

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

“Children always come first. They are our future.”

Respect has been at the heart of our learning this week. On Monday our children commemorated Armistice day with a two minute silence and Learning Ambassadors launched anti bullying week across the school. This year's campaign highlights that 'Change Starts with us'. Our children confidently discussed how we show kindness and the importance of doing this – an incredibly important life skill, and Learning Ambassadors demonstrated brilliantly the difference between being mean, being rude and bullying. It was wonderful to see so many children, parents and staff support our odd socks day to mark the fact that we are all unique and that is to celebrated – many thanks everyone!

Next Friday is an INSET day (**the school will be closed for children**). This is a really important day for all teachers and teaching assistants as we are committed learners and use this time as we further develop our skills and expertise.

Have a superb weekend,

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

Please remember if you would like daily updates about the learning at Staplehurst join us on twitter @StaplehurstSch.

ODD SOCKS AND CHILDREN IN NEED



This week we all wore odd socks on Tuesday in support of the Anti-Bullying Alliance. We are grateful for your support and we raised a fantastic £124.46.

Today was Children In Need and everyone has supported it by coming to school wearing something spotty and making a donation. The amount raised today was just over £326.24, which is an amazing amount! Included in this amount is an inspiring £42.58 raised by Immy and Lydia H who saved their pocket money for a whole year! Thank you all for your continued support.

WELLBEING AT STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

It has been so lovely this week to see the impact from our recent Growth Mindset day and the positive impact it is having on the children's wellbeing already. This week's focus on anti-bullying ties in with wellbeing so much and the children have really taken on board the meaning of bullying this week and the importance of being kind and welcoming to everyone. Please feel free to leave a comment at our Wellbeing stand in the Infant Hall if there is anything more you would like us to do for wellbeing.

2019- 2020 WHOLE SCHOOL PRIORITIES:

- To raise and maintain standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics to ensure we are in line with national standards
- To implement an ambitious curriculum that reflects the vision and values of the school
- To further improve parental engagement: improving communication and promoting the school

PHONICS WORKSHOP

Thank you to those Year 1 parents who attended our workshop this morning on Phonics. We hope you found it useful and informative. Copies of the presentation slides will be circulated via ParentMail and will also be available from the Latest News section of the website early next week.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Reminder that forthcoming coffee morning workshops have been arranged on the following topics:

Friday 6 December Maths
Friday 13 December Reading

Our next Parent Forum will be held on Friday 29 November.

The workshops and forum will be held at 9.15-10.15am in the Infant Hall after the Parents into Read session. We look forward to welcoming you.

WORLD WEEK: 25 TO 29 NOVEMBER

Reminder that we are planning an exciting week across the school, investigating and exploring the planet we live on - Earth! Pupils will find themselves immersed in learning about the geography of different places, both locally and globally. They will be learning new geographical skills, looking at and using different maps, finding out about different cultures, developing an understanding of how humans are impacting our planet and what we can do to help the planet we call home. Throughout the week, we have arranged for a number of visitors coming into school to help bring geography to life, including music workshops and environmental workshops. Further details will emerge as the week draws closer.

On the Friday of World Week, we will be asking children to come in dressed in the colours of the flag of the country they are studying. Children should not wear football kits, as we are trying to represent the country they are studying:

Years EYFS, 2, 4 and 5: red, white and blue
Year 1: blue and white
Year 3: green, white and red
Year 6: red and white

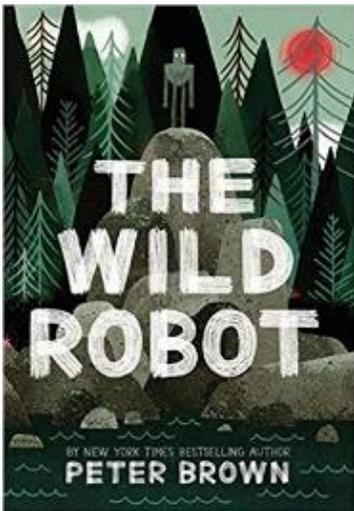
We are sure this will be an exciting week, full of experiences and fabulous learning.

POPPY APPEAL

We have received a message of thanks for the money raised outside the school and from the school office selling poppies. This year the amount raised was a fantastic £116.72. Without your help the Royal British Legion would not be able to continue its vital welfare and benevolent work. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

CURRICULUM NEWS

READING AT STAPLEHURST SCHOOL



Year 4 have been reading *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. It is a book about a robot who washes up on the shore of a remote, wild island. So far in the story the animals have been frightened of the robot, whose name is Roz, as they think she is a monster. We are starting to see Roz convince some of the animals that she is friendly though.

I liked the part when Roz became a mum to the baby gosling because it was funny.

Henry says:

I liked it when they were building with the beavers because the author finished the chapter with a cliffhanger.

Ronnie says:

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Yesterday some of our year groups took part in an anti-bullying workshop. The children took part in activities where they talked about what they were good at and celebrated what others were good at. Afterwards, they listened to a story and thought about ways in which they could handle different situations and how people were feeling at each part of the story.



