

Staplehurst School



NEWSLETTER

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Staplehurst School is an inclusive community and we do not tolerate bullying – race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age.

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK

We have had an excellent start to our Autumn Term 2017, all the children have returned enthusiastic and eager to find out the new topics they are going to study. New children have joined us and we hope they will be very happy here at Staplehurst, we look forward to welcoming our new intake of Reception children on Monday.

NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

I am sure you will join us in giving a warm Staplehurst welcome to our new members of staff, Teachers Mrs Collins, Mr Glazier, Mr Tate, Miss Hamilton, Miss Carvell and Midday Supervisor Mrs Leppard.

FOND FAREWELL

Today we said a fond farewell to our chef Lisa Martin who has fed many children delicious meals over the last few years. We wish her well in her new role.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
15 Sept	Year 2	Year 6
22 Sept	Year 1	Year 5
29 Sept	Year 2	Year 4
6 Oct	Year 1	Year 3
13 Oct	Year 2	Year 6
20 Oct	Year 1	Year 5

FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

As part of our celebration assemblies in KS1, we will be continuing to invite parents from the year group to stay behind and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee as an opportunity to chat and give constructive feedback about school life. It will also be a chance for your children to come and show some of their work as an extra celebration of their achievements. Next week is Year 2, so we look forward to welcoming the parents of the children in 2KS and 2O.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Please may we remind you that ALL medication MUST be handed into the office and NEW forms will need to be completed.

ATTENDANCE

The Department for Education's target for attendance is 96%. We always strive for 100%.

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 4 September was **96.94%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **2O** and **5G** who achieved a fantastic **100%**.

GARDENING CLUB SUCCESS

Well done to all the children and helpers at the Gardening Club. As you can see the school garden is proving bountiful with fruit and vegetables; the children exhibited their vegetables and gained certificates at the Village Horticultural Flower Show. In the Runner Beans, Carrots, Onions and Odd Shaped Vegetables Categories they gained First Place and, in the Longest Bean and Five Tomatoes Categories they achieved a well-deserved third place. What an achievement!



BUSTER BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We hope you have all enjoyed reading your books over the Summer Holidays and have recorded your times on the slips and had photographs taken of yourself reading- we look forward to seeing them. The class with the highest minutes recorded will win the leisure attraction vouchers.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The new Club List for the Autumn Term will be issued as soon as we are able to finalise it, as this is a new school year new forms will need to be completed for all clubs.

Football Club with Mr Littleton and Mr Amos starts next week and letters have been sent home. Choir and Netball Club will be starting after half term and letters will be sent home in due course. Your child should have brought home information on the Premier Sport after school clubs.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 11.09.17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

w/c 18.09.17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for reading volunteers to listen to our children read across all Year Groups. If you would like to put your name forward, or if you know of another member of your family who would be interested, please speak to a member of the office staff who will take your details. Please note that this would be subject to a DBS Check. Your support really is invaluable in helping the children gain confidence and progress further with their reading.

AGE LIMITS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

We would like to remind parents that the age restriction for most social media accounts is 13 YEARS – this is the case for Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter. The age limit for WhatsApp is 16. Please keep your child safe by ensuring they use social media appropriate for their age group. The full list is available at:

<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/social-networking/is-there-an-age-limit-for-kids-on-social-media>

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

There is a list, in Reception, of the dates for the various Secondary Schools' Open Events.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KENT LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



The summer holidays may be over, but the Summer Reading Challenge still has just over a week to run!

The last day for completing the challenge is Saturday 16 September.

Many of our pupils will have already completed, however the library still has medals and certificates waiting to be claimed. Please encourage your animal agents to finish up those last books so that they can receive the recognition they deserve for their achievements.

STAPLEHURST MONARCHS

Attention Girls & Boys in Year 1 & Year 2 from September 2017! Staplehurst Monarchs have spaces with the Mini Monarchs starting in September. Training is on Saturday Mornings 9.00 to 10.30am. They would like to see more girls coming along as it is hoped to start a Girls Under 8 team for the following year.

Please contact Staplehurst Monarchs via their Youth Facebook page or text Quentin Haywood on 07817 045550.

DIARY DATES

Monday 11 September

Year R Start Autumn Term Part Time

Monday 11 September

3.30pm -Year 6 Meet the Teacher Room 15

Tuesday 12 September

3.30pm - Year 5 Meet the Teacher Room 18

Wednesday 13 September

3.30pm – Year 4 Meet the Teacher Room 13

Thursday 14 September

3.30pm – Year 3 Meet the Teacher Room 11

Monday 18 September

3.30pm – Year 3 Meet the Teacher Room 9

Wednesday 20 September

3.30pm – Year 1 Meet the Teacher Room 7

Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Autumn Half Term

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ADMIN

Online payments - This is the preferred method. Please pay online for School Dinners, Breakfast Club, Trips, Swimming, Uniform and Equipment.

Dinner Money queries and payments - Please contact Maxine on 07501 007835.

School Uniform - Uniform can be ordered and paid for online (orders will be sent home with your child). The Uniform Shop is open anytime, but **please avoid Monday mornings and Friday afternoons**. Thank you.