



**Staplehurst School Newsletter - No.12
- Autumn Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the period of advent we have been able to share with you our plans for the EYFS/KS1 Nativity, and our Christmas Carol Concert at the church. I realise that some of you will be disappointed that we have had to put in place restrictions to limit the numbers of people who can attend, but this is to ensure that we keep all members of our community safe, especially in light of increased speculation around new COVID variants. At this stage, due to extremely low cases in our school we are hopeful that our Christmas events will go ahead as planned.

Everyday at Staplehurst I am impressed with our children's learning and curiosity; in assembly this week we celebrated St Andrew's day and on Wednesday welcomed Rev. Parry back after 2 years. As we head towards the end of term we are looking forward to children writing their Geography and History essays - please remember to ask you child what they have been learning to help them recall important knowledgeor maybe write a family quiz ready for the Christmas holidays!

Have a restful weekend and stay warm!

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

Staplehurst School – P.R.I.D.E. Values

presents

Congratulations

Name	Class	Reason
Kairi Edmonds	1c	This week Kairi has shown superb maths knowledge in our recent assessments. Kairi is showing increasing resilience in writing and is beginning to realise that she can do what is expected of her. Well done Kairi
Sophia Best	15	This week, Sophia has demonstrated the PRIDE Value of determination. She has been working really hard in Phonics, by finding the 'Special Friends' in words and 'Fred Talking' them on her fingers. She has also been applying her Phonics knowledge to her writing! Well done, Sophia!
Lewis Winters	255	Lewis has demonstrated an excellent attitude towards his learning. He has persevered through challenges and shown a great knowledge of our topic. Well done Lewis!
Braxton Santer	25	Braxton has demonstrated amazing listening skills, following instructions and enthusiasm in class and rehearsals for the KS1 performance. He has shown determination and independence in his work in class this week. Braxton always has a smile on his face and is always willing to help friends and teachers. He is a pleasure to have in class. Well done Braxton.
Darcey Young	3S	Darcey has demonstrated great determination in P.E this week. Darcey has shown that she is able to correctly hold a hockey stick, and is able to use power and control to use a push pass to accurately pass to a partner. Well done Darcey!
Daisy Dickinson-Gooch	3G	This week Daisy has been working extremely hard across all her learning. She takes pride in her work and has shown real enthusiasm in her work for History. Well done Daisy!
Ewan Clout	4W	This week, Ewan has shown great determination and imagination during our poetry writing in English. He used excellent vocabulary and personification to describe a river. Keep it up Ewan!
Chloe Taylor	4C	Chloe has demonstrated she is able to write a poem using adjectives, verbs, rhyme and personification. She wrote a super poem about a river in literacy this week, describing its journey. Well done!
Casey Williams	5K	A huge improvement in all his learning - especially Maths. Casey is organised and focused. His improved listening has really showed in all areas. Well done Casey.
Ethan Peckham	5R	Ethan has worked really hard this week, especially in maths. He has shown determination and resilience to solve tricky questions about the perimeter of shapes. Keep up your enthusiasm Ethan!
Luca Pow	6S	Luca has worked incredibly hard during our Reading and History lessons this week. He has been very enthusiastic about our Kingdom of Benin topic and it has been wonderful to see him share his powerful knowledge about Benin on so many occasions. Well done, Luca!
Lylah Jones	6T	Lylah consistently shows herself to be a responsible and considerate member of the class, showing respect to her peers at all times. She is always the first to offer help or a kind word to anybody she sees in need, and is always a gentle and caring friend. It's great to see Lylah'sso engaged in in her learning, completing work to a high standard and is a pleasure to have in the classroom. Well done Lylah!

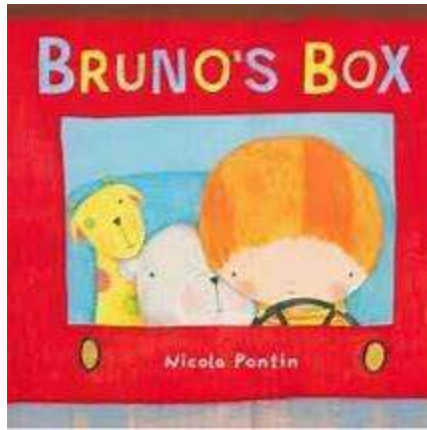
EYFS



YEAR 1

During our child initiated learning, EYFS are developing their ability to work together, sharing ideas and using their imagination. After listening to the story, Bruno's Box, we were pleased to find an empty box in the classroom! The children quickly decided they wanted to use it to make their own castle. Initially they drew different features, such as windows, but then began to use scissors to cut these out. They then began to add features such as chimneys by attaching other boxes using tape and glue, working together to achieve this. The children then predicted then tested who would fit inside the castle.

