



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -
No.24- Spring Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the world faces yet another terrible event, we think of the many children in Ukraine who at this time do not have the privilege of going to school and enjoying education as we do, and I am sure we are all hoping for a speedy resolution. This week Father Andrew suggested to the children that it would be lovely to plant a sunflower to acknowledge the difficulties that the people of Ukraine are facing as a symbol of hope; these will be sent home today and we look forward to seeing the flowers later this year.

Today our children have marked a really important day: raising money for Comic Relief and for the refugee crisis in the Ukraine. Well done to the school council and house captains who have demonstrated their leadership skills by organising these events. These opportunities allow our children to learn about the importance of contributing to the wider community and to understand the meaning of humanitarianism.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoying the spring like weather.

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

A message from Mr Smith: P.E Leader

At Staplehurst School we are determined to develop knowledge across all subject areas, including PE. We offer a broad range of sporting experiences that provide opportunities to develop creativity, resilience and character. We teach children to ensure that all pupils develop the fundamental skills

that will enable them to enjoy active and healthy lifestyles. During PE lessons, we discuss the importance of warming up, cooling down and explain how the skill being taught can be used across different sports, subjects and in general life. In addition, we develop cultural capital and confidence to travel up the pathway of success towards the abundant job opportunities in the sporting sector.

This half term, all children across the school have taken part in a disability sport: Sitting Volleyball, New Age Kurling or Boccia. It has been a pleasure to watch all children engage in a sport they have never played before.

Also a reminder that children must have their PE kits in school for their PE days. Please check with year group teachers to find out the day that kit needs to be at school.

Goodbyes and Farewells

It is with a heavy heart that today we see Miss. Apps depart Staplehurst School. Throughout her 17 years at Staplehurst, Miss. Apps has encompassed the PRIDE values and helped numerous children and families. We would like to thank her for her tremendous service to our school, she will be sorely missed and we wish her luck in her future endeavours.

Reading



At Staplehurst we want each pupil to develop a life-long passion for reading, a love of communicating and to be motivated, expressive writers from an early age. We have developed our curriculum with a focus on high quality literature, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

It has been wonderful to see so many children accessing the library in the extended opening hours and the exciting new books that we have been bought. Children can now enjoy being a book worm at lunch time and happily immerse themselves; I am sure you can imagine this has gone down a treat and the children love the option of reading at lunchtime in a special, quiet area dedicated to reading.

School Council



Staplehurst School Council care very much about road safety and last half term you might have seen us outside the school gates doing traffic surveys. We noticed that people have not been parking sensibly and have not been using the one way system. This means it is harder for the children to get into school.

We know that some parents have to drive their children to school. Have you considered parking further away from the school gates and walking the last bit of the journey? Walking to school is an excellent way to improve your fitness levels and is a cheap way to exercise. Walking also helps teach children about road safety so when they are older they can stay safe.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe?

- Follow the one way system
- Keep the school entrance clear
- Park away from the zigzags and yellow lines, being considerate to resident's driveways and pavement users
- Turn your engine off when you stop
- Find somewhere safe to park before letting your children out of the car

We will be back out next term to do another traffic survey.

Thank you for supporting us to help keep our school and our roads safe.

