

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

### HALF TERM

The children have worked extremely hard this term and as next week is the Half Term holiday we hope you all have a good break. We look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound by 8.45am on Monday 29 October.

### FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Last Friday the Year 5/6 football team travelled to Loose Primary School for their first Maidstone District League match of the season. As past champions, Loose posed a real threat so team Staplehurst trained intensely over the last two weeks. This training and hard work clearly paid off as our team of heroes were victorious with a fantastic 5-3 win!

Mr Littleton and Mr Amos couldn't have been more proud to see their players and both felt that the victory was thoroughly deserved! Poor Mr Littleton ended the game a rather sweaty mess though as he was asked to referee the second half (his old legs aren't what they used to be!)

A special mention must go to Kester J (6W) who was voted man of the match by the opposition for the fantastic five goals that he scored.

**Well done team Staplehurst! Bring on the next game!**



### HIGH WEALD ACADEMY PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Four of our Year 6 pupils represented Staplehurst School at the Primary Maths Challenge at High Weald Academy today. The children performed brilliantly against five other local schools and won the challenge which is a fantastic result. Well done Isabella H, Ethan W, Lewis B and Isabelle F. We would like to thank the parents for transporting the children and Mrs Burchell for escorting them.

### HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all in Red House as they won this term's House Point Challenge and will be allowed to wear their own clothes on **Friday, 2 November**.

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ALL SAINTS CHURCH – SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Letters have been sent via ParentMail to Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 regarding an invitation for our pupils to read the 'List of the Fallen' at this year's village Remembrance Service on Sunday 11 November in All Saints' Church.

We hope as many of you will want to participate in this very moving occasion. If your child wishes to take part, permission must be given by **29 October**.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 29.10.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5  
w/c 05.11.18 Year 5, 4, 3, 6

## SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

In line with our school vision we are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all members of our school community so that they can learn and work in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. **Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our school.** If bullying does occur, everybody should be able to tell someone and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. We are a **telling** school. This means that *anyone* who knows that bullying is happening is expected to tell someone who can help.

However, we feel it is important that our parents understand that bullying is behaviour that is repeated over time that intentionally hurts another individual either physically or emotionally. Not all behaviour in the playground should be interpreted as 'bullying' but you can be assured that we have a commitment to dealing with any instances promptly:

All reported instances are:

- Logged on our system
- Investigated thoroughly
- Dealt with appropriately

We at Staplehurst School understand our responsibility to respond promptly and effectively with any behaviour that is not in line with our expectations.

## AN EASIER WAY TO BOOK TEACHER CONSULTATIONS APPOINTMENTS

We are using Parents Evening Manager on ParentMail – so you can book your parents' evening appointments from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Appointment booking went live on Monday and we have been really pleased to see so many of our parents making use of this facility. We have also received some fabulous feedback about how easy and convenient the process is.

If you haven't already registered on ParentMail and you wish to book an appointment to see your child's teacher you will need to contact the school office.

## BREAKTIME SNACKS

Early Years and KS1 are offered a daily snack of fruit and/or vegetables. This is provided by the Government.

In KS2, please note that unless your child has a special dietary requirement, they should only be bringing in a piece of fruit or vegetables for morning break.

## MATHS DROP IN – 6 NOVEMBER

On Tuesday 6 November Parents and Carers are invited to come into school between 3.15 to 4.00pm to see how maths is taught in each year group. You will be able to look at books and be given information about the methods used to teach maths in each year group. You can move around the school looking at different years. Some pupils (Maths Ambassadors) will man tables in each class, showing how and what they learn. You will also be able to pick up a copy of our Calculation Policy.

## FLU VACCINATION – YEARS R - 5

If you haven't done so already, please remember to return your child's form regarding the Government Flu

Vaccination Programme. The vaccination is administered by way of a nasal spray and will take place here at Staplehurst School on Wednesday, 14 November.

## 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 **94.74%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to 2KS8 who achieved the highest attendance this week with 98.21%.

## PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2019

If you have a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, you need to apply for their place at a primary school. You must submit one application per child, even if you already have a sibling at school. Applying online is quick, simple and convenient. The application process opens on Monday 5 November at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and you must apply by 31 January 2019.

## YR6 – KINGSWOOD TRIP 2019

Please note that the deadline to pay the deposit for Kingswood next year is this Saturday, **20 October**. The method of payment is by credit/debit card through ParentMail. If you are experiencing any payment difficulties please speak to the office in confidence.

## 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.

Please remember, if your child did not pass the 11+ you should not solely put Grammar Schools on your application, even if you are considering an appeal.

