

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

### CRAFTY COOKS

On Friday last week the first session of our new after school cookery club took place and the children made sweet potato falafel and tzatziki. The children had a great time and are looking forward to a new recipe this week. Crafty Cooks are a local company and you can make enquiries about parties and classes by emailing [gemma@craftycooks.co.uk](mailto:gemma@craftycooks.co.uk)



### CHOIR

The letters for Choir Club went out to pupils in years 5 & 6 last week. If your child would like to join the school choir, please may we have the slips signed and returned as soon as possible as we need numbers for future events. Thank you.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 25.09.17 Year 6, 3, 4, 5  
w/c 02.10.17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

Today we welcomed the parents of children in Year 1 who joined us for a cup of coffee and chat after the Celebration Assembly. The children were so pleased to be able to show off their work as an extra celebration of their achievements. Next week we look forward to welcoming parents from Year 2.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed the parents of the children in Year 5 as part of our Celebration Assembly in KS2. It was a great opportunity for parents to see the children collect their awards and find out who won the House Point Challenge this week! Next week we look forward to welcoming the parents from Year 4.



### CONGRATULATIONS 6L

Last year when 6L were in Year 5 with Ms Masson the children all took part in a Young Writers' competition, "Once Upon a Dream". We are proud to announce that some of the children's poems are to be published. The publication Once Upon a Dream – Kent Dream Weavers is scheduled for publication on 30 November. Well done!

## ATTENDANCE

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

### Whole school attendance

For week beginning 18 September was **95.65%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5G** who achieved a fantastic **98.88%**.

## YEAR 6 – KINGSWOOD TRIP 2018

If you have not yet returned your Kingswood slip and non-refundable £50 deposit, it's not too late as the deadline has been extended to **Friday 29 September**.

## 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

We have now received the bookmarks for recording the minutes read by children for Buster's Book Club. They will be stapled into your child's contact book.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

Kent Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge 2017 has now finished. Staplehurst School did exceptionally well and achieved 10<sup>th</sup> place in the Gold Medals Table and 11<sup>th</sup> place in the number of children participating. We have also been given a special award for being the most improved player! Well done to all the children who took part and thank you so much for your help encouraging the children.

## SCHOOL DINNER PRICE INCREASE

This is a reminder about the 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.

## 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.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

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

## 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:hello@lrsd.co.uk) for more details or to book your child a place.

## PTA NEWS

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

## FUN LABELS

The PTA has created a link with a company My Name Tags, where you can order online and each order generates money for the school. You can place orders by going to [www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com) using School ID 35906. The name tags are multipurpose and may be used on any item, not just clothing.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 7 October is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. The theme this month is 'we are a holy temple' with all things messy and creative as usual. You can try to be the one who builds the tallest tower, decorate a gingerbread person, try out mosaic craft, create a people paper chain, model your self-portrait in clay and build prayer bricks. Doors open at 3.30 for a 4pm start for crafts and a short service around 4.45 in time for tea all together around 5pm. Do come and join the Messy fun - everyone very welcome.

## DIARY DATES

### Monday 25 September

Reception Class Photos for Courier

### Tuesday 26 September

7pm PTA / AGM

### Thursday 5 October

Reception Class Photos for Kent Messenger

### Tuesday 17 October

Year 5 Trip to Herstmonceux

### Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Autumn Half Term

### Wednesday 18 October

Halloween Author Visit

### Wednesday 1 November

Individual Photographs

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Early Years News

**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.