Pride Certificates

Name	Class	Reason
Noah DeCabral	EYG	Noah is an enthusiastic learner who is always eager to share his learning. It is wonderful to hear how he is sharing his learning about space at home as well as in school. Noah is also always incredibly polite to all adults in school. Well done Noah
Henry Vincent	EYKB	Henry's confidence has grown this term and he is challenging himself to work in different areas. Henry has made new friends as his confidence has grown. Henry is also working hard to improve his letter formation. Well done Henry.
Ross Smith	1C	This week Ross has shown great determination with his writing. His recent writing showed an excellent variety of sentence openers, great use of phonics and fantastic spelling of red words! It is wonderful to see Ross, well done!
Billy-Jim Pidgeley Smith	1S	This week, Billy-Jim has been a super star! He has shown great determination in all areas of learning and has been listening carefully in class. In History, Billy-Jim worked independently to create a timeline of how cars have changed over time. Well done, Billy-Jim!
Mason Patrice	2SS	Mason has shown a super attitude towards his learning this week. He has worked with great determination, throughout our assessments, and shown resilience when questions were tricky. Keep up the great work, Mason!
Mason Bridger	2S	This week Mason has shown resilience and determination during his assessments as well as confidence to share his knowledge about Florence Nightingale during the year 2 workshop. Well done Mason! Keep it up!
Leah Donovan-Smith	3S	Each week Leah demonstrates kindness and respect to those around her. This week in particular she has shown fantastic listening has followed instructions and has been a brilliant role model to the rest of the class. Well done and thank you Leah!
Amos Ackleton	3G	This week Amos has worked extremely hard to demonstrate a positive attitude towards his learning. He has been following the PRIDE values and challenging himself in his learning. I am particularly impressed with his determination and contribution in Maths. Keep it up Amos!
Tegan Brazil	4W	This week Tegan has shown a great attitude to learning and has demonstrated excellent listening skills. She has followed instructions and made a real effort to take part in discussions and complete her work. Keep up the good work!
Max Hartley	4C	Max has worked hard this week and taken an active role in class discussions. He has demonstrated his caring nature by helping and working with others near him in class. Well done Max!
Immy Hoadley	5K	Immy has had a brilliant attitude towards her learning and assessments this week. She has shown a great work ethic and applied her prior knowledge to be successful. Immy has also participated more in lessons. Well done Immy, keep it up!
Betsy Stonely	5R	Betsy always models our PRIDE values in everything she does. Her positivity and excellence shine through in all her work. She shows determination when faced with challenges (especially this week in our assessments). Thank you Betsy for being such a superstar!
Evelyn McPherson	6S	Evelyn consistently demonstrates our PRIDE values. She is incredibly respectful towards all members of the school community and the compassion she displays towards others is admirable. I would like to thank Evelyn for always coming into school with such a positive attitude and for taking the time to greet staff with, "Good morning! How are you today?" It is such a lovely start to the day! Thank you, Evelyn.
Skkye Sage	6T	Skkye at all times shows impeccable levels of respect to all around her and is an excellent role model for the school. She at all times puts exceptionally high standards of effort into her work, and is polite and courteous to all around her. Skkye's determination in her maths has been fantastic to see and I've loved seeing her confidence grow this term. Great work Skkye!

Pennies for the Ukraine



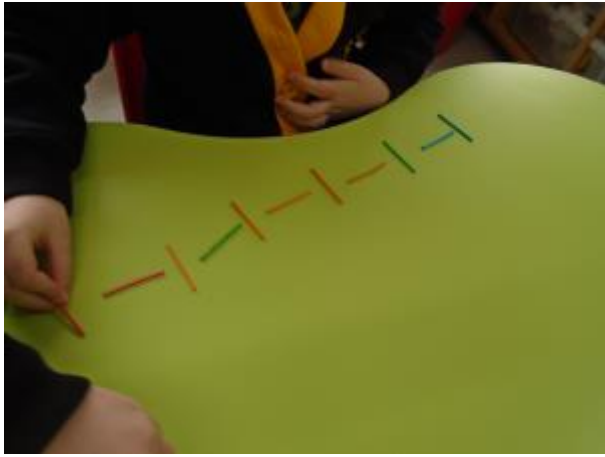
EYFS



YEAR 1

This week the children have continued learning about Space, this week focusing on the planets. We have been using books and powerpoints to learn facts about each planet, as well as listening to planet songs during snack. Many of the children can now order the planets! During child initiated learning, we have continued to make space rockets using different materials, as well as space backpacks to take into space. We have also been writing our own planet fact booklets. It is wonderful to see so many children developing their independent sentence writing skills.

In maths this week we have revisited our earlier work on repeating patterns, this time attempting to continue, then devise our own more complex patterns focusing on shape or object, rather than colour. The children developed some imaginative patterns during our group tasks.





Year 1





Year 1 had a fun PE lesson learning how to do a chest pass. They practised sitting on the floor before moving to doing it standing up. It was lovely to physically active in the fresh spring sunshine.

