

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

### WELCOME BACK

It was lovely to see everyone returned and refreshed after the Easter Holiday. This is a very busy term and we are delighted the children are focused and ready for the challenges ahead.

### OUTDOOR SCIENCE

Year 5 started their new Science topic "Living Things and their habitats" this week, and took advantage of the good weather to get out and look in the school pond. As well as several PE cones and some balls, they were lucky enough to spot a couple of frogs and some water beetles! The children loved using the nets and they mostly managed to stay dry!



### ATTENDANCE MONITORING

As part of our new robust system for monitoring attendance your child should have come home with a letter to let you know your child's percentage attendance since the start of the academic year. We are pleased to say that 249 pupils have achieved over 95% attendance which falls within the target we are set as a school.

The Let's Get Better campaign is being launched on Monday with two assemblies to the children. This campaign will run until the end of the summer term and will include coffee mornings, drop ins, attendance meetings and presentations to parents

Also don't forget our parents' information evening on **30 April at 6.30pm** in the Junior Hall. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

### NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is now live. We are continually adding new information so do visit the site to see how it looks. If you have any feedback, good or bad, please let us know.

### WARMER WEATHER

We have been very lucky to return to lovely weather this week. Can we remind you that children may now wear summer uniform and also ask that you apply sun cream on sunny days and ensure your child has a sunhat and water bottle every day. Please note that children should not be bringing sunglasses into school unless there is a medical need.

### MEASLES

Public Health England (PHE) South East is urging people in Kent and Medway to check they are up-to-date with two doses of MMR vaccine. The call comes following 5 confirmed cases of measles since mid-March 2018 in the Medway and Swale areas.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and lead to serious complications, especially in people with immune problems, pregnant women, and in babies younger than one year.

Symptoms of measles typically include:

- high fever (temperature of 39°C or higher)
- sore, red, watery eyes
- coughing
- aching and feeling generally unwell
- a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears 2-4 days after the initial symptoms.

For more information about measles, see [NHS Choices](#)

## TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to welcome the Travelling Book Fair into school on Thursday 3 May. The fair will be in the infant hall, and open each evening after school until 8 May. Your children will be bringing home a booklet to show you the types of books available. Please support the fair if you can, as the more you buy for your children, the more books we can earn for the school.

## SAVE YOUR 5PS AND 10PS!

During the month of May the Year 6s will be invited to save up as many 5p and 10p coins as they can, to donate to the Leavers' party fund. They would be delighted if any pupils from other year groups would also like to collect for them. There will be a tasty prize for whoever comes up with the most imaginative way of holding/displaying their donated coins. Please bring your collection to the Office the week after the May half-term, thank you.

## 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 **96.22%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **209** who achieved the highest attendance this week with a fantastic **99.28%**.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
27 April	Early Years	Year 6
4 May	Year 1	Year 5
11 May	Year 2	Year 4
18 May	Early Years	Year 3
25 May	Year 1	Year 6
8 June	Year 2	Year 5
15 June	Early Years	Year 4
22 June	Year 1	Year 3
29 June	Year 2	Year 6
6 July	Early Years	Year 5
13 July	Year 1	Year 4

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 23.04.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

w/c 30.04.18 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

## BUSTER'S BIG BASH

Buster's Big Bash is now open for booking! This free family event takes place on the morning of Saturday 12 May in Dane John Gardens, Canterbury. It is a celebration of the achievements of pupils in schools using Green travel and Literacy schemes. As well as taking part in a record-attempt walking bus crocodile through Canterbury, children will complete a series of physical and sporting challenges, learn circus skills, race space hoppers and enjoy the go-karts. You can take your teddy bears and have a picnic in front of the circus show. Some special guests are rumoured to be attending this year...keep your eyes peeled for Buster and his friends! Check out this link for more details and to book your free place: <http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/walktoschool/bigbash/>

Places are first-come first served and goody bags will be allocated to the first 300 children checking in at 9.45am on the day. All children who complete the challenge activities will receive attraction vouchers. Please address any queries to: [chayes@thekmgroupp.co.uk](mailto:chayes@thekmgroupp.co.uk)

## JEWELLERY REMINDER

If pupils wish to wear earrings to school they should be plain studs only. It is against school uniform policy to wear more than one earring in each ear. Also, if anyone is thinking of getting their child's ears pierced the best time is the **start** of the summer holiday to avoid missing out on PE.

