

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

🌿 MERRY CHRISTMAS 🌿

This term the children have worked extremely hard on their class projects and also their Christmas performances – we are very proud of them! We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing the children on Thursday 4 January.

HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS

The Headteacher commendations for this term are:-

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| EY1 | Tegan B |
| EY2 | Dexter H |
| 1H | Katie H |
| 1L | Kai G |
| 1B | Lilly A |
| 2KS | Ruby H |
| 2O | Billy W |
| 3T | Eva B |
| 3S | Edie R |
| 4H | Danny C |
| 4R | Betheny F |
| 5G | Isabel A |
| 5S | Florence M |
| 6C | Matthew S |
| 6L | Yasmin F |

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

| Date | KS1 Assembly 9am | KS2 Assembly 2.45pm |
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| 5 January | Early Years | Year 6 |
| 12 January | Year 1 | Year 5 |
| 19 January | Year 2 | Year 4 |
| 26 January | Early Years | Year 3 |
| 2 February | Year 1 | Year 6 |
| 9 February | Year 2 | Year 5 |
| 23 February | Early Years | Year 4 |
| 2 March | Year 1 | Year 3 |
| 9 March | Year 2 | Year 6 |
| 16 March | Early Years | Year 5 |
| 23 March | Year 1 | Year 4 |

HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to Attenborough – Red House who won this term's House Point Challenge and may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 12 January 2018.

KS2 CAROL CONCERT

Today KS2 children went up to the church to sing to the parents. To link in with our Victorian topic work the children and staff dressed in Victorian costumes and held a traditional Christmas Carol Service. It was a fantastic concert and parents gave us some wonderful feedback. We would like to thank all our parents who kindly came and helped walked the children safely to and from the church.



At the end of the performance the children all threw their caps and hats into the air to great applause!



SPRING TERM LUNCH MENUS

Last week your child should have brought home a new lunch menu for the Spring Term. Further copies are available from the office and on our website.

ONLINE SAFETY

It is hugely important that parents closely monitor what their child(ren) is/are watching on-line. The school include messages regarding on-line safety whenever possible in the teaching but it is important this message is reiterated at home. If you have any concerns regarding the content of what your child views on-line please contact the Inclusion Office.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 01.01.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

w/c 08.01.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

ADOPTIONS – RECORD MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOOLS

Did you know that if you are the parent of an adopted child it is necessary for the school records to be updated to reflect this. Please let us know in confidence if this affects you.

SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURE

The DfE (Department for Education) states that “schools should, wherever possible, stay open in severe weather” and we recognise that it is important for Staplehurst School to remain **open** so that parents are able to work and children can continue to learn. Our fundamental principle is that every effort will be made to ensure that Staplehurst School remains open even if only limited numbers of children can attend.

In each instance the school will determine:

- whether the school site is safe
- how many staff are likely to be in

then make a decision based on the safety of children.

If the school is CLOSED we will notify you by TEXT and EMAIL.

SCHOOL JACKETS

Now that the weather is changing may we remind you that we do keep in stock reversible waterproof fleeces at school. The jackets have the school logo on the front and light reactive triangles on them so they can be seen in the dark. The jackets are excellent value at £15.

GOVERNOR NEWS

One of our Parent Governors, Penny Evans, is stepping down at the end of this term. We would like to thank Penny for all of the time and input she has given to the work of the Governing Body over the past two years.

No nominations were received for the Parent Governor election which took place earlier this term. If you think you might be interested in becoming a Governor but are unsure of what the role involves, then please contact one of our Clerks to Governors via: clerktogovernors@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk who will be happy to have an informal chat with you.

PTA NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

The PTA would like to thank everyone who joined and supported this year's Grand Christmas raffle. They raised a fantastic amount of £318.00. The draw took place on Friday 15 December and the lucky top 10 winners were:-

- 1st £100 cash – Mrs S Clout
- 2nd £50 cash – Mrs M Hartley
- 3rd Hamper – Mr C Scott
- 4th Hamper – Mrs S Simpson
- 5th Hamper - Mrs G Brace
- 6th Leeds Castle day tickets - Mrs A Baker
- 7th Pantomime tickets - Mrs J Lenham
- 8th Butcher's food voucher - Mrs D Brazil
- 9th Hair voucher – Mrs K Wallond
- 10th Beauty voucher – Mr M Johnson

Congratulations to all our remaining winners.

The PTA would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 20 December

INSET Day

Thursday 4 January 2018

Start of Spring Term (Term 3)

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.