The closing date is **Wednesday 31 October 2018**.

## FOR SALE

### Piano

We still have one piano for sale so please speak to the office. We are willing to take offers and Mrs Seal is happy to show the piano 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.

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



## HARLEQUIN HOLIDAY CLUB

Harlequin's holiday club will be open in the October holiday at Coxheath Primary School.

The key points are:

- Open 7.30am – 6.30pm
- Half days are available.
- Childcare vouchers are accepted
- As an Ofsted registered setting, parents can claim tax credits if using Harlequin.
- As many or as few days as needed can be booked.
- High staff:child ratios
- Outings
- Different activities planned each day

Please contact [enquiries@hosc.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hosc.co.uk) for further information or go to the website [www.hosc.co.uk](http://www.hosc.co.uk)

## DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

Reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site at any time.

## SITE SECURITY UPDATE

For many parents, security at the school has been a concern and we are pleased to report that after a lot of hard work, funding was secured and the work has at last begun. The project includes video entry control of the gates, access control on some internal doors and upgrading some of the fencing. We are looking forward to this work being completed by the end of the half term break.

## PTA NEWS

### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

Thank you for supporting the second hand uniform sale - this took place at the end of school today. We welcome any donations of uniform you have and we plan to have another sale in the Spring.

### HALLOWEEN & FIREWORKS CAKE SALE

**Friday 2 November**

Spooky or sparkly? but always yummy! Please bring donations of cakes into the office on Friday morning, and come and buy something delicious after school in the Junior Hall (or outside, weather permitting). Please name any cake tins and they will be left in the office for you to collect. Bought cakes are very welcome but please keep them in their original packaging.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS



All the Christmas drawings have now been uploaded onto the [www.mychildsart.co.uk](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk) website. To view the

artwork log in with the following unique codes shown below:

Username: **Staplehurst**  
Password: **HvasfmrA**

We hope lots of you will wish to order Christmas cards and other Christmas gifts with your child's design on which will help support the school.

### 300 CLUB

We are really grateful to those people who have signed up for the 300 club! The first draw will take place in the first week back after half term (for October). Entries for this draw are closed but if you fancy a chance to win you will be able to join in November.

### DONATIONS PLEASE

The PTA is preparing a new library and want to make it a welcoming place that's cosy for the children. If anyone has any clean cushions or beanbags they would be willing to donate they would be very gratefully received.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HALF TERM MEDITATION PROGRAMME

Would you like your children to take part in a guided meditation group running online for 2 weeks starting on Monday 22 October? Parents often say that they want to meditate with their children but are unsure where to start, so this half term Kids Hour programme will give guidance on how to start and how to provide daily live guided meditations with our children, to inspire other kids to join in too!

The cost is £10 for the two week live course, but the content will be accessible forever. For all the details please head over to [www.themindsetmum.com](http://www.themindsetmum.com).

### LIGHT PARTY AT STAPLEHURST FREE CHURCH

Prefer not to take your children out trick or treating on Halloween? Why not come along to this Light Party instead?

Parents/carers and their child(ren) are all very welcome to come to this **free** event being organised by Staplehurst Free Church on Wednesday 31 October between 4 and 6pm.

There will be plenty of arts and crafts activities, along with games including apple bobbing.

Something for all ages; from preschool up to about age 8 but older siblings are very welcome to join in too!

Please bring a named plate of party food for your own child(ren) to eat at teatime, so that they can ensure children with allergies and/or intolerances are not accidentally given something unsuitable for them. Free Squash will be provided and free tea/coffee will be available for the adults.

### FOOTIE MAD GIRLS!

Staplehurst Monarchs Youth FC are looking to get more players (Years 2 and 3) for their new U8 Girls team. They train at the school on Saturday mornings and will soon start to play matches against other teams. If your

daughter would like to give it a go, please email them ([smufc1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:smufc1@yahoo.co.uk)) and they send you more details.

## HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COURSE

Football Five Star will be holding their next holiday courses at Jubilee Sports Field on the 24 and 25 October. You can book your child's place at the following link:

[www.footballfivestarr.co.uk/enrol.php](http://www.footballfivestarr.co.uk/enrol.php)

These courses have proved to be very popular so please book early to avoid disappointment!

## DIARY DATES

### Friday 19 October

INSET Day

### Wednesday 31 October

Individual School Photographs

### Friday 2 November

Halloween & Fireworks Cake Sale

### Tuesday 6 November

Maths Drop In (3.15-4pm)

### Wednesday 14 November

Flu Vaccinations Year R - 5

### Thursday 29 November

Year 6 Trip to Kent Life

## 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.