

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

### ANTI-BULLYING – THE POWER OF ONE

Pupils across all year groups saw a powerful assembly yesterday about bullying. Various examples of bullying were acted out and the children learned ways they could deal with this kind of behaviour. At the end of the assemblies the children pledged the Bully Prevention Oath. The presenters really engaged with the children to put this important message across.



### FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH

On Wednesday after school we played our first friendly football match of the season, against Boughton Primary School. They are a very strong team but we managed a fantastic 1 – 1 draw. The weather was not very kind but despite light rain the children all played well and enjoyed a good game. Thank you to all the parents and siblings who came along to cheer them on. Very well done.



### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and Jasmine, Jemima, Joseph W and Matthew from Year 6, Katie from Year 5 and Jack K and Poppy M from Year 3 will be reading the names of those from Staplehurst who gave their lives during the WW1 & WW2 Conflicts. The children were very honoured to be asked to do this.



This colourful display was produced by our pupils in 1H Holly Tree Class. They learned all about the reasons why we wear poppies at this time of year and then created this lovely poster to display in the classroom.

### EARLY YEARS 2018

On Monday and Wednesday this week, we welcomed our prospective new parents and children for Early Years 2018. They were greeted and given tours by some of our year 6 pupils. We had many positive comments from the parents about the standard of the tours and how excellent the Year 6 children were. Very well done and thank you.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

The Student Council have decided to raise money for Children in Need. For a £1 donation it has been agreed that next Friday, 17 November children may wear something in the colours of Pudsey's Spots or wear something Spotty. If they don't have anything spotty, they can paint spots on faces or stick spots on clothes.

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
17 Nov	Year 2	Year 6
24 Nov	Year 1	Year 5
1 Dec	Year 2	Year 4
8 Dec	Year 1	Drop In Years R-5
15 Dec	Year 2	Year 3

## ATTENDANCE

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

### Whole school attendance

Attendance for the whole school since the beginning of the year is **93.96%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **6L** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **97.57%**.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are pleased to announce we will be introducing After School Care at Staplehurst School from September 2018. This is something the school and the governing body have been considering for some time and will add to our strong belief in providing a safe and caring environment for our children.

We plan to be able to look after children from 3.15 to 6pm each evening which will include a light snack. This, along with Breakfast Club, means we can look after children from 7.30am to 6pm each day, which we hope will be of added benefit to many of our parents.

More information, including costs, will follow in due course and if you would to express an interest please email the office at [office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk).

## YEAR 6 PARENT DROP IN

Please note that due to the Year 6 trip to Kent Life on Friday 8 December, the Parent Drop In for Year 6 pupils only has been moved to **Thursday 7 December at 2.45pm**.

## SHARE A STORY

As part of World Book Day's "Share A Story", we have been asked to vote for our favourite books to share with family and friends. It would be great if you could talk to your child about their favourite books - maybe they could bring it in to share with their class? It can be a fiction, non-fiction or a picture book - it just needs to be a favourite! We will be discussing and voting in class next week.

## APOLOGIES

We apologise if any of you have experienced typographical errors in some attachments that have been sent by email. This seems to be affecting some mobile devices and makes the document appear to have spelling mistakes within the text. We can assure you that the original documents are correct and if anyone affected would like a paper copy of any documents please contact the office.

## 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.

## 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 next Wednesday, 15 November.

## PARENT SURVEY

Over the next few 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 13.11.17 Year 4, 5, 6, 3  
w/c 20.11.17 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

## PTA NEWS

A big thank you from the PTA to everyone who has returned their help slips back into school. If you can help at any of our events it would be much appreciated. Please return your slips to the office or alternatively contact Anita Moore on 07967 405021.

If anyone has any started or has any full rolls of Christmas wrapping paper that you no longer want then the PTA would love it for secret Santa; many thanks in advance.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ADHD TALK

The next Bower Grove Parent Support free talk is taking place on Friday 17 November at 10.30 until 11.40am at Bower Grove School, Fant Lane, Maidstone. They will be discussing Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and strategies that may be of help. All parents, carers and professionals are welcome and there is no need to book.

### CHAPEL LANE OPEN MORNING

On Monday 20 November from 10.00 – 11.30 Chapel Lane are holding an Open Morning. All current and new parents are more than welcome to come along to see them in action. To receive more information about Chapel Lane please go to [www.chapellanepreschool.org.uk](http://www.chapellanepreschool.org.uk) or telephone 07929 0074083 or email chapel.lane@hotmail.com

### STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 2 December is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. Join them for some crafty activities to get in the Christmas spirit and to help remember what Christmas is really all about. Doors open at 3.30pm for family board games followed by crafts including making edible angels, a stained glass banner, woolly sheep, handprint stables, Christmas candles and a Christmas themed quiz. At 4.45-5pm they have a short service with a few songs and a story to keep the Christmas theme going until everyone has tea together. It will be lots of festive fun and a great family way to start the advent season. Do go along if you can and join in the messy fun.

## 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

### Tuesday 14 November

Reception 2018 Information Evening - 7pm

### Wednesday 15 November

Flu Vaccinations

### 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

Year 6 Parent Drop In

### Friday 8 December

Years R – 5 Parent Drop In

### 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

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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.