

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 EARLY YEARS

This has been the first week of school for our new Reception classes. They have settled extremely well and we hope that they will be very happy during their time at Staplehurst School. There will be an Early Years News to show what the children have been doing this week and this will be sent out early next week.

GARDENING CLUB SUCCESS

Further congratulations to the children and helpers in our Gardening Club for their success at the Village Horticultural Flower Show. Thank you to Chris Ralph and her band of volunteers who work extremely hard with the children each week and who also help keep our grounds looking lovely.



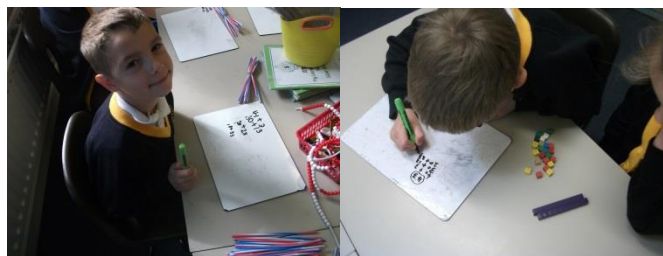
FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed the parents of the children in Year 2 as part of our Celebration Assembly in EYFS and KS1. They were the first group to come along this year and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us and take the opportunity to chat. It was also a great opportunity for the children to come and show their work from the week as an extra celebration of their achievements. Next week we look forward to welcoming the parents from Year 1.



YEAR 2 EXPLORING MATHS

Year 2 are getting off to a flying start with maths, exploring different ways to partition 2 digit numbers.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

SCHOOL DINNER PRICE INCREASE

Parents/Carers in Key Stage 2 should have received an email advising them of a price increase for school dinners. The 10p increase takes the price of a child's dinner to £2.20, which is still excellent value. The increase will be effective from 1 October 2017. This increase does not affect children in Reception, or Years 1 & 2 as they are entitled to universal free school meals.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 11 September was **96.76%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **20** and **6L** who achieved a fantastic **100%**.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Enclosed with this week's Newsletter is the new Autumn Term Clubs List.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 25.09.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

YEAR 6 – KINGSWOOD TRIP 2018

Letters were sent home to parents of children in Year 6 this week outlining next year's residential trip to Kingswood. If you wish your child to attend please return your slip with a non-refundable deposit of £50 by **Friday 22 September**.

CONTRACT DINING JOB VACANCY

Our catering company Contract Dining have a vacancy for a school cook here at Staplehurst. The position is Term Time only Monday to Friday 8.00am to 2.00pm. Experience along with relevant qualifications is required. If you would like more information please contact Lynne on 07904 260738.

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.

SCHOOL PICK UP FORMS

If you have not yet completed the form providing information about who may pick up your child from school, please pop in to or call the office. Children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home or meet parents at an agreed collection point. Children in Years R to 4 must be collected from the classroom door.

PAYMENTS

Please may we remind you that any cash/cheque payments sent into school must be in a sealed envelope with the **child's name, class, amount** and **what the payment is for** written clearly on the envelope. Thank you.

BUSTER'S BOOK CLUB

Buster's Book Club proved very popular last year and we were pleased that so many of you continued to read during the summer break. We are still waiting for the delivery of bookmarks for this term so please record the reading minutes on Wednesdays in your child's contact book.

PACKED LUNCHES

Please may we remind you that fizzy drinks and chocolate bars are not allowed in children's packed lunches. Thank you for your co-operation.

PARKING

It has been brought to our attention that parking and traffic congestion in the vicinity of the school gates has not improved this term. The Community Warden has been out to view the current situation and steps will be taken and put in place to help ease the situation. Please may we ask for your co-operation and support over this matter. Thank you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

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

Cranbrook School are holding Open Events for prospective Year 7 parents and students on Wednesday 20 September at 5pm and Friday 22 September at 8.45am. Parents need to register their attendance via Eventbrite and a link is available on the website:

www.cranbrookschool.co.uk/admissions/open-days.

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.

The closing date is **Tuesday 31 October 2017** (parents of children who took the Kent Test (11+) will be notified of the results on **Thursday 12 October**).

The National Offer Day is **Wednesday 1 March 2018**. Emails are sent after **4pm** and letters are sent **1st class**.

Places should be accepted or declined by **Thursday 15 March 2018**.

LUCY ROBINS SCHOOL OF DANCE

Street and modern dance classes. Suitable for girls and boys and a free first taster session is available. The Club is on Mondays (4-6yrs) 3.30-4.15pm, (7-11yrs) 4.15-5.00pm and (12yrs+) 5.00-6.00pm. Please email hello@lrsd.co.uk for more details or to book your child a place.

PTA NEWS

We are most fortunate to have an active and supportive PTA. The PTA Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 26 September at 7pm and all parents/carers are most welcome.

The PTA have helped provide much needed resources over the years and have worked tirelessly to think of new exciting fund raising events. So if you would like to join them, why not pop along and see what they are all about.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 18 September

3.30pm – Year 2 Meet the Teacher Room 9

Wednesday 20 September

3.30pm – Year 1 Meet the Teacher Room 7

Monday 25 September

Reception Class Photos for Courier

Tuesday 26 September

7pm PTA / AGM

Thursday 5 October

Reception Class Photos for Kent Messenger

Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Autumn Half Term

Wednesday 1 November

Individual Photographs

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2017 Clubs List

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.