Year 2



This week Year 2 enjoyed learning about the life of Florence Nightingale and the impact she had on modern medicine. The PTA funded workshop saw Florence join the children, recreate the her journey to Crimea and describe what happened when she was there. The children asked brilliant questions and shared their prior knowledge too! What a wonderful workshop, a real highlight of the week!









Year 3



YEAR 3

This week Year 3 learnt all about colour mixing, we had lots of fun creating colours that would have been used in the Stone Age to create cave art. We mixed a range of different colours, and found out that adding white lightens a colour, adding black darkens a colour and adding blue makes a colour a lot deeper.





Year 4



YEAR 4

This term, Year 4 are studying dance by creating short sequences of movements. They put together jumps, balances, twists and steps and thought about how they could begin and end their sequence. Using great team work and communication skills they have produced some great routines!

In Science Year 4 are studying sound and have recently learnt more about pitch and amplitude. By playing various musical instruments they understood how to make the pitch of a sound higher or lower.





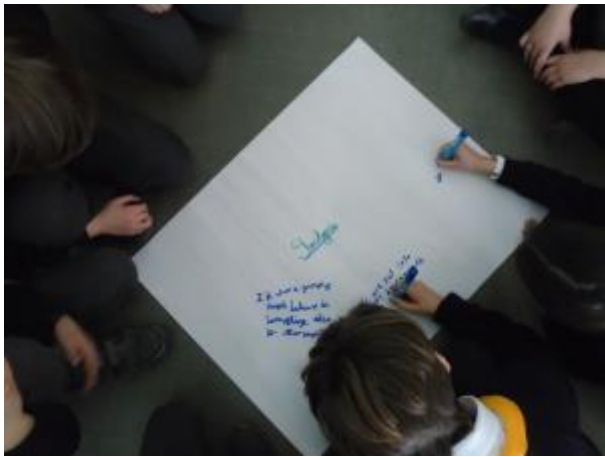
Year 5



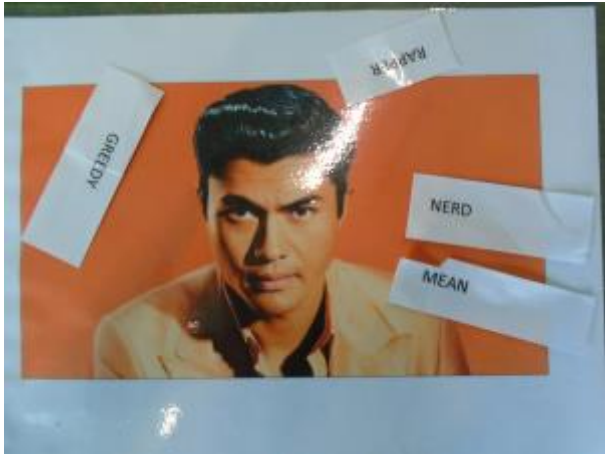
YEAR 5

On Tuesday this week, Year 5 had an anti-racism workshop with Zara Rawlinson from Panda Anti Racism Team. The children learnt about the meanings of words such as diversity, inclusivity, stereotype, equality, equity, and ally. They enjoyed taking part in an activity designed to challenge stereotypes by having to guess what a person is like from their image. We had an excellent discussion about the importance of the 5D's (document, distract, delay, delegate, direct) and what we would do in certain circumstances if we witnessed a racist incident. The children asked some well-constructed and thought-provoking questions around the topic of racism. The children really engaged with the topic and were still discussing it at the end of the day! Thank you to Zara from PART for a brilliant session!









Year 6



YEAR 6

This week our Year 6s started a new unit in maths: Algebra!

They have been investigating function machines, using formulae and finding unknowns in equations.

"I found the thought of doing algebra scary at first but I find it quite simple now. I enjoy simplifying equations – it's quite fun when you get the hang of it!" – Rhys

Rhys has included one of the reasoning challenges he has solved in this newsletter for you to try at home:

Enjoy!

