

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

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

The additional support on the Y3/Y4 playground at lunchtimes has been working really well; this week the children have received cricket coaching from the Premier Sports coaches.

We have been making as much use of the field as we can for all year groups whilst the weather is still fine. The new balls and hoops have been popular and the willow igloo structure is a great venue for imaginary games.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ALL SAINTS CHURCH – SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

We have sent a letter home this week regarding an invitation for our pupils to read the 'List of the Fallen' at this year's village Remembrance Service on Sunday 12 November in All Saints' Church.

We hope as many of you will want to participate in this very moving occasion. Slips must be returned by **13 October**.

CENSUS DAY LUNCH

Yesterday was Census Day and the Kitchen Staff worked tirelessly to serve 300 meals in one hour. A special menu was served which was enjoyed by the children, particularly the delicious yum yums for dessert! Particular thanks to the children in Early Years and KS1 who had a dinner as this has secured vital funding for the school.

YEAR 2 EXPERIMENT



Year 2 have been learning about the importance of washing their hands. The children passed around a piece of bread before washing their hands and another piece of bread after washing their hands. The bread was left to see what would happen and after a few days, mould started to grow on the piece of bread that was touched before the children washed their hands. It was an effective way to learn about the importance of washing hands and the children listened to songs to help practise the best way to do this.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Thursday 19 October in our Junior Hall (sorry this is not open to parents). Both Andrew and Silke will be here to preside over the service. This year, all donations will be given to Maidstone Day Care Centre and a representative from the organisation will also be present. We kindly ask for donations **of tinned goods and packets of dry food including pasta, soups, beans, sauces etc** but **NO fresh produce please**. We also ask that you check that all food is within its best before date. If you would like to donate an item please send it in with your child from the week beginning 16 October. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
13 Oct	Year 2	Year 6
20 Oct	Year 1	Year 5
3 Nov	Year 2	Year 4
10 Nov	Year 1	Year 3
17 Nov	Year 2	Year 6
24 Nov	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 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.

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 2 October was **94.82%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **6L** who achieved a fantastic **99.31%**.

LATE ARRIVALS

There has been an increase in children arriving late in the mornings. This is not only unsettling for the children who arrive late but it also disrupts the class for the other children. The first bell goes at 8.35am and the second bell goes at 8.45am. Making sure your child arrives at school on time instills a good work ethic from a very early age, helping them to continue this through to their secondary education and beyond into employment.

SAFETY ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Due to the congestion at pick up and drop off time and to avoid accidents, please can we remind you that children are NOT to ride their bikes and scooters on school premises.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 09.10.17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

w/c 16.10.17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

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.

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 **1st class**.

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

MGGS TASTER DAY MASTERCLASS

On Wednesday 18 October MGGS are holding a Taster Day Masterclass. This taster day is specifically for year 6

girls from September 2017 who are considering joining the school in 2018. Students will have a unique opportunity to discover what life is really like at MGGS by enjoying taster lessons, meeting the current Year 7s, exploring the school during a normal school day and enjoying a free school lunch. Parents will also be invited along to share the experience with a talk and tour of MGGS at the end of the day.

MGGS are also offering girls in our current year 5 the opportunity of attending afterschool master classes. For more information contact central@mggs.org.

PTA NEWS

Calling all local businesses, Parents and Talented individuals, WE NEED YOU!

The PTA is looking for Stall holders for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9 December, 12pm to 3pm.

If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to Rebecca Piggott or Anita Moore.

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 using School ID 35906. The name tags are multipurpose and may be used on any item, not just clothing.

COMMUNITY NEWS

POTTERY AT THE FREE CHURCH CAFE

Please come along to the Free Church cafe between 10.30am and 3pm this Saturday 7 October to enjoy relaxing pottery painting along with good coffee, a tasty lunch or a quick snack. Choose your pottery item (from £5), paint your design and then wait a week or so for it to be returned to you, glazed, fired and looking amazing. Everyone welcome.

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

This 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.

EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Indian Evening: Thursday 12 October, 7.30pm in the Parish Room. For just £10 a ticket, enjoy a 2 course Indian meal followed by a screening of the Hollywood musical comedy 'Bride and Prejudice'. Tickets are available from Helen's Coffee shop or ring 891258 or email maryhenley@zulogic.co.uk. Come along and join the fun!

Health Fest: Saturday 14 October 1.30pm – 4.30pm All Saints' Church. Complimentary therapies, Alternative Health Experts, Yoga and Pilates Classes, Health and Wellbeing Stands, Fresh Juice Bar and Healthy Snacks. £5 tickets include a taster class or upgrade to £10 for a mini

therapy as well. Tickets available from SHC Chiropractic, Helen's Coffee House or ring 07896 574707

Both events in aid of All Saints' Church who extend a very warm welcome to everyone!

SENSATIONAL KIDS CLUB

Every Wednesday in term time, between 3.30 and 5pm the Skids Club meets at Staplehurst Free Church.

This is a club for the whole family to attend and is aimed at those families who have a child with special education needs or any family member with a disability or long term illness. Children are able to run around, play or do crafts in the safe, inclusive environment while parents can have a cuppa, chat and give each other moral support. For more information see Facebook or the Free Church website.

FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

Football Five Star will be running another of their popular holiday courses at Jubilee Sports Field on Thursday 26 October. The previous courses back in August were very well supported with nearly 60 children attending on both days. You can book your child's place on their website <http://www.footballfivestar.co.uk/>

STAPLEHURST FAMILY FIREWORKS

Staplehurst Family Fireworks are proud to present the village's 1st annual event on Saturday 4 November at the Jubilee Field. They will be bringing entertainment, food delights, an amazing Haunted House Bonfire and, of course, a great fireworks display! More details available on Facebook (Staplehurst Family Fireworks) and tickets can be bought at the school gates most afternoons until the event (also available from Jumeria, Hair Boutique & King's Head).

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11 October

Year 1 Staplehurst Village Walk

Tuesday 17 October

Year 5 Trip to Herstmonceux

Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Autumn Half Term

Thursday 19 October (note change of date)

Michael Walter Author Visit

Wednesday 1 November

Individual Photographs

Monday 6 November

Reception 2018 Tours of the School – 2pm

Wednesday 8 November

Reception 2018 Tours of the School – 2pm

Tuesday 14 November

Reception 2018 Information Evening - 7pm

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

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.