In the garden the children continued to work together, using the crates to build police cars and fire engines as part of our learning about people who help us. To add lights to the vehicles, the children made use of the orange and blue crates they found. They then experimented with different musical instruments to find the best siren sound.



Year 1



YEAR 1







Today was Year 1's Art Day. We welcomed Miss Pettifer, a local artist, in to the school to teach the children how to draw and paint their own self portraits. The children had a lovely couple of hours creating their own self portraits, using the skills they had learnt. We were really proud of the results!

Year 2

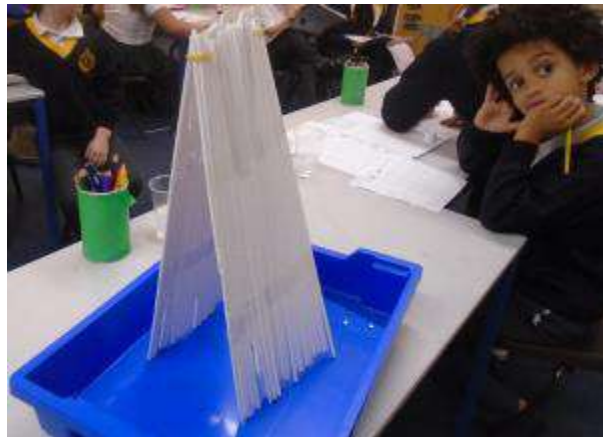


YEAR 2

This week, as part of our learning on materials and their properties, Year 2 built model bike sheds using a range of different materials. We predicted which materials would be most suitable, and then in groups we built and tested our sheds to see if they were weather proof. Fortunately, most of our designs were able to withstand the wind due to their strong and rigid properties, however in the time that we had to complete the investigation, none of our sheds were water proof. We were surprised with our results but have thought of some improvements we could make and materials we could combine to make our sheds waterproof and wind proof next time.







Key Stage 2

This week KS2 enjoyed a fantastic science demonstration in their assembly. They learned about the science behind balloon modelling, plate spinning, rockets and some children even got to have a go themselves! It was all to celebrate the launch of our new Science club starting in the new year - keep an eye out for information about how to sign your child up to this amazing opportunity!





Year 3



YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have been working hard on improving their fluency when reading. They have been enjoying the story 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shephard.



Year 4



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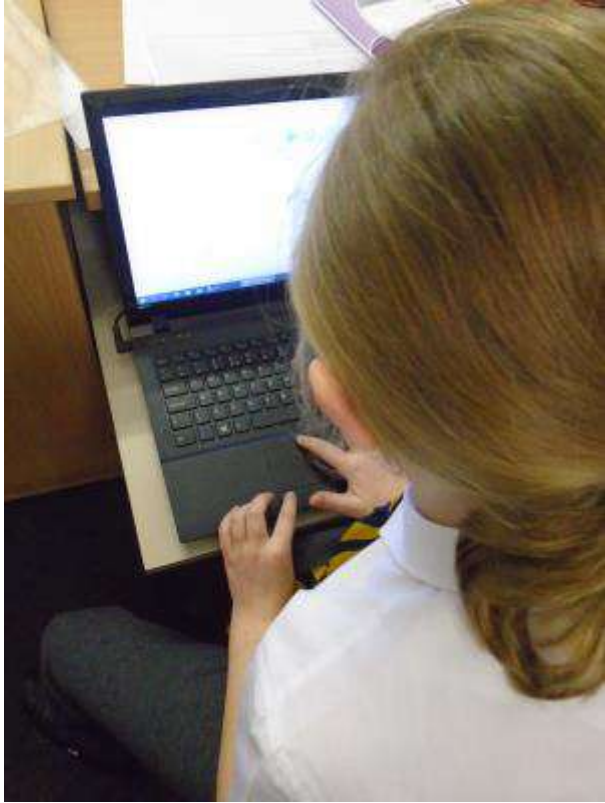
In Year 4 we have been continuing our work in science on Changing State. We have investigated melting and cooling, by using a candle and our hands to melt different materials, which included an egg, wax, butter and chocolate.

