

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

POPPY SELLING

Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 11 November and there will be volunteers selling Poppies outside the school gates next week. If you miss them there is also a box of Poppies in reception.

WILDLIFE SITE VISIT TO REDROW'S WOODLANDS GREEN DEVELOPMENT

Pupils in Year 5 visited the new housing development at Woodlands Green to hear a talk about local wildlife.

The site has an abundance of local ecology, including newts, bats, birds and hedgehogs and the developers Redrow are working with Natural England to protect and enhance biodiversity on site. One of the key things they are doing is incorporating hedgehog highways into the new gardens, a simple way to make gardens hedgehog-friendly by allowing these nocturnal animals to move freely, whilst they forage for food.



EARLY YEARS NEWS

This week EYFS have been learning about Autumn. they went on a walk around school, looking at the different trees and comparing the leaves. During Exploring Time the children created their own Autumn art work!



MATHS DROP IN – 6 NOVEMBER

Don't forget that next week on Tuesday 6 November, Parents and Carers are invited to come into school 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. 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.

WINTER UNIFORM

May we take this opportunity to remind you that your child should now be wearing winter uniform. KS2 children should wear a shirt and tie, EYrs and KS1 may continue to wear polo shirts. Boys must wear grey or black socks. Girls may wear grey skirts, pinafores or trousers; school shoes must be worn at all times. Girls' hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 12.11.18 Year 4, 3, 6, 5

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH – SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Our children in Years 5 and 6 who will be reading the 'List of the Fallen' in the Church are invited to join the Scouts and Guides in marching with them to the Church. Please meet at the Village Centre at 10am ready to march for 10.15am. Any school children marching will require an adult to accompany them.

CHILDREN IN NEED

It's that time of year when schools around the country try to raise money for the charity Children in Need on Friday 16 November. This year the school will be taking part with a couple of activities which have been decided by our School Council.

We shall be having a cake sale for Key Stage 2 pupils each playtime on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (14-16 November). However, to make this possible we would appreciate donations of cakes and biscuits to sell. So, if you are a keen baker or are able to purchase a cake from the local store and donate it to the school, our School Council representatives will be very happy to sell them to raise money for Children in Need. Please send any donations into school on Wednesday 14 November with your child, and these will be collected by School Council representatives and stored safely.

On the actual day of Children in Need (Friday 16 November) all pupils will be able to come to school wearing something spotty e.g. a spotty T-shirt over a jumper, a spotty pair of trousers, a pair of spotty ears. We would warmly welcome donations of £1 if your child chooses to take part in wearing something spotty.

Thank you for your support in raising money for this important charity.

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 **94.94%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **2O9** and **3G11** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **98.52%**.

FLU VACCINATION – YEARS R - 5

If you haven't done so already, please remember to return your child's form for 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.

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 and you must apply by 31 January 2019.

YR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline has now passed to apply for a place online. However, it's not too late to apply by post; paper applications are available from the school office.

DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

This is a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site at any time.

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



We get up to all sorts in After School Club! This is us toasting marshmallows on a fire just before half term. The children learnt about 3 points of contact to keep them safe. All the children had a go at toasting and were very quick to learn the best toasting technique. Our qualified forest school leader will be doing more forest activities with the children throughout the year.

We are open every day from the end of school until 6.30pm. Parents can book as many or as few days as they need. Children can be collected at any time during the booked session. As an Ofsted registered provider, we accept childcare vouchers and parents can also claim tax credits for using Harlequin. For further information, please do look at our website, www.hosc.co.uk or contact us on enquiries@hosc.co.uk

PTA NEWS

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

We are pleased to announce that items of good quality, second-hand uniform that have been donated to the PTA are available to buy from the school office for 50p each.

300 CLUB

We are really grateful to those people who have signed up for the 300 club! The first draw took place today and the winners are:

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| 1 st Prize: | Parents of Daniel F (£15) |
| 2 nd Prize: | Parents of Summer and Charlie C |
| 3 rd Prize: | Parents of Ava and Oscar T |

Prizes can be collected from the office.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



All the Christmas drawings have now been uploaded onto the 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

Tomorrow, Saturday, 3 November at Staplehurst United Reformed Church, doors open at 3.30pm for board games and welcome for crafts and activities from 4pm, this month all on the theme of "listening and learning". There will be the opportunity to make musical instruments and masks as well as a rose window from oil pastels. And of course, there'll be something yummy to make and eat. Following a short time of worship together, there will be soup and rolls to take away so that you can be ready to join in with the village firework event!

STAPLEHURST FAMILY FIREWORKS

Tomorrow, Saturday 3 November is the village's annual firework event at the Jubilee Field. There will be entertainment, food delights, an amazing Pirate Ship Bonfire and, of course, a great fireworks display! Gates open at 5.30pm.

INTERFAITH WEEK 11-18 NOVEMBER

At the Kent History and Library Centre storytellers from the Maidstone Interfaith Group will be telling traditional tales from many faiths across the world on Saturday 17 November. They will be holding 2 sessions, one beginning at 11am and the other at 2pm.

This is a great opportunity for pupils to get an insight into different traditions.

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) and they send you more details.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE

Staplehurst is participating in Battle's Over, A Nation's Tribute to those who lost their lives in the dreadful darkness of the war years 1914 – 1918.

Morning

- Remembrance Day Parade along the High Street, led by an authentic 'War Horse'
- Parade departs the Village Centre at 10:15am
- Parade arrives at All Saints Church at 10.35am approx.
- The High Street will be closed to traffic for the duration of the parade
- 10.45am All Saints Church - Service of Remembrance, with the Bishop of Dover attending

Evening

- Beacon lighting at Surrenden Field
- Assemble 6.30pm
- Address by Rev. Andrew Royal
- Last Post 6.55pm
- Beacon lighting 7.00pm
- Ringing Out for Peace – Bells of All Saints Church 7.05pm

Staplehurst Parish Council, Staplehurst Village Centre, High Street, Staplehurst Tonbridge, Kent TN12 0BJ
Tel: 01580 891765 website: www.staplehurst-pc.uk

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6 November

Maths Drop In (3.15-4pm)

Wednesday 14 November

Flu Vaccinations Year R – 5

Information Evening for Reception 2019 (7pm)

Friday 16 November

Wear Something Spotty for Children in Need

Friday 23 November

Non-Uniform Day for Secret Santa

Thursday 29 November

Year 6 Trip to Kent Life

Saturday 1 December

PTA Christmas Fair (12-3pm)

Friday 7 December

Christmas Discos

Monday 3, Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 December

Secret Santa

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.