

Staplehurst School

NEWSLETTER



SCHOOL NEWS

STRIKE ACTION

A letter was sent home yesterday about the strike action on Wednesday 30 November. As a school we will be CLOSED.

CHILDREN IN NEED

A big THANK YOU to all who wore spots to school last week for Children In Need, the school raised the sum of £478.02. Julia Hammond in Year 4 baked some delicious cakes and biscuits which were beautifully decorated, for her class, and raised £4.80. Well done Julia.

OFSTED REPORT

Our Ofsted Report was sent home on Wednesday, together with a covering letter, explaining their findings. The Report was also discussed by governors at the Full Governing Body meeting held on Wednesday evening and they would like to invite all parents/carers to a parent forum evening during the week beginning 5th December (an exact date and letter will follow). The Governing Body will outline how the School Improvement Plan aims to tackle the areas for improvement highlighted in the Ofsted report. Annemarie Bolt.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 28/11/11 Years 5, 6, 3, 4
w/c 25/12/11 Years 3, 4, 5, 6

DATA COLLECTION

A Data Collection Sheet for each child was sent home this week. Please check and amend these sheets and send them back to the office **as soon as possible** so we can ensure our information is correct and up to date. **The Emergency Contacts are crucial – in an emergency we need to get hold of somebody within 5 minutes.**

Please also include an email address so we can start sending you information in this more efficient format.

JUNK MODELLING CLUB – KS1

Junk Modelling Club for KS1 has now finished. Due to the huge amount of interest shown in this club, further consideration will be given to perhaps running the club again next year, with priority being given to those who did not get a place this time.

Thank you to Ben Schofield, Molly Hunter, Katie Burniston, Mia Wakeling and Katherine Douglas who, not only spent a huge amount of time organising and

setting up this club, but also gave up their lunch hour to run it. Well done to all of you!

A special thank you is extended to Mrs Schofield for supervising the club and storing all the junk!

Thanks also to everyone who kindly donated material for the junk modelling club it was greatly appreciated.

SPANISH CLUB

There will be NO Spanish Club on Wednesday 30 November. Thereafter the club will change to Monday lunchtime. Next session will be on Monday 5 December and there are three sessions left.

After Christmas the club will continue for another 12 weeks – if you wish your child to carry on please contact Tracy Leveridge; tracyleveridge@sky.com

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a part time midday supervisor for up to 4 lunches per week (1 hr pr day). If you're interested or would like more information please call the office.

CONGRATULATIONS ALISON

Year 6 pupil Alison Jones, won a Silver medal in the GKR National Karate Championships for 10–11 yr olds held in Sheffield on 19 November.

PTA NEWS

LUCKY DIP BAGS

Please return your filled Lucky Dip bags as soon as possible. They will be sold for 50p so please don't overspend on the contents. Thank you.

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

Next week I will be in the playground on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.35am. See me then for any quick queries or join me for coffee and a chat from 8.45am on Thursday.

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

Bower Grove Parent Support Group

The next meeting of the Bower Grove group will be on Friday 2nd December at Bower Grove School. Come at 10.15am for a coffee and a 10.30am start. Mrs Jackie Golds, a staff member at Bower Grove School, will be speaking about behavioural strategies. These meetings are aimed at supporting parents of children with ASD and other disabilities but anyone who would find the subject matter helpful is welcome.

ASD Father's support group

This group offers support and information to the fathers of children with ASD. The men will be meeting at Bower Grove School from 7 – 9pm on Tuesday 6th December.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club are holding a Family Bingo Night on Saturday 3 December. Doors open at 6pm. Eyes down at 7pm. Hot food will be available between 6-7pm (orders taken). Tickets cost £5 per adult, £1.50 per child. For tickets please call Caroline 07805 269723 or Tina 07880 710013.

APPEAL FOR UNANTED CLOTHES

Please can you help Chapel Lane Pre-School by contributing good quality, clean unwanted textiles to a Bag2School collection that we're organising to raise funds for toys and equipment for the children. Please bring unwanted adults' and children's' clothes, shoes (tied together), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains, bedding (not duvets or pillows) to Chapel Lane Pre-School between 9 and 12 on weekday mornings before Monday 12 December 2011 or call 07810 378847 to arrange for collection from your home. For more information see www.bag2school.co.uk.

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 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.

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**

Wednesday 30 November

Strike Action - **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**