



**Staplehurst School Newsletter No.06-
Winter Term 2023**

A message from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

Unbelievably it is the end of the penultimate week of term 1! On Wednesday 18th October you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their learning and attendance for this term and to review their learning outcomes. Please use our online booking system we will be open until 12pm on Monday. A parent survey will be available for you to complete before or after your appointment this allows us to reflect on what we do well and how we can continue to support your child.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed donations for our Harvest Festival this week; Father Andrew led a lovely assembly and encouraged children to reflect on the importance of helping others - thank you for your generosity.

Parent Voice: thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Forum today. As always your feedback and ideas help us to improve our provision and your child's experience at school. Since our last forum, based on your feedback we have:

- Outlined our communication systems in a guide for parents
- Reintroduced class assemblies for parents to attend
- Introduced celebration afternoons for you to have an opportunity to spend time in your child's class to regularly see your child's learning
- Ensured that a parents' evening you have sufficient time to look at your child's books

Take care

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

Pride Certificates: 6/10/23

1A	Johnny Cosgrave	This week, Johnny has shown a positive attitude towards all of his learning. In writing, he has been able to use his phonic knowledge to begin to correctly sound out and spell CVC words. In PSHE, he has positively contributed to whole class discussions and made a real effort to complete tasks to a high standard. Well done, Johnny! Keep up the hard work!
1C	Ralph Edwards	Ralph has shown huge positivity with his writing this week. He has worked independently to write sentences using the sounds he knows. Ralph has become much more confident in phonics, when writing and reading words.
1FS	Johnny Saunders	Johnny has been demonstrating a really positive attitude towards his learning. He has been giving each challenge his full effort and trying hard in all areas. We have been particularly impressed with his additional homework he chose to do on number bonds. Keep up the great work, Johnny!
2C	Scarlett Phillips	Scarlett has been the positivity queen this week. She has shown determination and fantastic team work skills within her phonics lessons. During the week she has been pushing herself to ensure her maths work is presented beautifully. Keep up the excellent work, Scarlett!
2K	Lara Collins	Lara always shines with her positive attitude towards school and learning. Lara is keen to share her ideas and answers, especially during our writing lessons. Well done Lara!
3KS	Honormay Wood	Honormay has had an exceptionally positive attitude towards her learning this week! She has demonstrated all aspects of 'Star' and shown great resilience, particularly when exchanging in maths. Honormay has also been very helpful around the classroom and encourages a positive attitude in others. We are so proud of her. Well done Honormay!
3G	Tyler Cook	Tyler has had a great week where he has demonstrated a positive attitude towards his learning. He has actively participated in classroom discussions and listened well to adults. Tyler has been respectful to his peers and adults in the school and has used his manners. Well done Tyler, we are all very proud of you.
4W	Isaac Cardnell	Isaac consistently displays our PRIDE values and has an excellent attitude to learning. This week, he written a fantastic news report including direct speech and formal conjunctions in English. In science he worked hard to display his knowledge of the role of different teeth in dinosaurs. Great work!
4F	Cora Woodman	Cora consistently approaches her work with an inspiring, positive attitude and conscientious dedication. This week, Cora has also shown an admirable eagerness to participate within class discussions and has been frequently volunteering answers. Thank you so much for your hard work and wonderful contributions, Cora!
5R	Leah Taylor	This week Leah has been excelling in demonstrating determination towards her work. She has been striving to push her self in all lessons specifically English where she is goes above and beyond. She has been very keen on implementing her learning in all the lessons she can. Well done!
5C	Amy Tomala	This week Amy has demonstrated determination and positivity towards her learning. In particular in her attitude towards her mathematical learning, when using and applying rounding to estimate answers. She has been keen to grasp challenging concepts this week. Well done!
6S	John Smith	This week John has really impressed us with the level of independence he has shown when writing in English. John has approached his writing with a positive attitude and has used resources available to help support him when writing a dual narrative based on Holes. Fantastic work, John!
6JS	Annie Gallagher	Annie has been outstanding this week, demonstrating positivity towards her Maths and writing. She has shown that she is resilient and a real thirst to improve her work. A wonderful week of work, well done Annie, keep it up!

Parental Engagement: support for parents and carers



Based on the feedback received through both our parent forum and last year's drop-ins, we have shaped our support for parents and carers to support the needs raised. We value parental input as it helps us shape and tailor our sessions and opportunities to support your children to achieve. We will be focusing on the following areas and offering the following opportunities over the next two terms:

Term 1

Reading follow-up support video - **Week beginning 16.10.23**

EYFS Phonics drop-ins: **Week beginning 16th October - 9-9.20am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. See SCOPAY link to book online.**

Parents' Evening - **18.10.23**

Parents into read - **Weekly**

Term 2

Art subject support video - **Week beginning 6.11.23**

Maths subject support video **Week beginning 20.11.23**

Parent forum - **1.12.23**

Open discussion afternoon - Relationships and Sex and Health Education **27.11.23**

Parents into read - **(Weekly)**

We welcome feedback from these opportunities and look forward to supporting you at home this year.