EARLY YEARS

This week Early Years introduced their new role play! The children had fun exploring the different roles they could be. It has been fantastic to see the children gaining confidence in communicating with their friends. The Receptionists were frequently explaining to patients that there was a long wait!

The children were keen to help Mrs Batten after she had had a car accident.



YEAR 1

Year 1 went outside this week to create our 'Big Build' based on the work of Andy Goldsworthy - the artist they have been studying since half term. The children loved collecting and building despite the rain!





VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE ART PROJECT

Three children from each class throughout the whole school took part in an Art activity this lunch time! We created stars for our village Christmas tree. We also thought about ways in which we could protect and add to our stars with durable and waterproof materials. We can't wait to see them take pride of place on our village Christmas tree!



We tweeted some of these articles as well so if you are not already following us on Twitter, you could be missing out. Follow us [@StaplehurstSch](https://twitter.com/StaplehurstSch) to keep up with all our latest news!

YEAR 2 REQUEST

During World Week, Year 2 will be creating London city and tube map art. If anyone has any recycled materials e.g. green milk bottle caps etc. that match the colours of the tube map or anything that could be used to represent buildings in the city we would really appreciate them. Thank you.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

AROUND THE WORLD IN A WEEK

During the week 25 to 29 November our catering company Contract Dining are providing menus from Around the World. The menus are:-

Monday – Swedish Day

Swedish Meatballs
Vegetarian Sausage
Swedish Mashed Potato
Apple Strudel

Tuesday – Mexican Day

Chicken Enchiladas
Vegetable Enchiladas
Potato Wedges
Chocolate Chilli Cake

Wednesday – British Day

Roast Chicken
Vegetable Wellington
Fruit Crumble and Custard

Thursday – Italian Day

Lasagne
Vegetarian Lasagne
Neapolitan Ice Cream

Friday – American Day

Beef Burger in a Bun
Vegetable Burger in a Bun
American Muffins

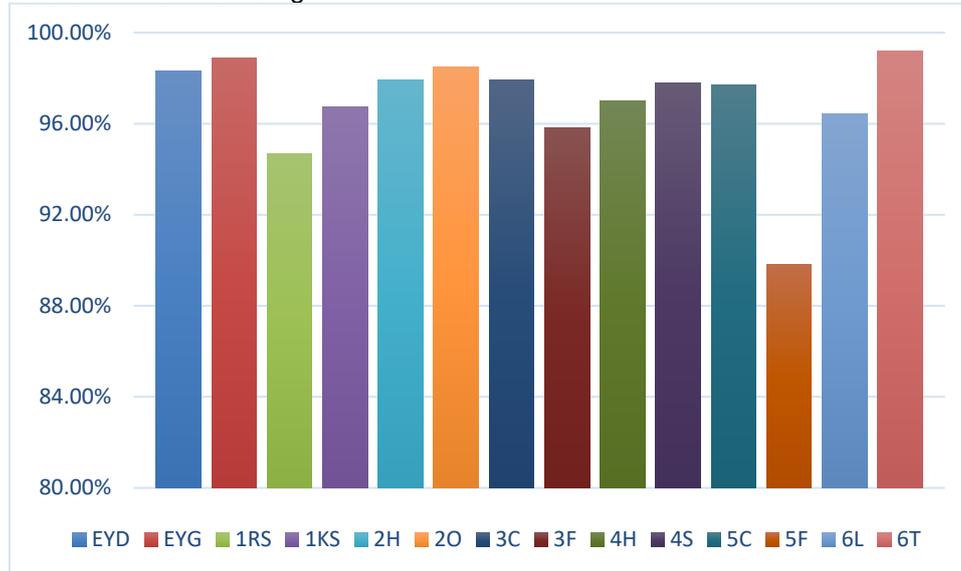
Jacket Potatoes, Mixed Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Fruit Pots and Yoghurts also available daily.

YEAR R ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

If you have a child due to start in Year R in September 2020, please note that online applications will open on the 5 November 2019 for parents wanting to apply. The closing date is midnight on the 15 January 2020. Applications should, where possible, be made online using www.kent.gov.uk/ola. Offer day is 16 April 2020 where you will be offered a school for your child. Please see www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for full details or contact Mrs Clark in the school office should you have any enquiries. We are doing one further tour round the school on Wednesday morning at 9.30am on 20 November. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING BENJAMIN (6T) CLASS – 99.18% attendance – you are setting the standard and we are very proud of you. Punctuality and good attendance are important to establish as positive habits as children, develop, grow and move on to their next stage.



DIARY DATES

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 21 November

Non-Uniform Day for Secret Santa Donations

Friday 22 November

Inset Day – School Closed

Monday 25 – Friday 29 November

World Week

Wednesday 27 November

Year 6 trip to Kent Life WW2 Day

Saturday 30 November

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 18.11.19 Year 4, 6, 5

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