

Staplehurst School



NEWSLETTER

PRIDE

Positivity

Respect

Independence

Determination

Excellence

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

SCHOOL NEWS

PTA – SUMMER FAIR NEWS

2 Weeks To Go – Summer Fair 23 June, 12 to 4pm

We are really excited about the Summer Fair coming up soon on 23 June. The PTA are still looking for plenty of helpers so please sign up on the sheets outside the classrooms or fill in the slip on the enclosed letter. You can also choose which stall you help on by speaking to a PTA member after the celebration assemblies on the next few Fridays.

The PTA will be sending out plates for cake contributions for the refreshments stall nearer the time. As always we thank you for all your donations. If you are kindly donating bought cakes, please provide them in the unopened original packaging.

We hope everyone can come and join in the fun.

SPORTS DAY

Weather permitting we are hoping to hold Sports Day this Wednesday 13 June. It will be KS2 (Years 3-6) in the morning and KS1 (Year R,1&2) in the afternoon. Parents are invited to come along and support their children; please go straight round to the field. For KS2 please arrive for 9.15am and for KS1 please arrive for 1.30pm. Please ensure your child has their PE kit, including running shoes with them on that day along with a water bottle, hat and sun cream. Team colour stickers will be provided. KS2 please wear a coloured T-Shirt to represent your house colour.

PHOTOS OF SCHOOL EVENTS

We would like to remind parents that if you take any photos of your children on school site, either within the building or outside, you **must NOT include any other children in the picture**. Some of our children are not legally allowed to have their photo shared and could be put at risk if any photo of them is uploaded electronically. **The safety of all our school children is paramount.** The school has a duty of care to protect vulnerable children and it is essential that these media rules are adhered to by the whole school community. Thank you for your co-operation.

CONGRATULATIONS MR GLAZIER

We are sure you would like to join us in congratulating Mr Glazier and his wife on the safe arrival of their new baby daughter Elsie Fay Glazier, who was born at on 31 May. Mother and baby are both doing well.

YEAR 6 KINGSWOOD

Our Year 6 adventurers are now back safe, sound and exhausted from their residential trip to Kingswood. They all had a marvellous time and experienced many new activities. If you have not already had a chance to look at the blog, it is still available on the school website: go to Pupil e-zone then click on **Kingswood Blog**.



OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

Staplehurst Open Gardens is **this weekend!** Programmes cost £5 and give free entry to 19 beautiful gardens in and around Staplehurst, with refreshments offered at some venues.

Our Staplehurst School Garden will be open, and is looking both beautiful and productive: do come along to support the Gardening Club and the volunteers who help.

Buy your programme from: 'Made by Kent' or ring 891258 or 891225 or email maryhenley@zulogic.co.uk

EARLY YEARS VISIT THE RAREBREEDS

On Wednesday our Early Years went on their very first school trip to the Rare Breeds Centre. The children had a wonderful day looking at the animals, going on a trailer ride and listening to a talk all about how to look after animals. Our staff were very proud of how well the children behaved.



FOREST SCHOOL

On Monday, a small group of Year 3 and 4 children were invited to Benenden Girls' School for a morning of forest school. The children channelled their inner wild side and explored the woods, building dens, toasting marshmallows on a campfire, and making some fantastic nature art. All of the children had a fantastic morning and showed strong teamwork, resilience and problem solving skills.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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 11.06.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4
w/c 18.06.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a fantastic science resource within our grounds but it is in dire need of a clean and tidy up. We are seeking volunteers from our parents/carers to be part of a working group to help clear up the pond area. If you are interested in becoming involved please give your name to the office. Thank you.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Staplehurst School has a Facebook page. **Like** and **Follow** us to keep up to date with news and reminders.



ATTENDANCE

The Department for Education's target for attendance is 95%. We always strive for 100%.

Whole school attendance

Attendance for the whole school for the week is **92.92%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5G17** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **98.85%**.

PROTECTING YOUR DETAILS (GDPR)

The Governing Body is committed to protecting your personal information. As part of this commitment the Governing Body has updated the School's Privacy Notice. The Privacy Notice is enclosed with this newsletter and published on our website at <http://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/school-info/policies> – it explains what information we hold about you and your child(ren); and how we collect, use and share this information. If you have any questions please contact DPO@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk.

DRIVING ONTO SCHOOL PREMISES

Please may we remind you that when dropping off and collecting your child, even for Breakfast Club or from after school clubs, you do NOT drive onto school premises. Thank you for your cooperation.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

There is still availability for the Table Tennis Club after school on Friday afternoons. If your child would be interested then please come to the office for more information.

SPONSORED READ

Sunday is the last day for the sponsored read - so there is still time to get some sponsorship for all that reading you have been doing! Please can all sponsorship forms and money (if not paid online) be returned to class teachers or the office by next Friday 15th June. Thank you again for your support.

ONLINE GAMES: HELPING CHILDREN TO PLAY SAFE

Gaming can be a great way for young people to relax, socialise with their friends and have fun. Children can play on games consoles, apps or websites, and chat to other players or watch them play through live streaming.