Many Thanks

Mr. Williams-Jones

Class Assemblies

We will be starting our class assembly programme for the year in term two this year. We would like to invite parents/carers in to share in the wonderful learning that has been taking place. The assembly schedule is as follows:

Term 2 – KS2- Year 4 (Ancient Civilizations) – **Friday 1st December 2023** at 9.00 am in the junior hall.

KS2 - Year 6 (Kingdom of Benin) **Friday 17th November 2023** at 9.00 am in the junior hall.

Term 3 – KS2 - Year 5 (Medicine through time) - **Friday 2nd February 2024** at 9.00 am in the junior hall.

KS1- Year 1 (History of shopping) - **Friday 9th February 2024** at 9.00 am in the junior hall.

Term 4 – KS2 - Year 3 (Stone-Age) - **Friday 22nd March** at 9.00 am in the junior hall.

KS1 - Year 2 (Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole) **Friday 15th March** at 9.00 am in the junior hall

EYFS: Awaiting Date.

We look forward to welcoming you in to school.

Many Thanks

Mr Williams-Jones

EYFS 2024 Open Mornings for September 2024



If your child is due to start **Reception in September 2024** Join us on one of our open mornings to see why Staplehurst School is the perfect place for your child to grow and flourish.

EYFS OPEN MORNINGS: for September start 2024

Wednesday 18th October

Wednesday 1st November

Wednesday 8th November

Wednesday 15th November

Please contact the office for further information

Year 6: Secondary Transfer

If your child is due to start Year 7 in September 2024 you will need to apply for a place by 31st October.

Please follow the link for further information [Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#)

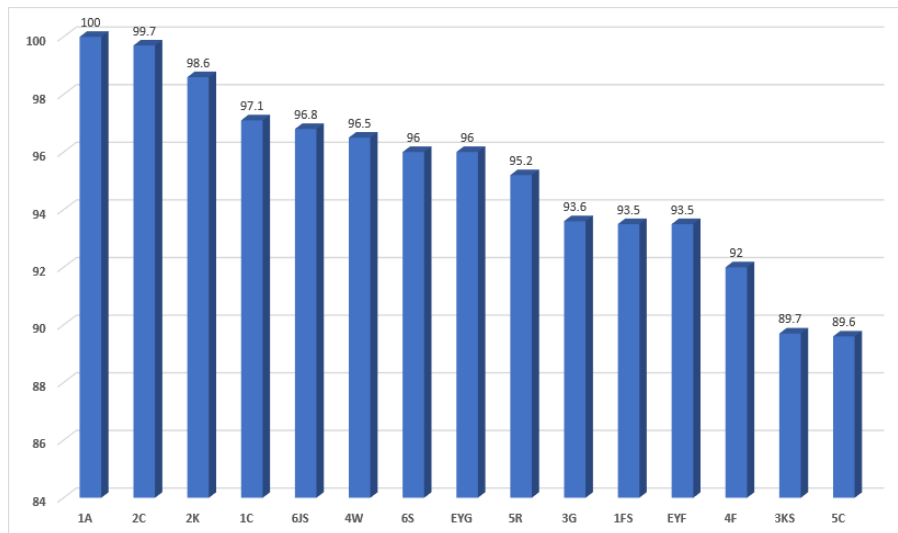
Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week was 95.2%

Whole School Attendance *from September* is: 95.2%

National School Attendance is currently: 95%

Punctuality Reminder: Did you know that 5 minutes late each day is equivalent to 3 days lost, 10 minutes late each day is equal to 6.5 days lost, and 15 minutes late each day, 10 days lost. Please ensure your child arrives on time to prevent them being marked as late and missing their phonics/reading lesson.



Well done to 1A, the weekly winners with 100%!

What attendance means to us -

100% - Excellent attendance

97% - Good attendance

95% - Satisfactory attendance

Below 95% - Unsatisfactory attendance

Below 90% - Persistently absent

Below 50% - Severely absent

School Uniform: polite reminder

Please note that if your child has a piece of missing or incorrect uniform we will speak to you at the end of the day and send a polite reminder. From next week if children have incorrect footwear they will be provided with an alternative. Thank you for your support with this matter.

EYFS

To celebrate Black History Month, EYFS have read the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. It describes how Floella's parents came to England from Trinidad, initially leaving Floella behind with relatives. The children enjoyed looking at the pictures of Floella's life in Trinidad and how different it was from London. We discussed how Floella must have felt at various stages of the book, and why other children were unkind to her when she first started school. We were pleased to learn that the other children stopped being unkind to Floella and her siblings and that she finally realised her dream of meeting the Queen!

Last week we introduced the story 'Have you filled a Bucket today?'. The children were given empty bucket outlines and asked to show the different ways they filled other people's buckets, for example through kind thoughts, actions and words. These buckets are now displayed in our shared area.

