

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

### KS2 CAROL CONCERT

Today KS2 children went up to the church to sing to the parents. It was a fantastic concert and it was great to see all the children taking part in various ways, whether it was a speaking role, playing a musical instrument or singing. Special thanks to Mrs Stevenson's grandson George who played the role of baby Jesus to perfection! Parents have given us some wonderful feedback and it has been said that it was the best yet. As always, we would like to thank all our parents who came and helped walk the children safely to and from the church, we really couldn't make the journey without you.



### MERRY CHRISTMAS

This term the children have worked extremely hard on their class projects and also their Christmas performances – we are very proud of them! We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing the children on Thursday 3 January.

An end of term letter is enclosed with this week's Newsletter from Mrs Bennett, Vice-Chair of Governors.

### HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Reminder that Peake - Yellow House won this term's House Point Challenge and may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 4 January 2019.

### STAFF CHANGES

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Phillips as today was her last day with us. Mrs Phillips has been a Teaching Assistant here for nearly 19 years and has also been a stalwart member of the Breakfast Club team. She will be sorely missed by staff and children alike and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done during her time here at Staplehurst School.

The children at Breakfast Club had a special Christmassy breakfast this morning with crackers and it was a lovely way to say goodbye to Mrs Phillips.



Today we also said a fond farewell to our Midday Supervisors; Mrs Burgess, Mrs Baker, Mrs Prior, Mrs Terry and Mrs Booth.

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Baker have both worked here for a number of years. All of them will be missed and we wish them all the best for the future.

## DONATIONS PLEASE

Some of the costumes used the KS1 Christmas Performance are beginning to get a little tatty so if anyone has any spare stripy material that could be used to make some new shepherd costumes we would love to hear from you.

## SPRING TERM LUNCH MENU

By now, your child should have brought home a new lunch menu for the Spring Term. Further copies are available from the office and on our website.

You may have noticed that there is no menu listed for the first two days of term and the menu will be:

### Thursday 3 January

Sausage and Tomato Pasta/Vegetarian Sausages  
Sweetcorn  
Biscuits  
Fruit/Yoghurt

### Friday 4 January

Fish Fingers and Chips  
Jacket Potato  
Baked Beans  
Fruit/Yoghurt

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

From January Year 3 will follow Year 2 into lunch, then Years 4, 5 and 6 will rotate weekly.

w/c 31.12.18 Year 6, 5, 4

w/c 07.01.19 Year 5, 4, 6

## 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. Go to [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and you must apply by 31 January 2019.

## PTA NEWS

### 300 CLUB

December's winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Grandparents of Rohan and Diya C

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Parents of Matthew White

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Parents of Jemima S

If you haven't already, don't forget to collect your prize from the office.

It's not too late to join in the fun so if you fancy a chance to win please complete the 300 club form (available from the office) and return to school with £9 per number for membership for the next 9 draws.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CHRISTMAS STORY TELLING

On Thursday 20 December at Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone, the Library Service is holding a special Christmas storytelling event from 2.00-3.00pm. They will be acting out stories, sharing tales and

celebrating the start of the Christmas holidays; all children will receive a Christmas treat! All ages welcome but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. £2 per ticket and booking is required.

### WORD BUDDY CLUB

On Thursday 20 December at Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone, the Library service is holding Word Buddy Club from 3.00-4.00pm. There will be a special wintery theme with activities for children of all ages. There is no fee and no booking required.

### EVENTS AT STAPLEHURST FREE CHURCH Carol Service, 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10:30am

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth in carols. This will be another opportunity to stay and chat a while after the service over mince pies and refreshments.

### Christmas Day Celebration at 10:30am

Everyone would be very welcome to join us on Christmas morning as we celebrate Jesus's birthday. Our new pastor Rev. Dhenis Stafford will be leading our service with the theme of "A surprise package"

### STAPLEHURST UNDER 5 PLAYGROUP

On Wednesday 23 January 2019 between 9.30am and 11am, Staplehurst Under 5 Playgroup are holding an Open Morning. This is an opportunity to meet the children, staff and committee members and experience all the wonderful activities they have to offer! Refreshments will be available.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling all budding young singers! All Saints Staplehurst has started a new children's choir *Sing!* running on Friday evenings from 6.00pm until 6.50pm. They sing a wide selection of music and look to find opportunities to perform. The choir meets weekly and new members are always welcome, just come along and see if it's for you – best suited to children age 7 and up. No need to be a congregation member. Find them at the back of the church on the right – see you there! Any questions please call Jacqui on 07796 487538.

## DIARY DATES

### Wednesday 19 December

End of Term 2

### Thursday 3 January 2019

Start of Term 3

### Monday 18 – Friday 22 February

Half Term

### ADMIN

**Online payments** - This is the preferred method. Please pay online for School Dinners, Trips, 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.