

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

### SUMMER FAIR TOMORROW

**ROLL UP, ROLL UP, the Summer Fair will be at school tomorrow 12 to 4pm**

The Fair opens at 12 noon tomorrow and we hope that as many of you as possible will join us for what will be a fantastic day. The weather is due to be dry and warm, so why not bring your picnic blanket and sit on the field enjoying the BBQ and refreshments and listening to the live music.

Your support is invaluable to help provide much needed funds for the school. So please do come along and browse the many stalls and bring your family and friends. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

### YEAR 2 VISIT PORT LYMPNE

On Friday year 2 spent an exciting day at Port Lympne Wild Life Park supporting their Topic "Sensational Safari". The children and staff experienced the Safari Trail and saw a five day old giraffe. They saw life-sized model dinosaurs in the Dinosaur Forest and after the hill climb to the coach on the way home they all had a sleep before arriving back at school.



### HARLEQUIN AFTER SCHOOL CARE

On Wednesday evening Harlequin came in to showcase their After School Care that will be on offer from September. We have some registration forms in the office for anyone who is interested in a place for their child. Harlequin will also be at the school gates 8-9.30am on Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 July to hand out leaflets and answer any questions you may have.

### WALK ON WEDNESDAY AWARD

Mrs Laslett went to Leeds Castle on 12 June for a presentation of the WOW scheme awards, held by Kent Messenger. We are delighted to have been presented with the Platinum Award for green travel. Well done to you all for embracing the Walk On Wednesday scheme and making our community a healthier and happier place to travel.



### KENT MESSENGER'S WALK TO SCHOOL SONG CONTEST

Our school was lucky enough to be just one of just five schools in Kent selected to take part in the finals of Kent Messenger's Charity Team Walk to School Song Contest 2018. Tallulah 1B, Isla and Bliss 4H and Robin 4R went along to Your Music School in Canterbury yesterday to participate in the studio recording of their own version of the S Club 7 hit Reach for the Stars, called Walk to Your School. The group called themselves The Staplehurst School Buddies and had a fantastic time: they hope to enter again next year! In the meantime they performed their song in assembly today.



## 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. We raised a fantastic £174.39 and Mrs Stevenson had a difficult job to decide the best display of coins. The runners up all received a small gift but the winner of the most imaginative display was Matthew O in 6C. He is now the recipient of a very tasty hamper box provided by Mrs LeGrande, one of our Year 6 parents. Thank you to everyone who took part.



## PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council held their final meeting for the academic year this week. The agenda was to review the year's progress and there were two main objectives; to improve the transition for our Year 6 pupils and 'mindfulness' training.

The Year 6 transition program is now in place with discussions on bus and train timetables, organisation and time management, expectations of behaviour, homework, staying safe and next month a number of former Staplehurst School students will be coming in to Year 6 about their experiences and to answer questions.

Mindfulness coaching will begin in Autumn 2018 with a view to helping all students focus on their learning.

If you have any ideas on how the Parent Council can help improve our students experience in school then please email [office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk) or speak to a Parent Council Representative. Details and minutes are published on the school website.

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS

We expect children to be in school by 8.45am each day and once the second bell has rung the wooden gate for entry to the classrooms 1-13 is closed and all pupils should be brought into school via the office as they **must** be signed in by an adult. For health and safety reasons please do not open the wooden gate after it has been closed as staff are not present to watch late arrivals and ensure their safe arrival into the classrooms.

## SCHOOL PREMISES

For safeguarding reasons can parents and carers please ensure that they leave the school grounds as soon as they have collected their children at the end of the school day.

## MENU CHANGE – AMERICAN DAY

On Tuesday 3 July Contract Dining have a change of menu for American Day. The menu will be as follows:-

Houston Hot Dogs  
Vegas Veggie Hot Dogs  
Boston Baked Beans  
South Carolina Sweetcorn  
Manhattan Mixed Salad

Philadelphia Pancakes

## YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING DISCO – 5-7PM – TONIGHT

Thanks to all of you who have bought tickets for this evening's KS2 disco at the Cricket Club. Please remember to complete your details and bring your ticket with you. **There will be no tickets available on the door.** Cookies and doughnuts will be on sale for 50p each.

The Year 6 organisers look forward to seeing you there! Parents are welcome to drop off children or stay, the bar will be open!

## FOOTBALL NEXT SEASON

With the new football season just around the corner, Mr Littleton and Mr Amos are looking for new recruits and returning heroes to join Staplehurst School FC. Boys and girls are welcome to join as we will be entering mixed gender tournaments throughout the next academic year. Look out for letters in September!

## 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 **94.57%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **4R13** who achieved the highest attendance this week with a perfect **100%**.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

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

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 25.06.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6  
w/c 02.07.18 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

## 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 co-operation.

## YEAR 5 – PESE 2019 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registration for the 11+ 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 are available from the office.

## 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.

## 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)

## 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.

## 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/staplehurstscpta/>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BOWER GROVE PARENT SUPPORT MTG

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

## STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH – 14 JULY

Saturday 14 July is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. It's going to be an active one with a 'Staplehurst selfie challenge'. Go prepared with a device to take selfies on a village selfie hunt - will you be able to hunt down a list of various Staplehurst landmarks and take photo selfie evidence to bring back to church? Can you complete the challenge in time for tea and ice-creams at 5pm, all of which will be provided as your reward? Do go along and join in the fun and friendship of our last Messy Church of this school year, starting from the United Reformed Church anytime between 3:30 and 4pm. See you there!

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SUMMER FETE AND DOG SHOW

The All Saints Church Summer Fete and Dog Show is being held on Saturday 4 August between 12 and 4pm in the grounds of Staplehurst Manor. There will be a variety of stalls so do go along for a great family day out. We apologise for the wrong information sent last week.

## DIARY DATES

### 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

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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.

