

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

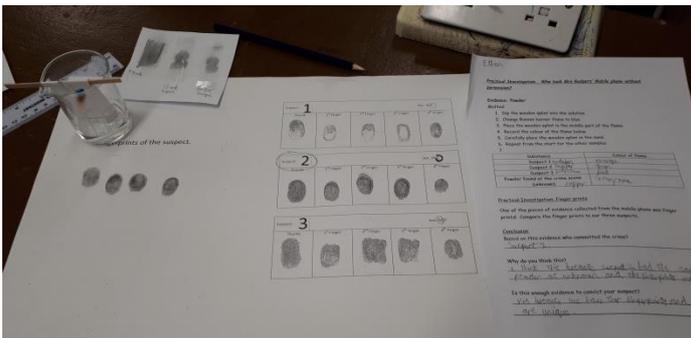
TURRETS AND TOWERS

As part of their topic on turrets and towers, Year 1 visited Leeds Castle today. The children enjoyed dressing up and role playing the traditional Russian tale of the Swan Princess. This was followed by a tour of the castle and the children discovered lots of features that they had been learning about in class. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day! We would like to thank all the parents who accompanied the children today.



YEAR 5 SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Yesterday four Year 5 pupils, Honey and James in 5S and Jemima and Ethan in 5G represented Staplehurst School in a Science Challenge at High Weald Academy. A mobile phone belonging to one of the teachers had been stolen but the suspect had left behind three clues! The children had a lot of fun using different scientific methods to work out who the thief was and it was really good that they were able to do all the experiments themselves. We would like to thank the parents for transporting the children and Mrs Watts for escorting them.



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHES

On Tuesday and Thursday this week some of our Mums were able to come in and have lunch with their children to celebrate Mother's Day. The serving hatch was decorated with bunting and the tables were laid with tablecloths and bunches of daffodils. Thank you to Contract Dining Company for organising the event and providing such delicious lunches.



SPORT RELIEF DAY



On Friday 23 March 2018 children may wear any sports clothes to school for a donation to support Sport Relief 2018.

YEAR 2 PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Letters for the Year 2 Parent Consultations have been sent home with children and slips should be returned by **Wednesday 21 March**. Parents/Carers will see that we have changed the timing from that originally published and added an extra date to give you more flexibility.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 19.03.18 Year 4, 5, 6, 3
w/c 26.03.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4

BIKE SHELTER

We are delighted with our new Bike Shelter which was installed this week.



We were very fortunate to receive a small grant from KCC and from next week the bicycles will be stored under the shelter.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Thank you to those parents who have already sent back the new Agreement between parents and the school. Reminders have been sent out this week so if you have not yet returned the form for your child/ren we ask that you do so within the next two weeks.

PUPIL PREMIUM

Do you receive any of the following benefits?

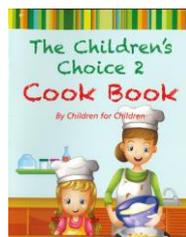
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have 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.

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.

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 **93.68%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **6L16** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **98.96%**.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
23 March	Year 1	Year 4
20 April	Year 2	Year 3
27 April	Early Years	Year 6
4 May	Year 1	Year 5
11 May	Year 2	Year 4
18 May	Early Years	Year 3
25 May	Year 1	Year 6
8 June	Year 2	Year 5
15 June	Early Years	Year 4
22 June	Year 1	Year 3
29 June	Year 2	Year 6
6 July	Early Years	Year 5
13 July	Year 1	Year 4

GARDENING CLUB

Now that spring is on its way, Gardening Club has started again. The Club is open to anyone in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. There are still spaces available so if your child would like to apply for a place, copies of the joining letter are available from the office.

DELICIOUS CAKES AND COOKIES FOR THE END OF TERM

There will be another cake/cookie stall after school on **Thursday 29 March** to raise funds for Year 6 Leavers Party.

BUSTER'S BIG BASH

Buster's Big Bash is now open for booking! This free family event takes place on the morning of Saturday 12 May in Dane John Gardens, Canterbury. It is a celebration of the achievements of pupils in schools using Green travel and Literacy schemes. As well as taking part in a record-attempt walking bus crocodile through Canterbury, children will complete a series of physical and sporting challenges, learn circus skills, race space hoppers and enjoy the go-karts. You can take your teddy bears and have a picnic in front of the circus show. Some special

guests are rumoured to be attending this year....keep your eyes peeled for Buster and his friends! Check out this link for more details and to book your free place: <http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/walktoschool/bigbash/> Places are first-come first served and goody bags will be allocated to the first 300 children checking in at 9.45am on the day. All children who complete the challenge activities will receive attraction vouchers. Please address any queries to: chayes@thekmgroupp.co.uk

CHARITY WALK

On 14 and 15 April, one of our parents and Midday Supervisor staff, Mrs Leppard, will be walking 50 miles in the Isle of Wight to raise money for Brainstrust. Mrs Leppard's son was treated for a brain tumour in 2012 and 2014 and now that he has been in remission for three years she would like to help others who find themselves in a similar position. Brainstrust help people diagnosed with a brain tumour and aim to give everyone diagnosed access to the resources that will put them back in control.

If you would like to sponsor Mrs Leppard the link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/julieleppard2017> or you can drop a donation into the office.

Thanks very much!

COMMUNITY NEWS

LAMBING WEEKEND

Tomorrow and Sunday, High Weald Academy is hosting its annual Lambing Weekend from 10am to 4.30pm each day. 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

Tomorrow, Saturday 17 March is Messy Church at Staplehurst United Reform Church. They will be making things, telling stories and singing songs all about Easter which is such an important celebration of new life and hope. Doors open at 3.30pm for family board games followed by crafts including making cards, wreaths, crosses and edible Easter goodies. At 4.45-5pm they have a short service with a few songs and a story until everyone has tea together. Do go along if you can and join in the messy fun.

MGS SPRING FAIR

Maidstone Grammar School would like to invite parents and pupils to join them for fun and frivolity at the Spring Fair this Saturday 17 March, from 10.30am to 2pm, with plenty to keep everyone entertained, and an opportunity to have a look at the school.

STAPLEHURST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday 20 March there is a meeting at the Village Centre South Hall at 8pm and the topic is "Small can also be beautiful". The guest is Sue Hayward a Gold Medal winner at the Chelsea Flower Show.

The **Spring Flower Show** is on Saturday 24 March. Rules and registration forms are available from the Library and all registrations should be in by 22 March.

FOOTBALL FIVE STAR

Football Five Star will be running another of their popular holiday footie sessions at Jubilee Sports Field on the 10 and 11 April. You can book your child's place at <http://footballfivestar.co.uk/holenrol.html> Please don't leave it to the last minute, the previous two courses in October and February sold out!

DIARY DATES

Friday 23 March

Sport Relief Day – wear sports clothes for a donation!

Monday 26 March

Parent Drop In (2.45pm)

Tuesday 27 March

Parent Consultations – Year 2 (3.30-5.30pm)
SATs and Kingswood Meeting (6pm – Year 6 only)

Wednesday 28 March

Parent Consultations – Year 2 (3.30-5.30pm)

Thursday 29 March

End of Term 4

Monday 16 April

Start of Term 5

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Staplehurst Cricket Flyer

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.