

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



Staplehurst School is supporting Children's Mental Health Week which is 5 – 11 February. This year's theme will aim to encourage children, young people and adults to celebrate their uniqueness. It's all about #BeingOurselves!

When we have a positive view of ourselves it can help us to cope with life's challenges, and recognising the different qualities of others can allow us to connect with those around us – which is vital for our own and others' wellbeing.

The children will be discussing this in class and assemblies during that week.

CONCERNS/QUERIES

Staplehurst School operates an open door policy and welcomes feedback from parents/carers at all times. If you have any queries or concerns about your child please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Please remind your child that if they have any worries about school or behaviour they should either tell the teacher or the teaching assistant.

WHAT'S UNDER OUR FEET?



In Geography, Class 3T has been learning about the earth and what's underneath the ground. The children used plasticine in different colours and then once they had built up to the earth's crust they cut the sphere in half to show how the earth's core is made up of different layers.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please return your request slip for Parent Consultations by **Wednesday 24 January**. If you have not received your letter, there are copies available from the office.

COMPUTING IN YEAR 4



This week Hawthorn and Rowan class have been exploring a programme called 'Scratch' during their computing lessons. Scratch is a free visual programming language used by millions of children around the world. With Scratch, children can create their own interactive stories, then share and discuss their creations with one another. The programme allows children to learn to think creatively, reason

systematically and work collaboratively. Year 4 loved having the chance to create their own animation, and show others how to input advanced steps such as character messages. A well done to all!

PIZZA PARTY DAY – 18 JANUARY 2018

On Thursday it was 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. In the last newsletter we asked that as many Early Years and KS1 children try a school lunch as possible and we are happy to say that there was a good uptake. Thank you for your support.

PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council met yesterday and discussed the following topics in detail:

- Recording of Bullying Incidents – discussion on how bullying incidents are reported/graded and repeat offences monitored
- SATs – children's welfare leading up to and during the SATs

The minutes from the meeting will be available on the school website soon.

CHILDREN'S CHOICE COOK BOOK

Contract Dining has a limited number of copies of the new Children's Choice Cook Book which is made up of recipes by children for children. Henry P in 3S is one of the lucky children who won the competition and his recipe appears in the book.

The book costs £1.00 with all proceeds being shared between Demelza House and Five Acre Wood School. If you would like a copy please send £1.00 to the office.

CHANGE TO MENU – WEEK 1

Please note that sweetcorn will be added to the vegetable option on the menu for Thursdays in Week 1.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 22.01.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

w/c 29/01.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

POWER UP TO RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Please send in any unused batteries next week as the boxes are being collected next Friday. We can win vouchers for the school!

CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

Visitors to the school are always complimentary about our children, their behaviour and how smart they look. However, it has been noticed that some of our pupils are not coming to school in the correct uniform. In particular:

- The branded School Book Bag or Ruck Sack must be used for children in KS1;
- Hair bows should be no larger than the palm of a hand and must be either blue, gold or white with no sparkles;
- Only stud earrings are permitted;
- Black shoes must be worn, not trainers;
- False nails/nail varnish are not permitted.

Please ensure that your children are correctly dressed in full uniform every day in line with the school policy which can be found on our website.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

ATTENDANCE

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

Whole school attendance

Attendance for the whole school for the week is **92.37%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **6C and 6L** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **97.92%**.

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Is your child now at school? Are you looking for a little part time job, during term time? We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor, 5 hours a week. If you would like to find out more information about joining our friendly dedicated team then please contact Mrs Zimmer in the office. Thank 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.

NO SMOKING POLICY

Staplehurst School is a no smoking school and we do not allow smoking anywhere on the premises. Please ensure that you inform any friends or family members who collect your child from school.

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

STAPLEHURST MONARCHS GIRLS FOOTBALL

Following the successful launch of the U11 & U13 teams, Monarchs are now looking to start up Under 8 & Under 10 teams from September. If any girls in years 1, 2, 3 and 4 would be interested in playing, please contact Staplehurst Monarchs Youth via the Facebook page or email ghaywood@tiscali.co.uk.

BETHANY SCHOOL MASTER CLASSES

Bethany School are holding the following Master Classes for pupils in Year 6:-

Saturday 20 January 10am – 12pm - History
Saturday 17 March 10am – 12pm - Mandarin

To register email Ginnie Corbett:
marketing@bethanyschool.org.uk.

FANCY DRESS

The fancy dress shop in Cranbrook (now known as Fancy Pants Emporium) offer schools in the area 25% discount on hires and purchases of costumes and accessories for school related dress up days. This could be helpful for World Book Day on the 1 March when we will be asking children to come in dressed as their favourite book character. Contact details – 01580 715340 or www.fancypantsemporium.com or Facebook page Fancy Pants Cranbrook Kent.

DIARY DATES

Friday 26 January

Year 6 Walk around the village

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

Wednesday 14 March

Class Photographs

Monday 26 March

Parent Drop In (2.45pm)

Tuesday 27 March

Parent Consultations – Years 2 and 6

Thursday 29 March

End of Term 3

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

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.