

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

### MEET THE NEW DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Mrs Stevenson has been in education for 16 years and before that worked as an HR Director in the City. She has joined us from East Borough Primary School.

She really enjoys sport and at the risk of alienating some of our parents is a massive Chelsea supporter!

Mrs Stevenson has had a slight baptism of fire since she joined us but has thoroughly enjoyed her first few weeks at Staplehurst School. Her door is always open to any parents or carers and she can be seen on the gate most mornings for a quick chat.

### YEAR 2 SHOW OFF THEIR HOMEWORK

Year 2 have created some wonderful home learning about Neil Armstrong. Given the freedom to deliver facts about him however they wanted, they presented a wonderful range of posters, leaflets, models, books and even games!



### YEAR 5 PRIMARY LITERACY CHALLENGE

Four children from Year 5 represented Staplehurst in a Literacy Competition at Invicta Girls Grammar School today. We are proud to announce that our team came second overall and first in creative writing – so a huge well done to Sophie C, Isobel A, Izzy F and Katie H. Thanks also to Mrs Watts for supporting them and to Katie's Mum for transporting the children. A really excellent team effort!

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

If you have not already returned your Parent Consultation slip, please call into the office and we will do our best to try and accommodate the date and times you ask for.

### YEAR 4 REACH FOR THE STARS

Class 4H have produced a stunning display on their hopes and aspirations for this year. We wish them well in reaching their targets, including improving handwriting and learning times tables!



### BUSTERS' BOOK CLUB VOUCHER WINNERS!

Early Years have only just joined Busters' Book Club and have really taken up the challenge. Congratulations to Oak Class who have won the most improved class this week with an amazing 81% improvement. The children have won Wild Wood Vouchers which we hope will give them a great day out.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 29.01.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5  
w/c 05.02.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

## KENT FIRE & RESCUE

We are pleased to welcome back Kent Fire & Rescue on Monday 5 February to talk to the children. The morning will be divided into year group sessions and the children will be spoken to in an age appropriate manner. They will be told about many things, including: what a 999 call means, smoke detectors, the dangers of matches and lighters, and other important and interesting aspects of Fire Safety.



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.

## MENU CHANGE – THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

To celebrate Chinese New Year our catering company will be providing a different menu from that advertised:

Chinese Sticky Chicken  
Sweet Chilli Noodles  
Spring Rolls  
Wedges  
Oriental Mixed Vegetables  
Mixed Salad  
Rice  
Sticky Pineapple Cake  
Fruit Pots/Yoghurts

## 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.

## 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.

## PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council met last week 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.

## 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 **92.12%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **1B** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **97.69%**.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

## YEAR 6 – KINGSWOOD

The provisional booking made for Kingswood has been oversubscribed this year and we are not able to add any extra pupils onto the booking at this time. The situation may change if there are any cancellations in the next few months and the Centre will be advising us if any places become available. If you know that your child has changed their mind about attending please speak to the office so that we can offer the place to another child. In these circumstances it will be possible for deposits to be refunded if we are able to reallocate the place.

## MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Is your child now at school? Are you looking for a 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.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased to be able to offer an after school Cricket Club in the Summer Term and Gardening Club will start again on 14 March. Forms will be available from the office after half term. You will need to complete a new form even if your child has previously attended these clubs.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FOOTBALL FUN IN HALF TERM

Football Five Star will be running another of their popular half term football sessions at Jubilee Sports Field on Tuesday 13 February. You can book your child's place at <http://footballfivestar.co.uk/holenrol.html>

Please don't leave it to the last minute, they sold out back in October!

## 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](http://www.fancypantsemporium.com) or Facebook page Fancy Pants Cranbrook Kent.

# 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

### Thursday 22 February

Raptor Centre visit Early Years

### 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

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## 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.