

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

### PUMPKIN FUN

Look what's hiding in the garden.... Our Gardening Club will soon be harvesting these fantastic pumpkins and we're sure there will be a lot of fun to be had carving some spooky designs ready for 31 October!



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Tuesday 2 October in our Junior Hall (sorry this is not open to parents). Andrew, Silke and Dhenis will be here to preside over the service. This year, all donations will be given to Maidstone Day Care Centre and a representative from the organisation will also be present. We kindly ask for donations of **tinned goods and packets of dry food including pasta, soups, beans, sauces**, etc, but **NO** fresh produce please. We also ask that you check that all food is within its best before date. If you would like to donate an item please send it in with your child from the week beginning 1 October. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

### 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 **95.78%**.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5L18** who achieved the highest attendance this week with a perfect **100%**.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 24.9.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

w/c 1.10.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

### START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The first morning bell rings at 8.35am and children should arrive promptly in class ready to start work by 8.45am when the register is taken.

### YR6 – KINGSWOOD TRIP 2019

Please note that the deadline to pay the deposit for Kingswood next year is **20 October**. The method of payment is by credit/debit card through ParentMail. You can also complete the consent form via ParentMail but please ignore the reference to a previous trip above the tick boxes for parental consent. If you are experiencing any payment difficulties please speak to the office in confidence.

### ONE WAY SYSTEM FOR CARS

Can we please remind parents there is an unofficial one way system for approaching and leaving the school by car. Please **drive up Fletcher Road and then turn right into Gybbon Rise, exiting at Offens Drive**. Thank you for your cooperation as this will help relieve congestion and help make it easier to cross the road.

Please also be considerate when parking and avoid parking across drives and next to the bollards on the corner.

### 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.

If you are experiencing any difficulties please contact the office.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN SESSIONS FOR YR 6

Look out for open events being offered at the secondary schools in the area as they are now being promoted on school websites.

Please note that attendance at the sessions offered during school hours will only be authorised for pupils in Year 6.

### YR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You can apply for a place online at:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places> or paper application forms are available from the school office.

The closing date is **Wednesday 31 October 2018** (parents of children who took the Kent Test (11+) will be notified of the results on **Thursday 11 October**).

The National Offer Day is **Friday 1 March 2019**. Emails are sent after **4pm** and letters are sent **1<sup>st</sup> class**.

Places should be accepted or declined by **Friday 15 March 2019**.

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for a person/s to spare an hour or two a week and come and listen to our pupils across the school read. If you are happy to complete an application form and undergo a DBS Check we would love to hear from you. Training and support will be given by Mrs Seymour so if you are interested please contact the office.

## 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.

## FOR SALE

### Pianos

If anyone would like to buy two pianos we have for sale please speak to the office. We are willing to take offers and Mrs Seal is happy to show them to anyone interested. Buyer must be able to collect.

### Table Tennis Tables

We also have two table tennis tables for sale - brand new in packaging. If anyone would like to buy one we are willing to sell them for £150 each. Buyer must be able to collect.

## HARLEQUIN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

All children from Reception up to the Year 6 are welcome to attend. 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. They 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.

If you would like more information please email [alison@hosc.co.uk](mailto:alison@hosc.co.uk)

## PTA NEWS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the PTA AGM and meeting on 18 September. Anita Moore stepped down as Chair after several very successful years leading the team as Vice-Chair and Chair. Luckily she isn't leaving the PTA so we will still have the benefit of her good humour and hard work. Clare Chembalipuram has been appointed as new chair

and we all wish her very best in her new role, which we are sure she will make a great success. For all PTA news and a list of PTA event dates for the Christmas term, please see the newsletter enclosed.

## FAMILY BINGO NIGHT – SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

Eyes down for our first Bingo Night, in the Junior Hall from 6pm for a 6.30pm start. We expect to finish around 8.30-9pm. Lots of fun games for all the family, and plenty of prizes for kids and adults. Bring your own refreshments. Tickets on sale online NOW at:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/familybingonightstaplehurstschool> and at the school gate in the week leading up to the bingo night. All the family welcome: £5 for adults and £3 for children.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### STAPLEHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Friday 12 October is Quiz and Chips Night at Staplehurst School from 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Entrance is £6 per person at the door with an optional fish and chips supper for £6 per person. Alternatively call 01580 892665 before 5 October and you can get a 6 person table package including food for £60! Maximum tables of 6 and all proceeds to Staplehurst Horticultural Society.

## DIARY DATES

### Wednesday 3 October

Year 5 Trip to Drusillas

### Thursday 4 October

Year R Class Photos by Kent Messenger

### Saturday 6 October

PTA BINGO Night (6pm)

### Monday 8 October

Year R Meet the Teacher

### Friday 19 October

INSET Day

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## 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.