late but their late arrival also disrupts the class for the other children. The first bell goes at 8.35am and the second bell goes at 8.45am. Making sure you get your child to school on time instills a good work ethic in them from a very early age, helping them to continue this through to their secondary education and beyond into employment.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

You should have received yesterday a Parent Consultation letter. Slips should be returned back to the office no later than Wednesday 4 October, so that timetables can be arranged.

### SAFETY ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Due to the congestion at pick up and drop off time and to avoid accidents, please can we remind you that children are NOT to ride their bikes and scooters on school premises.

### SPARE CLOTHING

If anyone has any unwanted old school clothing that they would be happy to donate for us to use when a child may need a change of clothes these would be gratefully received. Clothes suitable for ages 5-6 are particularly needed.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 02.10.17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

w/c 09.10.17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

## SCHOOL DINNER PRICE INCREASE

This is a reminder about the price increase for school dinners. The 10p increase takes the price of a child's dinner to £2.20, and will be effective from Monday. This increase does not affect children in Reception, or Years 1 & 2 as they are entitled to universal free school meals.

## CENSUS DAY – MENU CHANGE

Thursday 5 October is Census Day and we have a change of menu. A letter of explanation is being sent out to KS1 parents.

Pork Sausages / Quorn Sausages  
Jacket Wedges  
Baked Beans  
Peas  
Mixed Salad  
Sticky Iced Bun  
Fruit Pots or Yoghurt

## PACKED LUNCHES

It has been noticed that some children are not always eating their packed lunches. Children are asked to take home any uneaten food so you can monitor what your child is eating.

## PAYMENTS

Please may we remind you that any cash/cheque payments sent into school must be in a sealed envelope with the **child's name, class, amount** and **what the payment is for** written clearly on the envelope. Thank you.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

There is a list, in Reception, of the dates for the various Secondary Schools' Open Events.

## YR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You can apply for a place online at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places> or paper application forms are available from the school office.

The closing date is **Tuesday 31 October 2017** (parents of children who took the Kent Test (11+) will be notified of the results on **Thursday 12 October**).

The National Offer Day is **Wednesday 1 March 2018**. Emails are sent after **4pm** and letters are sent **1<sup>st</sup> class**.

Places should be accepted or declined by **Thursday 15 March 2018**.

## MGGS TASTER DAY MASTERCLASS

On Wednesday 18 October MGGS are holding a Taster Day Masterclass. This taster day is specifically for year 6 girls from September 2017 who are considering joining the school in 2018. Students will have a unique opportunity to discover what life is really like at MGGS by enjoying taster lessons, meeting the current Year 7s, exploring the school during a normal school day and enjoying a free school lunch. Parents will also be invited along to share the experience with a talk and tour of MGGS at the end of the day.

MGGS are also offering girls in our current year 5 the opportunity of attending afterschool master classes. For more information contact [central@mggs.org](mailto:central@mggs.org).

## PTA NEWS

The PTA held their AGM on Tuesday evening, they would like to thank those who gave up their time and went along. It was a good meeting and there were some good fundraising ideas. The PTA is always looking for new ideas and suggestions and if you feel that you could come along to any of the meetings they would love to hear from you.

Christmas is fast approaching and always quite a busy one for us all, The PTA will be sending out a newsletter very shortly to let you know what fundraising events will be going on at school. Watch this space!

## FUN LABELS

The PTA has created a link with a company My Name Tags, where you can order online and each order generates money for the school. You can place orders by going to [www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com) using School ID 35906. The name tags are multipurpose and may be used on any item, not just clothing.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 7 October is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. The theme this month is 'we are a holy temple' with all things messy and creative as usual. You can try to be the one who builds the tallest tower, decorate a gingerbread person, try out mosaic craft, create a people paper chain, model your self-portrait in clay and build prayer bricks. Doors open at 3.30 for a 4pm start for crafts and a short service around 4.45 in time for tea all together around 5pm. Do come and join the Messy fun - everyone very welcome.

### EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

**Indian Evening:** Thursday 12 October, 7.30pm in the Parish Room. For just £10 a ticket, enjoy a 2 course Indian meal followed by a screening of the Hollywood musical comedy 'Bride and Prejudice'. Tickets are available from Helen's Coffee shop or ring 891258 or email [maryhenley@zulogic.co.uk](mailto:maryhenley@zulogic.co.uk). Come along and join the fun!

**Health Fest:** Saturday 14 October 1.30pm – 4.30pm All Saints' Church. Complimentary therapies, Alternative Health Experts, Yoga and Pilates Classes, Health and Wellbeing Stands, Fresh Juice Bar and Healthy Snacks. £5 tickets include a taster class or upgrade to £10 for a mini therapy as well. Tickets available from SHC Chiropractic, Helen's Coffee House or ring 07896 574707

Both events in aid of All Saints' Church who extend a very warm welcome to everyone!

### STAPLEHURST FAMILY FIREWORKS

Staplehurst Family Fireworks are proud to present the village's 1st annual event on Saturday 4 November at the Jubilee Field. They will be bringing entertainment, food delights, an amazing Haunted House Bonfire and, of course, a great fireworks display! More details available on Facebook (Staplehurst Family Fireworks) and tickets can be bought at the school gates most afternoons until the event (also available from Jumeria, Hair Boutique & King's Head).

## DIARY DATES

### Thursday 5 October

Reception Class Photos for Kent Messenger

### Tuesday 17 October

Year 5 Trip to Herstmonceux

### Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Autumn Half Term

### Thursday 19 October (note change of date)

Michael Walter Author Visit

### Wednesday 1 November

Individual Photographs

### Monday 6 November

Reception 2018 Tours of the School – 2pm

### Wednesday 8 November

Reception 2018 Tours of the School – 2pm

### Tuesday 14 November

Reception 2018 Information Evening - 7pm

## WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

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## ADMIN

**Online payments** - This is the preferred method. Please pay online for School Dinners, Breakfast Club, Trips, Swimming, Uniform and Equipment.

**Dinner Money queries and payments** - Please contact Maxine on 07501 007835.

**School Uniform** - Uniform can be ordered and paid for online (orders will be sent home with your child). The Uniform Shop is open anytime, but **please avoid Monday mornings and Friday afternoons**. Thank you.