In ICT we are learning how to use Logo. This week our challenge was to write the letters C, F, S and E, by making the turtle move using the computer commands, which included forward, right, left, pen up and pen down.









Year 5



YEAR 5

Year 5 had our DT day on Monday this week. Our focus was on food- specifically bread making. We had great fun measuring out the ingredients accurately and kneading the dough. We anxiously waited for the dough to prove and were all really surprised to see it had doubled in size when we came back from break! We shaped our dough into hedgehogs (adding raisins for eyes and noses and snipping the dough to make spikes). We were all very keen for the taste testing - and unanimously agreed they were very yummy!





Year 6

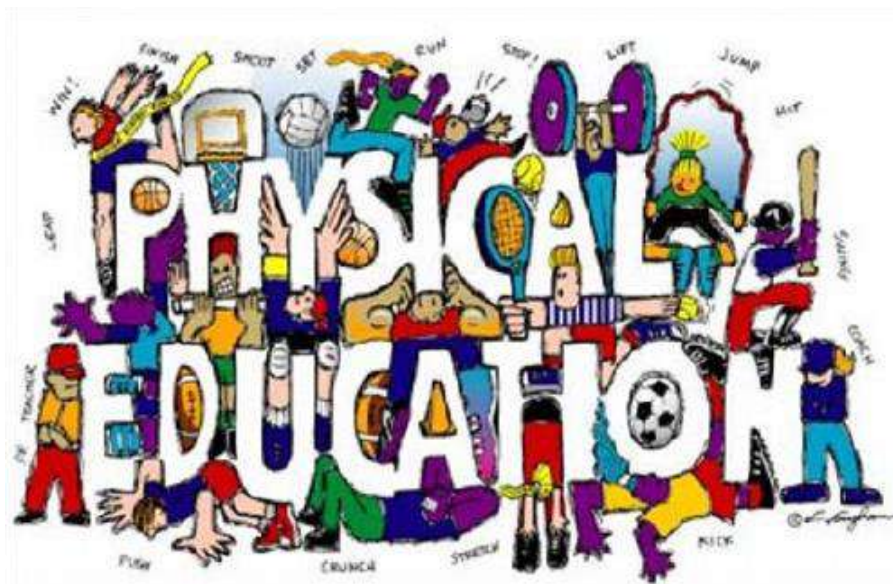


YEAR 6

"I've really enjoyed learning about the Kingdom of Benin and the Benin Bronzes. My favourite activity was creating a fishbone diagram to show events that caused the Kingdom of Benin to come to an end. I found finding out about all the different events really interesting." - Isabella



P.E. Uniform



Over the past few weeks, a larger number of children have not had their PE kit in school for their PE lesson and have therefore not been able to participate fully.

As we approach the colder months, children are able to wear a plain navy jumper and tracksuit bottom for their lesson.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit at school on the day of PE. If they do not have their PE kit, they will be provided with a spare school kit for their PE lesson.

For further details of when your class has PE, contact your child's teacher.

Music.

