

Staplehurst School

# NEWSLETTER



## SCHOOL NEWS

### REMINDER TO PARENTS/CARERS

Can we please remind you to phone **before 8.35am** if your child is going to be absent from school. A message can be left on the answer phone at any time. Please state your child's name, class and the reason for absence.

### 2012 ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start school in September 2012 you need to apply for a place now. Parents can apply on line by going to [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola). Applications will be open until 14 January 2012. If you require a paper application please ask at the office. See Diary Dates for details of our information evening and open morning/afternoon. Apologies but pre-school children may not attend these events.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 21/11/11 Years 5, 6, 3, 4

w/c 28/11/11 Years 6, 3, 4, 5

### EARLY YEARS GARDEN

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Carr's husband Brian and his team from Scotia Gas Networks who have created a new sensory garden for Early Years children. Scotia Gas Networks operate a Community Action Program (CAP) where employees are granted some leave to carry out community or environmental voluntary work.

The garden was expertly designed by Mrs Carr and we are looking forward to seeing it blossom .

We would also like to say a very thank you to Highgrove Garden Centre who gave us a very large discount on all the items purchased.

### DATA COLLECTION

We will shortly be sending out a Data Collection Sheet for each child. This is a copy of the general information that we hold on our computer system about your child. Please send these sheets back to the office as soon as possible so we can make any necessary updates.

### EMAILING LETTERS

As part of the Data Collection exercise we are asking for an email address so we can begin to send information to you in this more efficient format.

### WEBSITE COMPLETED

Our updated school web site should be ready by the end of today! Go to [www.staplehurstschool.co.uk](http://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk). More content will be added over the coming weeks. If you have any feedback or comments, please email [office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk).

### STRIKE ACTION

You may have seen in the press recently about possible strike action on Wednesday 30 November. We will let you know by next Friday whether this action is likely to affect the running of the school????

### CLEANER REQUIRED

There is a vacancy for a cleaner at the school with our contract cleaning company – Metro Cleaning. The hours are 4pm – 6pm, flexible times in holidays. If interested or for further information please call Richard on 07732 767575.

### PIANO FOR SALE

The school have a piano for sale. If you are interested please contact the school office for further information.

## PTA NEWS

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children have once again designed their own Christmas card and we will be sending out the sample card shortly. This year Gift Tags with the children's designs will also be available.

### LUCKY DIP BAGS

Lucky Dip bags are being sent home today. Please fill the bag and return it as soon as possible.

### SECRET SANTA

The box for Secret Santa donations is now available in reception. Please send in gifts as soon as possible. Thank you.

## FLO NEWS

### NEXT WEEK WITH FLO

Thursday 8.45am – visit by Heather Gamble from Marden Children's Centre. She will be bringing information about events and support available for parents with pre-school children. Please come along for a coffee and meet Heather.

Thursday 1.45pm – ASD information DVD being shown with opportunity to chat and discuss the issues raised.

If you wish to see me for a more private chat, please give me a call to arrange an appointment. (07826 294899).

### ASD HELP – NEWSROUND

Last Friday, 11 November, CBBC's Newsround programme ran a 15 minute feature programme entitled 'My Autism and Me'. It was presented by 13 year old Rosie who has Aspergers Syndrome. She and other children with ASD talk about the joys and sorrows of autism in a way that is interesting and informative and is ideal for siblings or friends of diagnosed children. If you missed this programme you can watch it on BBC iPlayer. Just search for Newsround and then choose 'My Autism and Me'.

### ASD – CONFUSED?

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45pm I will be showing the 40 minute DVD 'ASD – Confused?' in the meeting room. This DVD has been made by a mother of two autistic boys in order to help other parents of autistic children. Anyone who would like a greater understanding of autism is welcome to come along and watch this DVD. This is a relaxed viewing with plenty of opportunity to discuss the issues raised.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided and there will be toys available for pre-school children.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BE PART OF A 60 YEAR SUCCESS STORY

Staplehurst Scout Group is looking for new leaders and helpers to help with increasing demand. With over 120 boys and girls in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts we need additional leaders now to keep all our sections running and to start a new Scout section. Come and see us, details on our [www.staplehurstscouts.org.uk](http://www.staplehurstscouts.org.uk) or call me, Angela Weddell on 893133. Full training given and you will be joining a 20 strong leader and assistant leader team. You don't have to be able to come to every meeting but that would be nice. All help is much appreciated.

### MAIDSTONE JUNIOR NETBALL

St Francis School, Maidstone, Saturday mornings 9.30–11.00am (term time only) age 7 and upwards. Why not go along and give it a try. If interested call Denise Pellatt 01622 205190 or 07880 552254 or call Anne Scott 01622 734128 or 0775 6312740.

### STAPLEHURST UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Coffee, Crafting & Goodies. Saturday 19 November 10 am to 12 noon. Join in for a morning of crafts suitable for all ages. Proceeds to be split evenly between The McCabe Day Centre and Staplehurst URC. For more details please contact: [Amanda.reardon@btinternet.com](mailto:Amanda.reardon@btinternet.com).

### CHAPEL LANE WORKSHOP

Chapel Lane Pre-School is running a Christmas floristry workshop 2 December 7.30–9.30 pm. Perfect your flower arranging skills, enjoy a fun evening and make a sumptuous Christmas wreath. Tickets are £30 to include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. To book a place or for more information contact Veronica Harmer on 01580 893288.

### STAPLEHURST UNDER 5 PLAYGROUP

Staplehurst Under 5's are holding a Christmas Fair on Tuesday 29 November at Staplehurst Village Hall (North) 7.30pm. Entry £3 to include drink, mince pie & raffle ticket. Tickets available from playgroup committee members and Sarah Saunders: 07746 088580.

### DIARY DATES

#### Tuesday 22 November

7pm Information Evening for parents of children starting in Early Years in September 2012

#### Wednesday 23 November

9.30am Open Morning for parents of children starting in Early Years in September 2012

#### Thursday 24 November

1.45pm Information afternoon for parents of children starting in Early Years in September 2012

#### Monday 28 November

Staff Development Day – **SCHOOL CLOSED**

#### Friday 2 December

Years 5 & 6 Herstmonceux Science Observatory Trip

#### Tuesday 6 December

Years 3 & 4 Tudor Treasure Musician Visitor  
Year 3 children please wear a Tudor outfit

#### Wednesday 7 December

Years 3 & 4 Tudor Treasure Musician Visitor  
Year 4 children please wear a Tudor outfit

#### Tuesday 13 December

1.45pm Infant Christmas Performance to parents

#### Wednesday 14 December

9.45am Infant Christmas Performance to parents  
Christmas Lunch – sorry no parents

#### Thursday 15 December

pm Christmas parties

#### Friday 16 December

9.30 Church Service  
End of term

#### Wednesday 4 January 2012

Spring Term begins

### WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

#### ADMIN – CHEQUES PAYABLE TO

Dinner money - KCC Re Staplehurst School  
Trips & Breakfast Club - Staplehurst School