

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

WELCOME BACK

We have had an excellent start to our Autumn Term 2018, all the children have returned enthusiastic and eager to find out the new topics they are going to study. New children have joined us and we hope they will be very happy here at Staplehurst; we look forward to welcoming our new intake of Reception children on Monday.

WELCOME BACK BBQ AND GAMES

The teachers and PTA would like to invite everyone in the school community to a welcome back BBQ tomorrow, Saturday 8 September, to mark the start of this school year. We hope as many school families will be able to join us, have some fun together, and get into the swing of things after the holidays. There will be a BBQ with sausages, burgers and a veggie option, a bar, rounders and hopefully some other games on the field. Free entry. 12-3pm, Saturday 8 September.

NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

I am sure you will join us in giving a warm Staplehurst welcome to our new members of staff, Teachers Mrs J Seymour (Class 1RS5) and Miss Hayward (Class 4H13), and our new Inclusion Team Mrs French, Assistant Head Inclusion and Mrs Sullivan, Family Liaison Officer (FLO).

HOME READING IN YEAR 2

Now they are in Year 2, the children have been very excited to be able to choose their own home reading books. They enjoyed spending time in the reading snug.



YEAR 2 COUNT TO TEN

In Maths Year 2 have been using Numicon to explore different ways of making ten.



IMPROVING SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Don't forget to register for ParentMail if you haven't already done so. We are now using ParentMail for our communications and payments so it's important that we are able to keep in touch with you. Please note that ParentMail cannot facilitate Breakfast Club at the moment so please continue to use Scopay for payments.

We have just sent out a trip form to our Year 5 parents/carers via this new method so if you are experiencing any difficulties please contact the office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

You should have now received our new Clubs List. Disappointingly we had to end our relationship with Premier Sport at the end of last term but we have put together an exciting programme of activities which we hope to expand later this term.

Joining letters for the following Clubs which start next week are available from the office:

- Basketball Club (Years 5&6)
- Football Club (Years 5&6)
- Netball Club (Years 5&6)
- Choir (Years 3,4,5&6)
- Science (Year 3)
- Art Club (Years 1&2) – starts after half term

We will also be running a Film Club after half term but we are still waiting for the license for this.

If your child wishes to join Computer Club on Monday lunchtimes they need to speak to Mr Glazier.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

- w/c 10.09/18 Year 4, 5, 6, 3
- w/c 17.09.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

DONATIONS PLEASE

If anyone has some suitable unwanted board games that our children could use for wet play they would be gratefully received.

Please bring them into the office, or hand them to your child's class teacher and they will be allocated to the appropriate year group.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for a person/s to kindly come and help catalogue the fiction books for our new library. If you could spare an hour or two then it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office with your name and number and Mrs Seymour will contact you.

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 **95.74%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **209** who achieved the highest attendance this week with a fantastic **99.52%**.

HARLEQUIN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Harlequin would like to recruit staff locally for the After School Club which has now opened its doors here at Staplehurst School. 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

All children from the Reception up to the Year 6 are welcome to attend the after-school club. Places must be booked in advance and you can book 1 – 5 afternoons per week.

At After School Club, a team of staff collect the children from their class at the end of their school day just as a parent would. We provide a healthy snack with a drink at about 4:00pm, which is always popular. The children then have the chance to experience the huge variety of resources and planned activities on offer within our quiet area, active area and craft area. Harlequin will also have use of the outside play spaces on the school grounds. After School Club finishes at either 6:00pm or 6:30pm, depending what is booked.

GOVERNOR NEWS

We are saying goodbye to three Governors and welcoming three new ones.

Victoria Laslett initially joined the Governing Body in September 2014 as a Co-opted Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding and then, having been appointed to the role of Inclusion Assistant, became a Staff Governor in May 2017. As most of you are aware, Mrs Laslett left Staplehurst in the summer to relocate to another part of the country.

We are also saying farewell to two Co-opted Governors - Caroline Downey and Rob Hartley whose current terms of office have come to an end. Mr Hartley has been a

Governor for four years and has been a very valuable member of the Learning & Development Committee. Mrs Downey has been a Governor for eight years and was Chair of the Governing Body from December 2014 to December 2017, prior to which she was Vice-Chair for over three years. She also chaired the Learning & Development, Finance & Resources and Equality Steering Committees at various times. We would like to thank all of our former Governors for their hard work, commitment, advice and support.

The first new Governor we are welcoming is Year 2 teacher Miss O'Brien who will fill the Staff Governor vacancy left by Mrs Laslett. We are also joined by Caroline Bay and Rev. Silke Tetzlaff who were appointed as Co-opted Governors by the Governing Body at the end of the summer term. Ms Bay currently has two children at the school and has a background in education and Rev. Tetzlaff is the rector at Staplehurst's All Saints' Church. We look forward to welcoming all our new Governors to their first meeting later this term.

PTA NEWS

We are fortunate to have an active and supportive PTA. The PTA Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 18 September at 7pm and all parents/carers are welcome.

The PTA have helped provide much needed resources over the years and have worked tirelessly to think of new exciting fund raising events. So if you would like to join them, why not pop along and see what they are all about.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER AND HARVEST ACTIVITIES

All Saints Church welcomes everyone to join in an end of summer morning of free crafts and activities from 9.30 until 12 on Saturday September 15 2018. Pop along for a fun time, making and doing; refreshments will be available.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 8 September

PTA Back to School BBQ and Games (12-3pm)

Monday 10 September

Year R start part-time

Tuesday 18 September

PTA Annual General Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday 3 October

Year 5 Trip to Drusillas

ADMIN

Online payments - This is the preferred method. Please pay online for School Dinners, Trips, Swimming, Uniform and Equipment (via ParentMail) and Breakfast Club (via Scopay).

Dinner Money queries and payments - Please contact Maxine on 07501 007835.

School Uniform - Uniform can be ordered and paid for online (via ParentMail) (orders will be sent home with your child). The Uniform Shop is open anytime, but **please avoid Monday mornings and Friday afternoons**. Thank you.