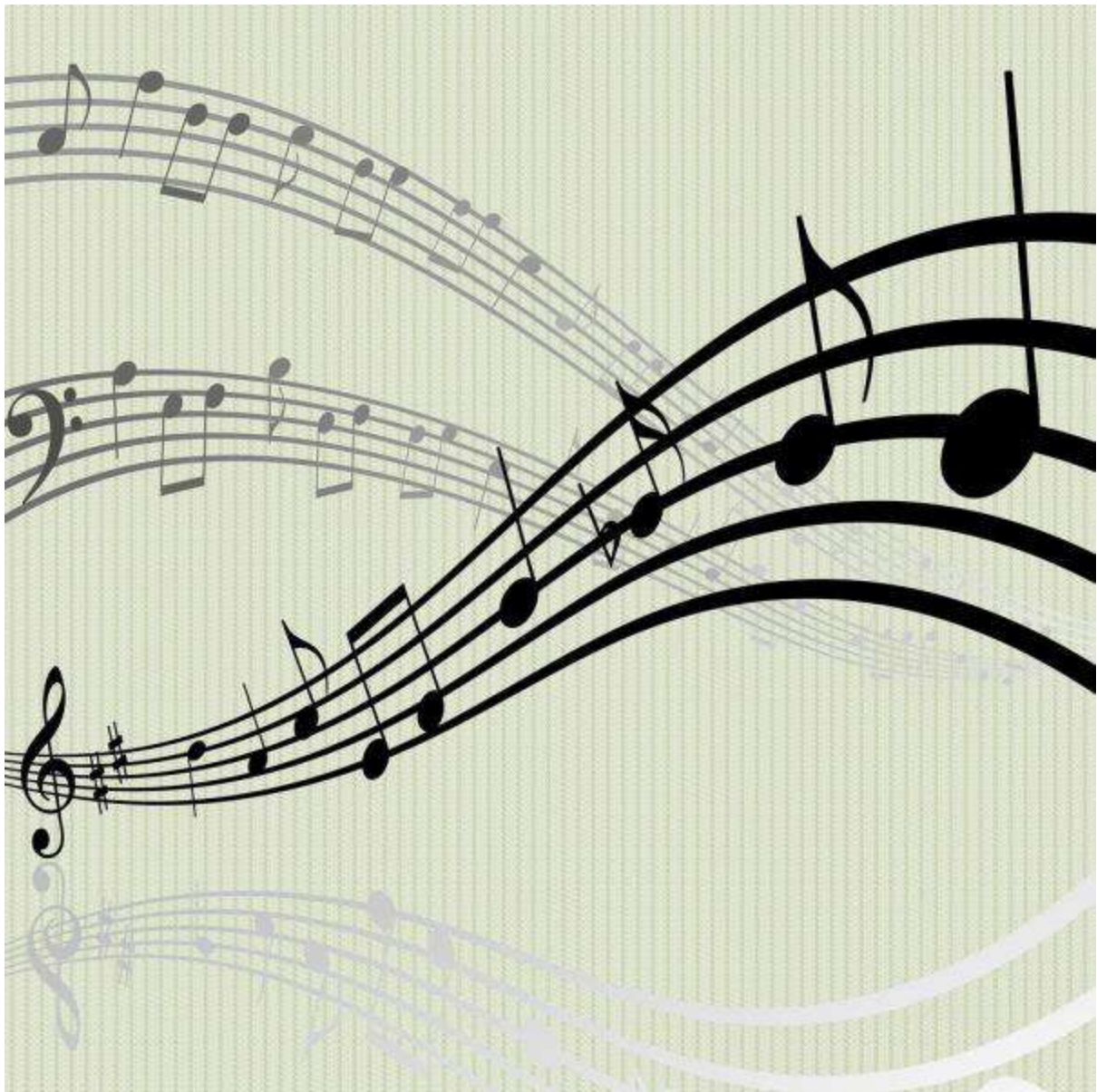


Well done to Ella from Year 5, who this week played two piano pieces in Assembly. Ella has only been having lessons for just over a year and always shows great determination to improve her skills. Mr Williams-Jones said "She did brilliantly. She played both pieces perfectly."

This afternoon, some children from KS2 auditioned for the Carol Service playing a variety of pieces, on a variety of instruments. They all gave excellent performances and we look forward to seeing and hearing them in the church on the 17th. Congratulations!!

To all our fantastic choir members..... Please continue to practice the songs for the O2 and try to learn them by heart now. Next week we will be practising "Sing From Your Heart" and our Carol Service song.

Staplehurst Music Centre



Staplehurst Music Centre offers music lessons and activities at the school every Saturday morning during term-time. Come and try:

- Individual music lessons, including violin, piano, cello, guitar, ukulele, saxophone, clarinet and flute
- Music Foundations classes for pre-school children to develop musical skills and confidence through singing, rhythm and experimenting with different instruments.
- Rock band for guitar, bass, drum, ukulele and singing - a mixture of popular cover songs and originals written by band members.
- Ukulele orchestra. The ukulele is one of the friendliest instruments: it's easy to start playing, small, lightweight and inexpensive, and most popular songs and music can be adapted to it.

Find us at <http://www.staplehurst-music-centre.org/> or on Facebook

Christmas Disco



Get your dancing shoes on... the Christmas Disco is back! Friday 10th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce the Christmas school disco is back, on Friday 10th December after school.

