

Staplehurst School



# NEWSLETTER

## PRIDE

Positivity

Respect

Independence

Determination

Excellence

Staplehurst School is an inclusive community and we do not tolerate bullying – race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### ERUPTING VOLCANOES

Last term Year 3 made their own papier-maché volcanoes as they had been learning about our extreme earth as part of their topic. On Monday the children made their volcanoes come to life, using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. The children had a fantastic time watching their volcanoes erupt, and making the classroom smell!



### HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Red House won this term's House Point Challenge and were allowed wear their own clothes to school today. Congratulations Red House.

### HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Our Governors have recently approved a new Home School Agreement as part of the School's Online Safety Policy. The new Agreement has now been sent out to all parents/carers and we expect the forms to be signed and returned for all pupils.

### RAPTOR CENTRE VISIT

On Thursday the children in Early Years were very lucky to have a visit from the Raptor Centre, who brought along birds of prey. The birds were able to fly around the hall and the children all thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were very well behaved.



## PUPIL PREMIUM

Do you receive any of the following benefits?

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you so, you qualify for Pupil Premium which means your child/ren is/are entitled to:

- Free school trips**
- Free breakfast at Breakfast Club**
- Free school milk**
- Assistance towards the purchase of uniform and equipment**
- Paid swimming sessions**
- Free school meals if your child is in Years 3-6**
- Funding for one fee paying club**

If you would like more information please speak to the office or Inclusion Team in complete confidence.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day next week on Thursday 1 March, by asking the children to dress as their favourite book character and bring the book in to share with their class. We will be spending the whole day immersed in books and the children will be working towards creating their own books to share. If anyone has any spare comics at home, any donations would be gratefully received by your class teacher, or the office. Thank you.

## KINGSWOOD 2018

A letter has been sent home with Year 6 pupils today about some changes to the Kingswood trip this year. If anyone has any questions about this please contact the office. **Please note that the full balance of the trip must be paid by 17 March.**

## KENT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Kent Community Foundation, a grant-making charity, manages several funds which offer grants to individual children and young people from a financially disadvantaged background, specifically; young carers, children with disabilities, long-term illness, life-limiting conditions, special needs and disadvantaged, vulnerable, marginalised or at risk. If you feel that your family may be eligible to access this funding please speak to Mrs Laslett in the Inclusion Team who can provide you with more information.

## DONATIONS PLEASE

If anyone has any spare clothes for ages 5-8 years, particularly pants and socks, they would be gratefully received.

## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT



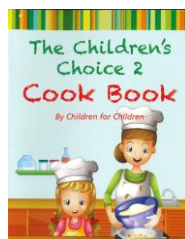
On Saturday 10 February, Joe S (6L) competed for the Kent Under 11 boys team in the Southeast Sportshall Fun in Athletics Regional Finals, at the Surrey Sports Park against Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, Surrey and Sussex.

Kent Boys team came first winning the Gold Medal – well done Joe!

## SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 26.02.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4  
w/c 05.03.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

## CHILDREN'S CHOICE 2 COOK BOOK



We are selling the Children's Choice 2 Cook Book published by the Contract Dining Company. The book includes a recipe by Henry P in 3S and the book is on sale for £1 with all proceeds being shared between Demelza House and Five Acre Wood School. If you would like a copy please send £1 to the office or email [office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk).

## 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 **93.17%**.

### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **209** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **97.49%**.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
2 March	Year 1	Year 3
9 March	Year 2	Year 6
16 March	Early Years	Year 5
23 March	Year 1	Year 4

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Unfortunately due to a low uptake, the start date for the new Table Tennis Club will be deferred until after the Easter break. Those who have already shown interest in joining will be guaranteed a place when the club starts. More information will follow nearer the time.

## GARDENING CLUB

Now that spring is on its way, Gardening Club will be starting again on Wednesday 14 March. The Club is open to anyone in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Copies of the joining letter are available from the office; please note that previous members will need to re-apply for a place.

## MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Is your child now at school? Are you looking for or do you know of anyone looking for a rewarding part time job, during term time? We currently have two vacancies for Midday Supervisors, both doing 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.

## CLEANER REQUIRED

Our cleaning company, Metro Cleaning, are looking for a cleaner for Staplehurst School. The hours are 2 per day term time with some holiday work required. If you are interested please contact Bryan O'Connor at Metro on 07841 370774.

## 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.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LAMBING WEEKEND

High Weald Academy is hosting its annual Lambing Weekend on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 March from 10am to 4.30pm daily. Entrance is £2.00 with children under 3 free. Refreshments are available and there is FREE parking. All proceeds support the running of the farm.

### MARCH & APRIL MESSY CHURCH

On Saturday 17 March from 3.30 - 6pm Staplehurst United Reform Church, are merging March and April's Messy Church owing to the timing of Easter and the school holidays. They are in the process of planning lots of exciting activities so save the date – they would love to see you there!!

### STAPLEHURST CRICKET & TENNIS CLUB

Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club is offering FREE indoor cricket sessions for children in Year 4-6 who have participated in their cricket coaching at the school in recent years and are interested in joining the Club's junior cricket programme this summer. All equipment is provided and dress is standard indoor sports kit. The sessions take place on Monday evenings at the Weald Sports Centre between 6.00pm to 7.00pm from February 26 until April 16 inclusive (except Easter Monday, April 2). Places are limited so please email [john.swannick@staplehurstcricket.com](mailto:john.swannick@staplehurstcricket.com) for more details and to book a place.

### HAWKHURST UNDER 10s FOOTBALL CLUB

Hawkhurst Under 10s Football Club are growing in preparation for next seasons Under 11s 9-a-side football matches in September 2018. Training is every Saturday between 09.30 and 11.00am at Marlborough House School. If you are interested please contact Brunel woods on 07850 915086 or [brunel.woods@sky.com](mailto:brunel.woods@sky.com)

## DIARY DATES

### Thursday 1 March

World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character

### Tuesday 13 March

Mother's Day Lunch

### Wednesday 14 March

Class Photographs

### Thursday 15 March

Mother's Day Lunch (fully booked)

### Monday 26 March

Parent Drop In (2.45pm)

### Tuesday 27 March

Parent Consultations – Years 2 and 6

### Thursday 29 March

End of 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.