But there are some dangers. And with so many games available online, it can be hard for parents to know how to keep their child safe.

What are the risks of online games?

Children may view inappropriate or upsetting content if they play games that aren't suitable for their age. This could include sexual or violent material. It might be in-game content or produced by other players.

Some players can be abusive towards others or try to exclude them from the game. Some players may also hack another user's account or try to steal and destroy their virtual possessions. This can be as upsetting for a young person as if it happened in real life.

Children may play with adults they don't know. People of all ages play games. Some adults may exploit this and try to build an emotional connection with a child for the purpose of grooming.

Some children may find it hard to stop playing games or find that gaming is getting the way of them doing other activities.

5 ways to help children play safe:

1. Check the game's content – Always check age ratings but remember they don't cover everything. It's important to check the game out yourself before letting a young child play it.

2. Know how to mute, block and report – Help children understand that people they meet online may not always be who they claim to be. Some games let you mute, block and report other users. Make sure your child knows how to do this if someone in the game upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable. Remind your child they can come to you if they're ever worried.

3. Be Share Aware – Remind your child not to give out any personal information, photos or videos to anyone online, even if they know them. If your child plays games with people they don't know, remind them not to take the conversation off the game, onto other social networks or into a private chat.

4. Activate safety settings – turn on parental controls on gaming consoles to help prevent children from downloading age inappropriate games or seeing harmful material.

5. Keep the conversation going – have regular conversations with your child about staying safe online. Agree what games are suitable for them to play and help them understand why others are inappropriate. Talk to them about the types of games they may be watching on game streaming sites.

Remind them they should tell a trusted adult, like a teacher or parent, if they see or hear something that upsets them when gaming.

YEAR 5 – PESE 2019 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registration for the 11+ opens on the 1 June and closes on the 2 July. Parents will be able to register online by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/ola, or fill in a paper registration form, which will be available at the office after 1 June.

We welcomed our current Year 5 parents and carers to an information evening this week. We've had some really positive feedback so it was good to know that parents found it helpful. The presentation slides are on our website.

YEAR 6 – HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Parents of our current Year 6 children will need to apply to Kent County Council for transport to secondary schools using Form T1. You can apply online www.kent.gov.uk/schooltransport or paper copies are available from the office. Applications must be made by the end of July to ensure the travel pass is ready for the start of term in September.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

On Friday 22 June there will be a Disco at Staplehurst Cricket Club for children in years 3-6 (KS2 age group) from 5-7pm.

Tickets are just £5 and include a hot dog and drink; cookies and doughnuts will be available to purchase for 50p each.

Tickets will be on sale on the school gates on 14 and 15 June or phone/text Rachael Fagg on 07973 469216 and Anne-Marie Woodcock on 07801 705765. There is also a small number available from the office.

The children that attended last year had a great time so get your tickets quick.

Parents are welcome to drop off children or stay, the bar will be open!

YEAR 6 – SAVE YOUR 5PS AND 10PS!

We have had a great response to the fundraiser and we've extended the deadline to Tuesday morning to allow more time as the Year 6s have been away this week. Mrs Stevenson will be judging entries on Tuesday and we will announce the winner on next week's Newsletter.

SEPTEMBER 2018 AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Harlequin Out of School Clubs (HOSC) will be providing our new After School Care facility here at Staplehurst School from September.

Please see enclosed flyer for more information or contact them direct at www.hosc.co.uk/contact_us.

HARLEQUIN IS RECRUITING

Harlequin would like to recruit staff locally for the After School Club which opens in September 2018. They are recruiting trained and untrained staff to work alongside their trained team.

Hours will be 7-26 hours per week. Paid annual leave, company pension, etc.

If you would like more information please email alison@hosc.co.uk

PTA NEWS

CAR BOOT FAIR 8 JULY 2018

The PTA is excited to announce that we will be hosting a car boot fair on Sunday 8 July 2018 if there is enough interest to support this.

The charge for a stall will be £10.00. If you are interested please leave your contact details with the office.

EASY FUNDRAISING

The PTA have registered with easyfundraising and need your help!

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help our PTA raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staplehurstpta/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

WATER SAVVY FUN DAY – 16 JUNE

On Saturday 16 June, Kent Fire and Rescue Service will be hosting a Water Savvy Fun Day at Bewl Water in Tunbridge Wells, 10am-2pm. This is free family fun event, and the first of its kind. It's set to be an opportunity for everyone to learn about how to stay safe around water while having fun.

There will be lots of exciting activities happening on the day, such a live water rescue demos from firefighters, Splashpals Newfoundland dog water displays, chances to climb aboard a fire engine and get in a rescue boat, and much more.

More details can be found here – www.kent.fire-uk.orhg/waterfunday

SAVE THE DATE



15 July – Staplehurst Manor Summer Fayre
Look out for more information in future newsletters!

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 13 June

Sports Day

Friday 15 June

Year 2 Trip to Port Lympne

Saturday 23 June

PTA Summer Fair (12-4pm)

Tuesday 26 June

Year 5 Trip to London Museum

Saturday 8 July

PTA Car Boot Fair (TBC)

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

PTA Summer Fair – Request for Helpers

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.