- Early Years Disco: 3:30pm to 4:15pm (£3.50 a ticket, more details and information to come in separate letter)
- Years 1, 2 and 3 Disco: 4:30pm to 5:45pm (£4 a ticket, for sale at school gates from Monday 6 Dec and from the office)
- Years 4, 5 and 6 Disco: 6pm to 7:30pm (£4 a ticket, for sale at school gates from Monday 6 Dec and from the office)

There will be a tuck shop available raising funds for year 6 leavers.

Please note we cannot accommodate children outside the specified age group and all children must be pupils of Staplehurst School.

Thank you for your continued support!

Staplehurst School PTA

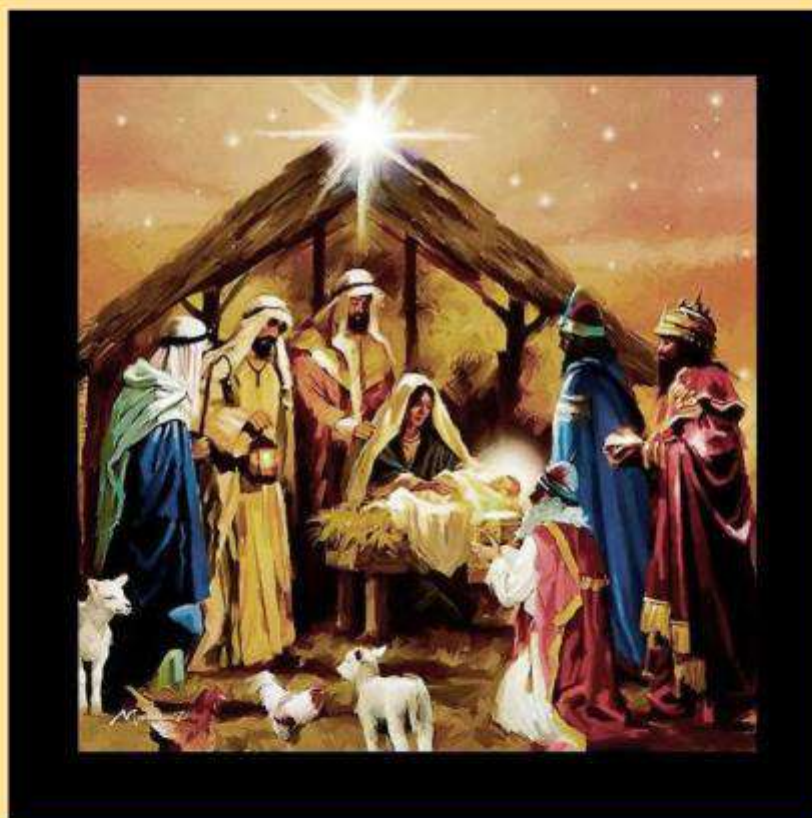


All ages & families welcome



Christingle

is back!



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

FRIDAY 24th OF

6pm

All ages & families welcome

Santa Shop - Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th Dec



Staplehurst School
PTA


Santa's Shop
OPENS 6TH & 7TH DECEMBER

£2 PER PRESENT

All Staplehurst School children will have the opportunity to visit Santa's Shop between Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December to buy a gift for someone special. Each child can purchase up to two gifts at a cost of £2 per present.

The children will visit the shop by their class, so please send your child with enough money to pay for their gift/s over both days. Please provide exact change if possible. **Many thanks.**

Thank you so much to Kingswood Christmas Trees for their kind donation of our beautiful tree.



December's Key Dates

2019 Calendar

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Federal Holidays 2019

Jan 1	New Year's Day	May 27	Memorial Day	Oct 14	Columbus Day	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4	Independence Day	Nov 11	Veterans Day		
Feb 18	Presidents' Day	Sep 2	Labor Day	Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day		

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- 6th December 2021 - EYFS Bulb planting and Christmas Tree Saplings
- 6th and 7th December 2021 - Santa Shop (In School)
- 10th December 2021 - Christmas Disco
- 14th December 2021 - Infant Nativity Play 9:30am and 2:00pm
- 15th December 2021 - Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- 16th December 2021 - KS2 Carol Concert at Staplehurst Church
- 17th December 2021 - KS2 Carol Concert at Staplehurst Church
- 17th December 2021 - Break up for Christmas