

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

IMPROVING SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about activities, events and things that really matter is something we care about.

By now you should have received a registration link for ParentMail via Email/SMS which is our new system for communication and payments that we will be using from **4 September 2018**. From this date you will no longer receive texts or emails from the school unless you have signed up and you will no longer be able to pay for school lunches, uniform, etc., via Scopay. This is a service used by over 6,000 schools, nurseries and children's clubs to communicate to parents. ParentMail will be beneficial to you because you can:

- Use a free mobile app on Android and iOS to pick up school messages instantly.
- Top up dinner money or pay for schools trips/items in just a few taps.
- Complete forms, give consent/permissions and give feedback on surveys.
- Keep on top of school meetings and events.
- Book parents' evening appointments.
- And much, much more!

Registering with ParentMail is very easy! Once you've received your registration link just follow the instructions in the message.

Please be assured that ParentMail is registered with the Information Commissioner and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we highly recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

As at 2.30pm today 183 (30%) parents/carers have registered already!

CAR BOOT FAIR 8 JULY 2018

This weekend, the PTA is holding its first car boot fair on Sunday 8 July 2018 from 8am to 12noon.

The charge for a stall will be £10.00 (cars) and £12.00 (vans).

YEAR 6 SHOW ENTERPRISE

The pupils in Year 6 have been working with Mr Glazier to set up their own businesses. Starting with just £5 they have been budgeting, marketing, advertising and went live this week selling their wares on the 3/4 and 5/6 playgrounds. Their objective was to make as much money as possible to donate to their chosen charity JDRC which supports people with type 1 diabetes.



TRANSITION MEETINGS

We are working hard to organise our teaching arrangements for the children as they move up to the next academic year. You are invited to attend the following meetings:

Year R and Year 1 moving to Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 11 July at 5.30pm in the Junior Hall

Year 2 moving to Year 3
Friday 13 July at 3.30pm in the Junior Hall

Years 3, 4 and 5 moving to Years 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 12 July at 3.30pm in the Junior Hall

PowerPoint presentations will be posted on our website for those of you who are unable to come along.

SUMMER CONCERT

On Wednesday, this year's Choir performed their last concert to parents at All Saints Church. It was a wonderful show which included a wide variety of songs, including a special request from the children for 'This is Me' from the film 'The World's Greatest Showman'. The children behaved impeccably and we would also like to thank the families who came along to support them.

WEDDING NEWS

Please don't be confused in September when we all come back to school. Miss Backhouse is getting married during the summer holidays and when she returns her married name will be Mrs Slow, but don't worry, she won't be!! We wish her good luck on her special day!

FLASH SALE

For one day only, Wednesday 11 July, Staplehurst School reversible fleece jackets are only **£10**. Please contact the office if you are interested; all sizes available.

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.

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 **93.59%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **1L6** who achieved the highest attendance this week with a fantastic **100%**.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

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

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 09.07.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

w/c 16.07.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

YEAR 5 – PESE 2019 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registrations for the Kent Test closed on 2 July 2018 for children due to start secondary school in September 2019. If you missed this deadline, contact kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk detailing your child's name, date of birth, full postal address, current school and an explanation as to why they did not apply on time.

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 13 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

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

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

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!

FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

Football Five Star will be running not one but two of their ever popular courses at Jubilee Sports Field during the upcoming summer holidays:

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 August

Thursday 23 and Friday 24 August

These should prove to be great pre-season training for children. To book your child's place please use the following link below:

<https://footballfivestar.co.uk/holchoice.html>

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Are your children hooked on The Greatest Showman? Lots of parents can't get away from it! But do you know why we are all so captivated by it? Because it makes us feel good, the feeling of knowing that anything is possible if you believe it to be. Where focus goes, energy flows. It is the Law of Attraction.

Would you like your children to take part in an activity programme over the summer which is inspired by the Law of Attraction? Teaching your children in a very subtle way about self-belief, goal setting, positive growth mindset and gratitude amongst others. The cost of the activity bundle is £44, for all the details please head over to www.theartofnow.co.uk/new.

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.

HOTSHOTZ MULTISPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

Hotshotz Multisports are returning in the summer holidays to run tennis and hockey clubs at Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club. For further information on availability and pricing, contact admin@hotshotz.co.uk or call 07932 573888.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 8 July

PTA Car Boot Fair

Monday 9 July

Year 6 Performance to Parents 7pm

Wednesday 11 July

Year 6 Performance to Parents 1.45pm

Transition Meeting Years 1-2 (from Sept) 5.30pm

Thursday 12 July

Transition Meeting Years 4-6 (from Sept) 3.30pm

Friday 13 July

Transition Meeting Year 3 (from Sept) 3.30pm

Thursday 19 July

Leavers' Assembly

Friday 20 July

Last day of summer term

Tuesday 4 September

2018-19 Term 1 begins

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.