

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

1 Week 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 next Friday.

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

We hope everyone can come and join in the fun.

### YEAR 6 SAFETY IN ACTION

On Tuesday, Year 6 attended 'Safety in Action', which is an annual event held at Maidstone Barracks. They learnt about how to keep safe in a variety of situations, including water safety, electrical safety, safety in the home, first aid, road safety and e-safety.

### YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY

Over the past two weeks, some of Year 5 pupils have been taking part in Bikeability. This is a valuable life skill for the children and the organisers complimented the children on how well they listened and participated.



### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 18.06.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

w/c 25.06.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

### SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday the sun shone and our Sports Day was a huge success. The children showed great sportsmanship and were cheered on by their friends, team members and families who were able to come along. We had a thrilling Teachers' Race this year and congratulations go to the winner Mr Glazier. Blue House proved very strong this year and won the most points over the whole day.



### YEAR 5 INVESTIGATE BARN OWLS

Year 5 have been very fortunate to once again be part of a conservation study of Barn owls in the Marden area. This year, they looked at pellets from two different farms to the north and south of the village and analysed them to see what the owls had been eating. The children absolutely loved dissecting the pellets and were fascinated by the bones of rodents and shrews that they found. This tied in really well to their science topic of Living Things and their habitats. We would like to thank Chris Roome, our Chair of Governors for organising, and Ray Morris for supplying the pellets.



## HARLEQUIN AFTER SCHOOL CARE

On Wednesday 20 June Harlequin will be showcasing their after school care that will be on offer from September. We hope as many parents and carers will be able to attend to find out about this fantastic new provision. This will be held in the Junior Hall at 6pm.

They will also be at the school gates after school on Friday 22 June and between 8am and 9.30am on 10 July and Friday 13 July to hand out leaflets and answer any questions you may have.

## SPONSORED READ

We've extended the deadline for the sponsored read until Monday 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 **Monday 18 June**. Thank you again for your support.

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PARTY FUNDRAISING

The Year 6 Leavers would like to thank those pupils who sent in their small change to raise funds for their end of year party. There was a good response to this fund raising event and we raised £174.39 which is a fantastic result. There were some very imaginative ways of displaying the money and Mrs Stevenson had a hard job to decide which one was the best. The winner will be announced in assembly on Monday. Thank you to everyone who took part.

## RECOGNISED GOOD BEHAVIOUR

This week we have had many visitors from secondary schools and it has been commented on, on more than one occasion, what a lovely school this is and how well-behaved and well-mannered our children are. This is a great endorsement of Staplehurst School and thank you for showing our visitors just how good you are. Well done.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
22 June	Year 1	Year 3
29 June	Year 2	Year 6
6 July	Early Years	Year 5
13 July	Year 1	Year 4

## 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.

## GOVERNOR NEWS

We are delighted to welcome two new Governors to the school's Governing Body. Chris Gooch has been appointed as a Co-opted Governor and Matt Astbury as a Parent Governor – both for terms of four years. As you are aware, Parent Governors are usually appointed via an election. Since there were no nominees for the election which ran earlier this academic year, the regulations state that the Governing Body may appoint a

parent who has, in their opinion, the skills to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school.

## 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 **91.26%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **4R13** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **98.65%**.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola), or fill in a paper registration form, which will be available at the office after 1 June.

#### 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](http://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 from the office or phone/text Rachael Fagg on 07973 469216 and Anne-Marie Woodcock on 07801 705765.

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!

#### 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](mailto: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 has 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/staplehurstscpta/>

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

##### WATER SAVVY FUN DAY – 16 JUNE

Tomorrow, 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](http://www.kent.fire-uk.orhg/waterfunday)

## **BOWER GROVE PARENT SUPPORT MEETING**

On Friday 29 June from 10.15am to 11.40am Bower Grove is hosting a workshop –“Understanding and Supporting Children’s Social Emotional and Mental Health”.

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH SUMMER FAYRE**

On Saturday 14 July, All Saints Church is holding its Summer Fayre at Staplehurst Manor between 12 and 4pm. There will be a variety of stalls so do go along for a great family day out.

## **DIARY DATES**

### **Wednesday 20 June**

Presentation by Harlequin (6pm)

### **Friday 22 June**

Disco for Years 3-6 at the Cricket Club (5pm)

### **Saturday 23 June**

PTA Summer Fair (12-4pm)

### **Tuesday 26 June**

Year 5 Trip to London Museum

### **Sunday 8 July**

PTA Car Boot Fair (TBC)

### **Monday 9 July**

Year 6 Performance to Parents 7pm

### **Wednesday 11 July**

Year 6 Performance to Parents 1.45pm

## **WITH THIS NEWSLETTER**

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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.