

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

It was lovely to see all the children back after the Half Term break. We made the most of the sunshine yesterday and the children were able to use the field at lunchtime.



POPPY SELLING

Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 12 November and there will be volunteers selling Poppies outside the school gates on Thursday 9 and Friday 10 November. If you miss them there is also a box of Poppies in reception.

STUDENT COUNCIL

On Wednesday our Student Council met for the first time and we have a great new team of 2 children from each class in Years 2-6. All the councillors were keen to get cracking in their new roles and were excited to hear about past successes. This week they learned about their responsibilities as a Student Councillor and then we discussed Children in Need on 17 November. Year 5 and 6 will be collecting money on the gates, Year 2, 3 and 4 will be designing posters and Dolly in Year 3 wrote a paragraph for Assembly today.



CHILDREN IN NEED

The Student Council have decided to raise money for Children in Need and we will be sending out more information early next week.

MUSIC LESSONS

On Monday Andrew Parry addressed the children in Assembly to let them know about the exciting opportunities available in learning a musical instrument. Andrew has been associated with Staplehurst School for a number of years so if you are interested in your child having music lessons or would like more information then please contact Andrew Parry direct on www.andrewparrymusic.com or andrewparrymusic@gmail.com. Leaflets are available from the school office.

FLU VACCINATION

All parents of children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 should have received information directly from School Nursing regarding the Government Flu Vaccination Programme. The vaccination is administered by way of a nasal spray and will take place here at Staplehurst School on Wednesday, 15 November.

WINTER UNIFORM

May we take this opportunity to remind you that your child should now be wearing winter uniform. KS2 children should wear a shirt and tie, EYrs and KS1 may continue to wear polo shirts. Boys must wear grey or black socks. No shorts please and school shoes must be worn at all times. Girls' hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
10 Nov	Year 1	Year 3
17 Nov	Year 2	Year 6
24 Nov	Year 1	Year 5

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

For week beginning 30 October was **92.55%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5G** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **97.22%**.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Choir, Netball and French Club, have now all started and the children have shown great enthusiasm. Please note that French Club is now full and places are limited in Choir.

PARENT COUNCIL

We are still looking for volunteers to step forward for the new Parent Council and we are asking for 2 people from each class to share in this new venture. The Council will meet at least 3 times a year and focus on specific objectives which they feel, as a group, will bring about positive change for the pupils at the school.

If you feel that you are able to make a consistent and positive contribution to this new forum then please let your class teacher know via your child's contact book. If more than 2 parents from a class step forward then it will be down to the class teacher to draw names from a hat.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Victoria Laslett via the Inclusion Team.

FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed the parents of children in Year 2 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 1.

PARENT SURVEY

Over the next four weeks Parent Surveys will be handed out in the Friday Assemblies. We value your feedback, positive or negative, and would appreciate it if you took a few moments to complete a survey, so we can continue to improve our school. The results will be reported to parents and governors towards the end of the term. Thank you for your time.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 06.11.17 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

w/c 13.11.17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

ONLINE SAFETY GROUP – PARENT REP

We are looking for a new parent representative to join the Online Safety Group which meets about three times a year. This role helps the school by providing a parental perspective on this extremely important issue and keeping our children safe online. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the office. The next meeting is in January.

FIREWORKS

If you are having Fireworks at home or going to a Firework display, please enjoy yourselves but keep safe and follow the Firework Code.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE

In the interest of safety the main school entrance gates will be locked at 8.50am. All children should be in school by 8.45am.

NEW MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Due to a slow uptake in numbers The New Musical Theatre Club will now be starting after the Christmas holiday. This exciting club will incorporate singing, dancing and acting,

looking at well-known musicals such as Annie, Matilda, Mamma Mia, Oliver and much more. It is suitable for children in Years 1-6 and is a fantastic class to boost your child's confidence whilst channelling their creativity. It will run from 3.20pm to 4.10pm and be held in the Junior Hall.

For further information or to book a space please contact jack.star.davidson@googlemail.com. The cost for the club is £35 per half term.

PTA NEWS

That busy time of the year is fast approaching and the PTA Christmas newsletter is enclosed which explains all about the Christmas fun and fundraising events for the children and school.

None of these events can be a success without asking for the help and support from our parents/carers.

If you can help at any of the following events can you please contact Anita Moore on 07967 405021 or complete the slip at the bottom of the PTA newsletter.

- Christmas discos on Friday 1 December. We're sure many parents love a little boogie especially at Christmas, so please do offer to help at either disco 5pm-6.15pm (years 1, 2, and 3) and 6.45pm to 8.15pm (years 4, 5 and 6).
- Secret Santa 4, 5, 6 December. If you could spare an hour or two throughout the day the PTA are looking for Elves to assist and wrap up a special gift for that chosen loved one in the Secret Santa shop
- Christmas Fair is on Saturday 9 December 12pm-3pm. The PTA is looking for volunteers to help for half an hour on a stall.

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

COMMUNITY BULB PLANTING DAY

Tomorrow, Saturday 4 November there is a Community Bulb Planting Day taking place at the Wimpey Fields Development from 11am to 1pm. There are 1,500 Spring Bulbs to be planted. If you would like to help and take part in this Community Event please do pop along with your gardening tools.

STAPLEHURST FAMILY FIREWORKS

Tomorrow, Saturday 4 November is the village's first annual firework event at the Jubilee Field. There will be 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) and on the gates on the night.

STAPLEHURST UNDER 5's OPEN MORNING

On Monday 6 November Staplehurst Under 5's Playgroup will be holding an Open Morning from 9.30 to 11.00am. Why not pop along and meet the children, staff and committee members and experience all the wonderful activities they have to offer. Refreshments will be available.

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.

DIARY DATES

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

Wednesday 15 November

Flu Vaccinations for Years 1-4

Friday 17 November

Wear something spotty for Children in Need

Friday 24 November

Non Uniform Day for Secret Santa donations

Friday 1 December

School Discos for Years 1-6

Monday 4, Tuesday, 5 and Wednesday 6 December

Secret Santa

Thursday 7 December

Early Years' Christmas Party

Saturday 9 December

PTA Christmas Fair 12-3.00pm

Tuesday 12 December

KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Wednesday 13 December

KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am

Tuesday 19 December

KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am

End of Term

Wednesday 20 December

INSET Day

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

PTA Christmas Newsletter

PTA Christmas Fair Poster

Inclusion Team Newsletter

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.