

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

CHOIR SING AT THE O2

On Tuesday, members of our School Choir took part in Young Voices at the O2 arena in London. They joined lots of other schools to form a choir of over 7,000 children! A wonderful time was had by all the children, members of staff and parents. A huge thank you to all the parents who came to watch.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

It was lovely to see so many parents taking the opportunity to come in and speak with the class teachers. If anyone was unable to come along and/or has any concerns, please let the class teacher know. Thank you.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Our Governors have recently approved a new Home School Agreement as part of the School's Online Safety Policy. The new Agreement will be sent out to all parents/carers early next term and we will expect the forms to be signed and returned for all pupils.

INVICTA MATHS CHALLENGE

On Wednesday, four girls from year 5 attended the Invicta Primary Maths Challenge at Invicta Grammar School. There were 6 local schools altogether, and despite three of the girls attending the O2 the night before, we are thrilled to announce that Staplehurst school won! Huge congratulations to Isabella H, Florence M, Katie H and Sophie C, who tackled some very tricky maths, including algebra. Thanks to Mrs Harris and Mrs Mannell for transporting the girls, and to Mrs Watts for supporting the girls and keeping up their sugar levels with wine gums!



HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to Attenborough – Red House who won this term's House Point Challenge and may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 23 February 2018.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1 March, by asking the children to dress as their favourite book character and bring the book in to share with their class. We will be spending the whole day immersed in books and the children will be working towards creating their own books to share. If anyone has any spare comics at home, any donations would be gratefully received by your class teacher, or the office. Thank you.

KENT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Kent Community Foundation, a grant-making charity, manages several funds which offer grants to individual children and young people from a financially disadvantaged background, specifically: young carers, children with disabilities, long-term illness, life-limiting conditions, special needs and disadvantaged, vulnerable, marginalised or at risk. If you feel that your family may be eligible to access this funding please speak to Mrs Laslett in the Inclusion Team who can provide you with more information.

CLASS 5G NAME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Year 5 took part in a competition recently to name David Wilson Homes' new housing development just off Marden Road. The children were asked to choose the name based on local flora, fauna and the history of Staplehurst.

Suggested names included The Spires, The Mallards and Monarch but the winning name, Dickens Gate, was dreamed up by Class 5G, who named the development after Charles Dickens. The developers chose Dickens Gate because Dickens was in a train crash near Staplehurst station in June 1865, so this was an important piece of local history.

Class 5G celebrated their achievement on Tuesday and were awarded a gift voucher to go towards buying new resources for the classroom, which was presented by Sarah Lane, Sales Advisor for David Wilson Homes at Dickens Gate.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are excited to announce that a new Table Tennis Club for KS2 will be starting after Half Term; letters and emails have been sent. Spaces are limited so please return the slips as soon as possible if your child would like to take part.

DONATIONS PLEASE

If anyone has any spare clothes for ages 5-8 years, particularly pants and socks, they would be gratefully received.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 19.02.18 Year 4, 5, 6, 3
w/c 26.02.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

LOST PROPERTY

We have numerous items of jewellery and clothing in lost property. If you have mislaid any items please come and ask if they have been found.

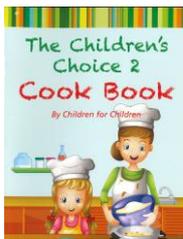
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CHILDREN'S CHOICE 2 COOK BOOK



We are selling the Children's Choice 2 Cook Book published by the Contract Dining Company. The book includes a recipe by Henry P in 3S and the book is on sale for £1 with all proceeds being shared between Demelza House and Five Acre Wood School. If you would like a copy please send £1 to the office or email

office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

Attendance for the whole school for the week is **92.98%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **4H** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **97.41%**.

MISSING SCOOTER

It was reported last week that a black and orange scooter (a Christmas present) had gone missing. The scooter had a skull on the footplate. Please can you check that this scooter has not been picked up by mistake as it has still not been located. Thank you.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
23 February	Early Years	Year 4
2 March	Year 1	Year 3
9 March	Year 2	Year 6
16 March	Early Years	Year 5
23 March	Year 1	Year 4

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Is your child now at school? Are you looking for or do you know of anyone looking for a rewarding part time job, during term time? We currently have two vacancies for Midday Supervisors, both doing 5 hours a week. If you would like to find out more information about joining our friendly dedicated team then please contact Mrs Zimmer in the office. Thank you.

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURE

The DfE (Department for Education) states that "schools should, wherever possible, stay open in severe weather" and we recognise that it is important for Staplehurst School to remain **open** so that parents are able to work and children can continue to learn. Our fundamental principle is that every effort will be made to ensure that Staplehurst School remains open even if only limited numbers of children can attend.

In each instance the school will determine:

- whether the school site is safe
- how many staff are likely to be in

then make a decision based on the safety of children.

If the school is CLOSED we will notify you by TEXT and EMAIL.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WORD BUDDY CLUB

On Thursday 15 February between 2.00pm and 3.00pm a Word Buddy Club is taking place at Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone. There will be Harry Potter themes, crafts and word based activities for children of all ages. There is no fee, no booking required and fancy dress is optional.

FOOTBALL FUN IN HALF TERM

Football Five Star will be running another of their popular half term football sessions at Jubilee Sports Field on Tuesday 13 February. You can book your child's place at <http://footballfivestar.co.uk/holenrol.html>

Please don't leave it to the last minute, they sold out back in October!

HOTSHOTZ HALF TERM TENNIS CAMP

On Tuesday, 13 February Hotshotz Tennis are running a Tennis Camp from 9.00am–1.00pm at Staplehurst Tennis Club. It's £25 for the day and all ages are welcome. To book your place go to www.hotshotztennis.co.uk.

STAPLEHURST CRICKET & TENNIS CLUB

Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club is offering FREE indoor cricket sessions for children in years 4-6 who have participated in their cricket coaching at the school in recent years and interested in joining the Club's junior cricket programme this summer. All equipment is provided and dress is standard indoor sports kit. The sessions take place on Monday evenings at the Weald Sports Centre between 6.00pm to 7.00pm from February 26 until April 16 incl. except for Easter Monday, April 2. Places are limited so please email john.swannick@staplehurstcricket.com for more details and to book a place.

DIARY DATES

Monday 12 – Friday 16 February

Half Term

Thursday 22 February

Raptor Centre visit Early Years

Wednesday 14 March

Class Photographs

Monday 26 March

Parent Drop In (2.45pm)

Tuesday 27 March

Parent Consultations – Years 2 and 6

Thursday 29 March

End of Term 3

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.