

Staplehurst School



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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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming you back after your Christmas Holiday and to wish you all a Happy New Year.

WELCOME

We would like to say a warm welcome to our new members of teaching staff: Mrs Stevenson who joins us as Deputy Head, and Mrs Evans in 4R and Mr Macrae in 1L.

FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES



Today we welcomed the parents and carers of our Early Years children to their first Celebration Assembly. Starting from next week we will be offering the usual opportunity for a cup of coffee and chat afterwards.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

Reminder that Attenborough – Red House won last term's House Point Challenge and may wear their own clothes to school next Friday, 12 January.

CLUBS LIST

The new Club List for the Spring Term will be issued as soon as we are able to finalise it.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

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

w/c 15.01.18 Year 4, 5, 6, 3

MENU CHANGE – PIZZA PARTY DAY

Thursday 18 January is School **Census Day** when the Government counts the number of school meals taken and determines how much funding to send to schools for the year. **With school budgets being continually squeezed, it would really help us if your child could try a school meal on this day please.** Our catering company will be providing a different menu from that advertised:

Margherita Pizza
Meat Feast Pizza
Veggie Pizza
Wedges
Sweetcorn
Salad Cart
Vanilla Ice Cream
Fruit Pots/Yoghurts

SCHOOLS CLUB SPORTS KIT

If you have any Staplehurst School Sports kit at home please return it to Mr Littleton as soon as possible as the kit will be needed for forthcoming fixtures in football and netball. If you know of any pupil who has left the school who may still have old school kit, please ask them to return it to school.

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.

GOVERNOR NEWS

No nominations were received for the Parent Governor election which took place last 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH NEW YEAR PARTY!

Please join the Messy New Year Family Party on Saturday 6 January, 3.30pm at Staplehurst URC. There'll be well-loved group/family/team games and lots of fun and laughter! When they've finished the games they'll have a New Year blessing and then enjoy a 'sausages in buns' supper together and be home in time for 6pm. They'd love to see you there and hope you can join in the fun.

BOWER GROVE PARENT SUPPORT

Bower Grove Support is a support group for families for children with special needs. The group hold meetings at Bower Grove School, Fant Lane Maidstone and also hold various information events that cover a wide range of subjects. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the support they provide then call Josephine Cousins during school hours on 01622 726773.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6 February

Young Voices at the O2 (Choir only)

Wednesday 7 February

Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 8 February

Parent Consultations 5.00-7.30pm

Monday 12 – Friday 16 February

Half Term

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.