## KARATE ACHIEVERS

We would like to congratulate Tegan R Y6 and James S Y5 who after a 3 hour grading achieved their Red belt in karate. Also Remi R in Y1 passed her grading and is now a Yellow belt. These achievements are outstanding considering the ages of the children. Very well done.

## STAFF CHANGES

During the Easter Holidays we said goodbye to Miss Hamilton and Mrs Evans. We are pleased to say that Miss Wright has agreed to remain as the class teacher in 4H for the remainder of the school year. In 4R Miss Reid will continue to teach on Mondays-Wednesday and Mr Crompton has joined us on Thursdays and Fridays.

## CHARITY WALK

Mrs Leppard undertook her Charity Walk over the Easter break and we hope to update you next week on how she got on. In the meantime if you would like to sponsor Mrs Leppard the link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/julieleppard2017> or you can drop a donation into the office. Thanks very much!

## INVICTA OPEN EVENTS

If any of our current year 5 girls are hoping to take the 11+ and considering going Grammar School, Invicta are holding the following events:-

Monday 21 May – Open Evening 6pm – 8pm

Saturday 23 June- Experience Day 8.30am – 1pm

Tuesday 26 June – 11+ Open Morning 9am – 10.30am

Tuesday 3 July – 11+ Open Afternoon 2pm – 3.15pm

If you require more information on these events please contact Invicta on 01622 755856 or visit the website [www.invicta.viat.org.uk](http://www.invicta.viat.org.uk). If you wish to book an event use the online booking system <http://bookings.invicta.org.uk>.

## PTA NEWS

### PTA DISCOS

There will be 3 separate discos held for all Staplehurst School children only on Friday 27 April 2018.

Early years 3.30pm to 4.15pm £3 entry includes drink, crisps and finger light (a separate letter was sent home, please return slip and money back to office asap.

Years 1, 2 and 3 Disco 4.30pm to 5.45pm £4 entry ticket only.

Years 4, 5, and 6 Disco 6pm to 7.30pm £4 entry ticket only.

Tuck shop open at both discos where children can purchase drinks, crisps, sweets and disco novelty lights.

**Tickets will be on sale at the school gate from Monday next week at both drop off and pick up times.**

**Please note: no parents /carers at all discos.**

Parents/Carers will drop their child at the door of the Junior Hall with their completed entry ticket (on sale week commencing 23 April). Entry tickets will need to be completed in advance.

Children will enter the hall where there will be Teachers and PTA Members on hand to look after and assist them at their age related disco.

At the end of the discos Parent/Carers will be able to come into the hall where children will be sitting in their year groups. Children will not be allowed to leave unless accompanied by an adult.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CHAPEL LANE PRE-SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON

Chapel Lane Pre-school is holding an Open Afternoon on Monday 23 April from 1.00 to 2.30pm. All parents, carers and children of current and prospective parents are welcome to go along and visit to meet the staff and see this lovely and Outstanding pre-school in action.

For more information about Chapel Lane Pre-School visit [www.chapellanepreschool.org.uk](http://www.chapellanepreschool.org.uk), telephone 07929 074083 or email [chapel.lane@hotmail.com](mailto:chapel.lane@hotmail.com)

### STAPLEHURST UNDER 5S PLAYGROUP JUMBLE

Staplehurst Under 5s Playgroup is holding a jumble sale on Saturday 28 April between 10am and 12:30pm at the Free Church on Station Road. Entry is £1 per adult and children are free. Stalls are just £5 and you can book via email at [under5events@gmail.com](mailto:under5events@gmail.com).

### STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 5 May is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. The theme this month is 'God is with us all the time' with all things messy and creative as usual. You can make jam jar lights, bead bracelets, globe biscuits, family circles and a mega paper chain. 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.

### COMMUNITY DIARY DATES



5 May – Plant Sale at the Village Centre  
9 and 10 June – Staplehurst Open Gardens  
15 July – Staplehurst Manor Summer Fayre

Look out for more information in future newsletters!

## DIARY DATES

### Wednesday 25 April

Early Years 'Space Day' and Celebration Assembly at 2pm

### Friday 27 April

Year R – PTA Disco 3.30pm – 4.15pm  
Year 1, 2 & 3 – PTA Disco 4.30pm – 5.45 pm  
Year 4, 5 & 6 – PTA Disco 6pm – 7.30pm

### Monday 30 April

Attendance Information Meeting 6.30pm

### Monday 7 May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

### Tuesday 22 May

Parent Drop In (Years R, 1, 3, 4 and 5)

### Wednesday 23 May

Year 3 Trip to Dover Museum

### Friday 25 May

Last day of Term 5

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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.