

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

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and Oliver B, Freddie H, Florence M and Albie-Joe U from Year 6 and Alfie K, Matthew M, Emilia P and Bliss V from Year 5 will be reading the 'List of the Fallen' from Staplehurst who gave their lives during the WW1 & WW2 Conflicts. The children are very honoured to be asked to do this.

YEAR 4 RECEIVE A ROYAL LETTER

In April, the current Year 4 classes sent a letter of congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on the occasion of their wedding. This week the children were thrilled to receive a beautiful photocard from the Palace as a thank you.



MATHS DROP IN – 6 NOVEMBER

The Maths Drop In this week was a great success and we've had some really positive feedback from parents, including: 'excellent idea, useful to see the progress further up the school', 'great to see the levels and strategies first hand' 'nice to see how we can help at home'.



You can find our Calculation Policy on the school's website:

<http://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/curriculum/maths>

NEW LIBRARY

We are thrilled to announce that our new library is now open for the children to spend time in and borrow books. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Simpson, who has worked tirelessly over the last 6 months to sort, catalogue and label all the books as well as acquiring shelving and setting up the room. It is a really great space that will benefit the whole Staplehurst School community. Thank you also to our year 5 library monitors, and our ladies from the community, who are all giving up their time to ensure this library is a success! We look forward to hearing about all the great books you are reading!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY – CLASS 6C

Next Friday, 16 November we look forward to welcoming the parents and carers of children in Class 6C to the celebration assembly in the Junior Hall at 2.30pm.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 19.11.18 Year 3, 6, 5, 4

LEST WE FORGET

In the lead up to Remembrance Sunday, our kitchen staff decorated the dining hatch and served special poppy biscuits for dessert yesterday.



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.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Next week, your child will be bringing home their Data Collection Sheet which details the general information we hold on our computer system about your child. Please check, correct and/or complete this form and return it to the office so that we can ensure our information is up to date. In particular please check the priority and telephone numbers for the Emergency

Contacts. **In an emergency we need to be able to get hold of someone within 5 minutes.** Please return the form even if there are no changes, as this will confirm that our details are correct.

We also ask that you advise us of your **current email address**, if you have not already done so, as we often email information rather than sending paper copies home.

Some of the information boxes are quite small, so if you need to provide additional information about your child please write it on the reverse of the Data Sheet. Thank you for your co-operation.

UNIFORM POLICY

We are very proud of our school and our pupils and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and attending regularly give each and every one of our pupils the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best.

We ask all parents/carers to ensure that their children are dressed in the correct clothes and shoes, have PE kit in school (including trainers for KS2) and follow the guidelines on hair and jewellery. Please make sure all clothing is labelled with your child's name.

We do thank everyone who sends their children in correct uniform, but we have had to speak to a few children recently about incorrect items of clothing or shoes. Children will be sent home with a letter if their uniform is not in accordance with the school's policy.

MENU CHANGE

In response to feedback from the children, the Contract Dining Company have announced that they will be replacing the diced crispy potatoes with new potatoes with immediate effect.

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE CHART

You may have noticed your child bring home an "Attendance Christmas Tree" chart this week.

Please encourage your child to complete this each day. A small gift will be given to each pupil that manages 100% attendance for this half term.

Current Attendance Champions (from September): 1st 4S14 - 97.6%, 2nd 5L18 - 97.5% and 3rd 6W16 - 97.3%.

KCC expect every child to have at least 95% attendance. Help us to help your child achieve their full potential. Happy colouring! – Bonny Sullivan – FLO

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 **95.21%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **4S14** who achieved the highest attendance this week with a fantastic **99.52%**.

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 next 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

Last Wednesday was Halloween and just because the children attend Harlequin, it doesn't mean they miss out. After a quick snack, on went the fancy dress and the face paint and off went children and after school club staff to trick or treat. We all had a great time and were impressed with all the fantastically decorated houses. On Friday the children all attended the PTA cake sale after school. Obviously, in order to give the PTA even more support, staff just had to buy a cake too!



CLEANER REQUIRED

Our cleaning company, Metro Cleaning, are looking for a cleaner for Staplehurst School. The hours are 2 per day term time with some holiday work required. If you are interested please contact Bryan O'Connor at Metro on 07841 370774.

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

The next draw will take place towards the end of November. To be in with a chance of winning please complete the 300 club form (available from the office) and return to school with £11 per number for membership for the next 11 draws.

LUCKY DIP BAGS

Lucky Dip bags are being sent home today. Encourage your child to decorate their lucky dip bag any way they wish, then fill with goodies. e.g sweets, small toys, stationary or craft items. (new items only please). Mark on the bag if gifts are suitable for "girl", "boy" or "unisex" and seal. Once filled, bring to school by 30th Nov for collection in class. Bags will be sold at the Christmas Fair.

SELLOTAPE AND WRAPPING PAPER

The PTA would love donations of unwanted rolls of Sellotape or Christmas wrapping paper (new or part used) to use for wrapping gifts at Secret Santa in a few weeks. Please bring any donations to the school 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

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE



**BATTLE'S
OVER**
A NATION'S TRIBUTE
11TH NOVEMBER 2018
100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

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

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

Evening

- o Beacon lighting at Surrenden Field
- o Assemble 6.30pm
- o Address by Rev. Andrew Royal
- o Last Post 6.55pm
- o Beacon lighting 7.00pm
- o 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

Thursday 29 November

Year 6 Trip to Kent Life

Saturday 1 December

PTA Christmas Fair (12-3pm)

Monday 3, Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 December

Secret Santa

Friday 7 December

Christmas Discos

Tuesday 11 December

KS1 Christmas Performance (1.45pm)

Wednesday 12 December

KS1 Christmas Performance (9.30am)

Wednesday 13 December

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 19 December

KS2 Christmas Performance (9.30am)

Class Parties (pm)

End of Term 2

Thursday 3 January 2019

Start of Term 3

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.

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.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 14 November

Flu Vaccinations Year R – 5

Information Evening for Reception 2019 (7pm)

Friday 16 November

Wear Something Spotty for Children in Need

Class 6C Celebration Assembly (2.30pm)

Friday 23 November

Non-Uniform Day for Secret Santa