True or False?

$$3n - 4 = k$$

✓ or ✗

When $n = 5$, $k = 31$

When $n = 5$, $k = 11$

When $n = 7$, $k = 6$



On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 took part in an anti-racism workshop with Zara Rawlinson from Panda Anti-Racism Team. The children took part in many engaging activities as they explored key words such as: diversity, inclusivity, stereotype, equality, equity, and ally. Throughout the afternoon the children also shared their knowledge from their Civil Rights lessons as they discussed influential figures and events from the past 100 years. Year 6 would like to pass on a huge thank you to Zara from PART for a fantastic workshop and for taking the time to answer all their questions.





Do you shop at Amazon?

You can help raise money for our charity at no cost to you. Anyone can raise donations, just follow the guide below.





STAPLEHURST SCHOOL PTA

Clothing collection

CLEAR YOUR CUPBOARDS AND HELP US RAISE MONEY. FILL A BIN BAG WITH YOUR DONATIONS AND PUT IN THE SHELTER AT MORNING DROP OFF. ITEMS MUST BE GOOD QUALITY FOR RE-USE. UNSUITABLE ITEMS WILL AFFECT OUR DONATION.

<p style="text-align: center;">Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOTHING • PAIRS OF SHOES (TIED TOGETHER OR WITH ELASTIC BAND AROUND) • HANDBAGS • HATS • BAGS • SCARVES AND TIES (NO SCHOOL TIES) • JEWELLERY • SOCKS • BELTS 	<p style="text-align: center;">No:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUVETS AND BLANKETS • PILLOWS /CUSHIONS • SOILED, RIPPED, FAINTED OR WET CLOTHES • SCHOOL UNIFORMS WITH AND WITHOUT LOGO • CORPORATE CLOTHING AND WORKWEAR • TEXTILE OFF CUTS, YARNS OR THREADED MATERIAL • HOUSEHOLD CURTAINS, TOWELS • HOUSEHOLD BEDDING (BED SHEETS, PILLOW CASES AND DUVET COVERS • SOFT TOYS
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Thu 31st March drop off

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3



1. Any time you want to buy something online, be it groceries or getaways, go to **easyfundraising** first.



2. Search for the shop or site you want and we'll take you there, so you can shop as normal.



3. When you check out you'll collect a free donation. It doesn't cost a penny extra!

[Go shopping](#)

How can you support Staplehurst School PTA?

6 Reasons to join

For the Children
Because it is needed for your child to show you value their education. The events we plan will improve your child's school experience.

For You
Fundraising is a rewarding experience, we plan to host many social events to raise money and also enjoy each others company.

For the School
Help the school to raise funds, have a voice in the purchases that are made to support the children.

Be Connected
There is no better way of knowing what's happening in school. Meet others that share the same common goals to help improve the school.

It is Fun!
We aim to enjoy ourselves in all our roles. From planning events to running a stall it's exciting.

Keep the PTA going
As parents leave school we need to keep the committee going. Come join our friendly team as many hands make light work.

6 Easy ways to help

Easyfundraising
Sign up to **Easy Fundraising** and you can donate on all your shops, at no cost to you.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/locations/staplehurst-school>

Amazon Smile
Sign up to **Amazon Smile** and you can donate on your shops, at no cost to you.
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and search for Staplehurst School

Your School Lottery
Tickets £1 each, with a guaranteed school cash of £1000 prize and a chance to win £25,000 jackpot weekly.
<https://www.governorslottery.com/lottery-to-help-staplehurst-school-pta>

Labelling for your child's property with Mylems Tags
By putting our school ID number on the checkout page we can get commission from MylemsTags
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Labelling for your child's property with Stikins
By putting our school fundraising number on the order page we can get commission from Stikins
<https://www.stikins.co.uk/home-labels> ID Number: 22274

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Football Five Star



Football Five Star - Easter Soccer School Dates!

7th and 8th April 2022 9.45am - 3.30pm at the Jubilee Playing Field Staplehurst TN12 ODS

£20 per day

10% discount for the 2nd sibling if booked together.

Book now to secure your child's place

Days will consist of technical training, tournaments and oodles of fun along with prizes and medals to be won