Some of our examples of bucket filling:

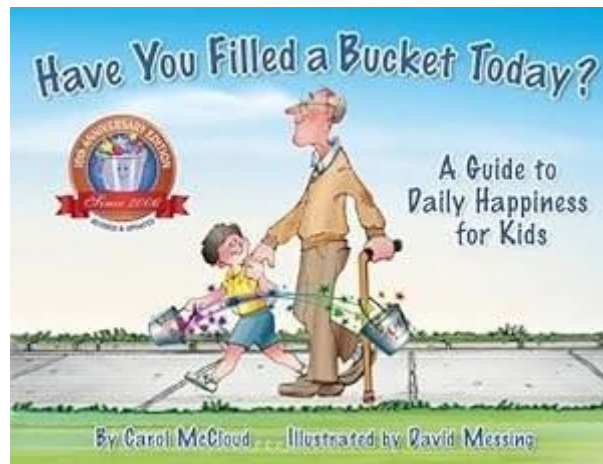
'Helped Mummy carry her bags out to the car'

'Telling Mummy she makes good dinners'

'Giving my family a hug'

Making her sister laugh when she is sad'





Year 1



In year 1 we are now writing our own versions of the Beegu story. We have designed our own aliens and are changing parts of the story to make it our own.

Year 2



This week, to celebrate Black History Month, Year 2 have been researching the life of Aldwyn Roberts. We learnt that he was a famous Calypso singer from the Caribbean (we really loved dancing to the calypso music!).

We then created a joint Year 2 display for the rest of the school to also learn about Aldwyn, who we also discovered, later changed his name to Lord Kitchener.

l o r d k i t c h e n e r



sweet jamaica

Year 3



During the last few weeks, Year 3 have been exploring the text 'Jemmy Button' which the children have been thoroughly enjoying. This week we have been retelling the story and both 3G and 3KS have created some fantastic pieces of writing which have showcased their understanding of the story and how to accurately use inverted commas.

A wonderful extract from a Theo's story:

'As soon as the visitors went home, Jemmy thought about them whilst sitting in the tree. He said quietly to himself "I wish the visitors were here now." '





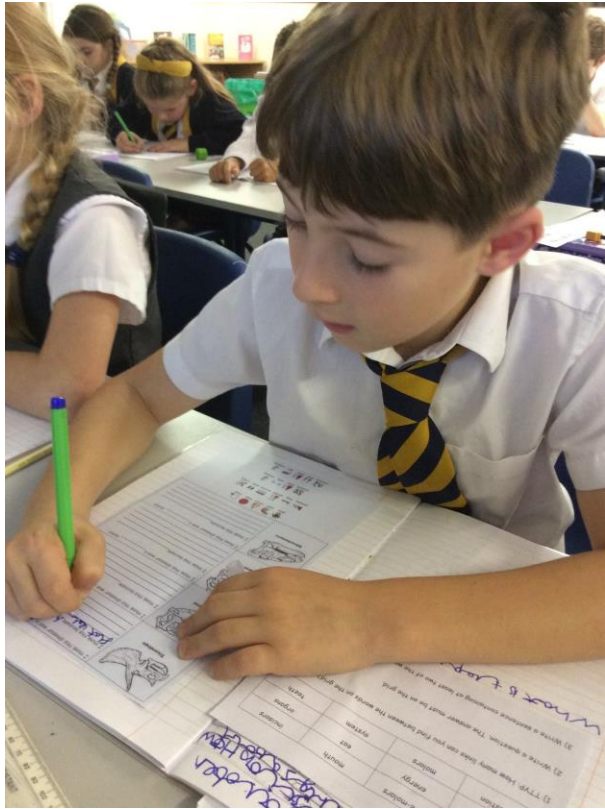
Year 4



YEAR 3

During Science, 4W and 4F have been exploring the fascinating world of teeth and fossils to unravel mysteries surrounding dinosaurs. The children uncovered secrets hidden within fossilised teeth and explored how these clues can be pieced together to gather information about dinosaurs and their diet. Great enquiry work, Year 4!







Year 5



YEAR 5

Year 5 have continued their work this week on Earth, Sun and Moon. Their focus this week has been learning about Katherine Johnson who was a famous American mathematician. Katherine was born on the 26th August 1918 in West Virginia, United States. Katherine is celebrated for her work with NASA in helping astronauts travel into space and arrive safely back on Earth.

As part of Year 5's learning about significant people as part of Black History Month, they have learnt about Maggie Pocock. She was born in London on the 9th of March 1968 and is famous for her space study and mechanical engineering. Children have then written a short biography about her life.



1 - Maggie Pocock



2 - Katherine Johnson

Year 6



Year 6 worked with Mrs Rawlinson taking part in a workshop, during this workshop they were asked to consider whether they agreed or disagreed with certain statements; the children considered their thoughts, shared their reasoning with the rest of the group and listened to what others had to say. The children learnt the importance of kindly challenging others when unkind things are said and the importance of supporting those around them.





3 - School Council!

Children in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 are invited to put themselves forward for school council representative for their class. They need to put together a paragraph to read to their class to explain why they would be a good choice for school council; elections will be held in class on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October and the first meeting will be after half term.

We are so very grateful for the huge amount of donations received for the Harvest Celebration. Thank you for your generosity! Thank you to

Father Andrew for a very interesting Harvest Assembly with fantastic singing.