

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

### HAPPY EASTER



This term the children have worked extremely hard, in particular the Year 6 children on preparation for SATs next term. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 16 April.

### LETTER FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Please see enclosed end of term letter from Chris Roome.

### HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS

The Headteacher commendations for this term are:-

EY1	Jake M
EY2	Ewan C
1H	Matilda M
1L	Ella L
1B	Sebastian C
2KS	Edward H
2O	George F
3T	Charlotte B
3S	Levi P
4H	Lexie S
4R	Tommy-Lee F
5G	Yoanna C
5S	Honey S
6C	Amy C
6L	Ciarán C

### HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to Rowling – Blue House who won this term's House Point Challenge and may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 20 April 2018.

### NEW WEBSITE

Most of you will know that our existing website has been in need of a revamp and we are pleased to announce that the new website will be going live during the Easter break so please do check it out during the holidays.

### SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 16.04.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5  
w/c 23.04.18 Year 3, 4, 5, 6

### SPORT RELIEF DAY TOTAL

6C held a sponsored silence last Friday to help raise extra money for Sport Relief and raised £43.79. In total we raised £432.59 which is a fantastic amount. Thank you once again for your generosity.



### INTERNET ACCESS AND GAMING

We have been made aware that a small number of pupils in our school are accessing inappropriate on line gaming material. Games such as 'Call of Duty' have age restrictions for very good reasons and accessing inappropriate material can have a very profound effect on the emotional wellbeing of primary aged children. We would urge all parents to ensure that the material their children access is age appropriate and suitable for their age and ability. Please note that children may appear calm when playing these games but they are designed to 'busy' the brain and this can be harmful. If you have any queries, please do speak to Mrs Laslett in the Inclusion Team.

### SUMMER UNIFORM

A reminder that after the Easter break the children may wear summer uniform; polo shirts and shorts for boys and summer dresses for girls. If boys decide to wear the winter shirt then a tie must be worn please. We are immensely proud of our very smart uniform and we wish to maintain these high standards. Thank you.

### BRITISH INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Amelie and Ruby from 2KS, Gracie B and Ellie S from 3T, Poppy M from 3S, and Florrie and Skye from 4R are off to Blackpool for the Ballroom and Latin International championships during the Easter Holidays.



### INSPIRE TO COMPETE HOCKEY COMPETITION

Well done to Josh, Finley, Jacob and Declan from 4R, Ethan from 6C and James from 6L who competed in the Hockey Competition at Sissinghurst Primary School. Our team has only been playing a few weeks but played brilliantly getting to the final where they were pipped 3-2 after extra time.



### SCHOOL VALUES SUPERHEROES

As part of world book day 4H created School values superheroes. The children have continued to look at our school values and how they can be good role models and ensure they remain positive, respectful, independent, determined and excellent members of Staplehurst School.



### SAVE YOUR 5PS AND 10PS!

During the month of May the Year 6s will be invited to save up as many 5p and 10p coins as they can, to donate to the Leavers' party fund. They would be delighted if any pupils from other year groups would also like to collect for them. There will be a tasty prize for whoever comes up with the most imaginative way of holding/displaying their donated coins. Please bring your collection to the Office the week after the May half-term, thank you.

### 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 **92.64%**.

#### Class attendance

Special congratulations to **6C15** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **99.11%**.

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
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

## 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@thekmgroun.co.uk](mailto:chayes@thekmgroun.co.uk)

## JEWELLERY REMINDER

If pupils wish to wear earrings to school they should be plain studs only. It is against school uniform policy to wear more than one earring in each ear.

## GYMNASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Summer G and Emilia in Year 4 travelled to Guildford this weekend to represent Kestrel Gymnastics Academy in the South East Regional Gradings. Both girls did brilliantly; we are so proud to have such a rich range of talent in Staplehurst school.



## CHARITY WALK

On 14 and 15 April, one of our parents and Middy 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!

## PTA NEWS

### PTA DISCOS

There will be 3 separate discos held for all Staplehurst School children only on Friday 27 April 2018.

Early years 3.30pm to 4.15pm £3 entry includes drink, crisps and finger light (a separate letter was sent home, please return slip and money back to office asap.

Years 1, 2 and 3 Disco 4.30pm to 5.45pm £4 entry ticket only.

Years 4, 5, and 6 Disco 6pm to 7.30pm £4 entry ticket only.

Tuck shop open at both discos where children can purchase drinks, crisps, sweets and disco novelty lights.

**Please note: no parents /carers at all discos.**

Parents/Carers will drop their child at the door of the Junior Hall with their completed entry ticket (on sale week commencing 23 April). Entry tickets will need to be completed in advance.

Children will enter the hall where there will be Teachers and PTA Members on hand to look after and assist them at their age related disco.

At the end of the discos Parent/Carers will be able to come into the hall where children will be sitting in their year groups. Children will not be allowed to leave unless accompanied by an adult.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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!

### LAMBING WEEKEND

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 April, New Line Learning Academy is hosting its annual Lambing Weekend from 11am to 4pm each day. Entrance is £2.00 for adults and £1 for children. There will be refreshments, BBQ, crafts, tombola, games, plants, raffle and an opportunity to have your photograph taken with a lamb! All proceeds support the running of the farm.

## STAPLEHURST UNDER 5S PLAYGROUP JUMBLE

Staplehurst Under 5s Playgroup is holding a jumble sale on Saturday 28 April between 10am and 12:30pm at the Free Church on Station Road. Entry is £1 per adult and children are free. Stalls are just £5 and you can book via email at [under5events@gmail.com](mailto:under5events@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY DIARY DATES



5 May – Plant Sale at the Village Centre  
9 and 10 June – Staplehurst Open Gardens  
15 July – Staplehurst Manor Summer Fayre

Look out for more information in future newsletters!

## DIARY DATES

### Monday 16 April

Start of Term 5

### Friday 27 April

Year R – PTA Disco 3.30pm – 4.15pm  
Year 1, 2 & 3 – PTA Disco 4.30pm – 5.45 pm  
Year 4, 5 & 6 – PTA Disco 6pm – 7.30pm

### Monday 30 April

Attendance Information Meeting 6.30pm

### Wednesday 23 May

Year 3 Trip to Dover Museum

## WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Chair of Governors

## 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.