

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

This term has flown by and I am so impressed with the learning and progress that our children have made. Our first Parents into Learning session today was very well attended and gave you an opportunity to see first-hand your child's classroom environment and learning this term. Your positive comments are very much appreciated and we will take on board your ideas to further improve these sessions.

Our Wellbeing Week has been a great success – it has been so good to see and hear our children embedding skills to support a positive mental attitude. Thank you to the parents who engaged with our Wellbeing Event on developing effective parenting strategies, and how mindfulness can help you to support your child. It was a very thought provoking session and sent some powerful messages on how to further develop our parenting skills.

Enjoy your family time together during the holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on **Monday 24 February 2020**.

Miss Davenport
Headteacher

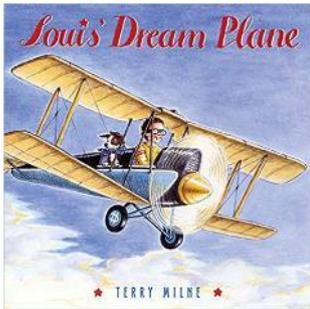
WELLBEING WEEK

What a week we've all had! We've been celebrating wellbeing this week and the children and staff have all thoroughly enjoyed completing their own wellbeing journals. These will come home with your child today and there is space on the back for your feedback. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Louise and Ian from Fegans and Hannah from HeadStart this morning for our parent talk. Both talks were extremely informative and tailored to how our parents can support their children. As soon as we can we will put all of the resources together and onto our website for you. Thank you all for your engagement with Wellbeing Week!



CURRICULUM NEWS

READING AT STAPLEHURST SCHOOL



The Murphy Class (EYG) have enjoyed the story of Louis' Dream Plane. Louis loves aeroplanes and one day he finds a toy Tiger Moth. Louis loves playing with the plane but unfortunately it belongs to somebody else! In the end Louis makes friends with the toy's owner and they enjoy playing with their aeroplanes together.

I liked it because they went in aeroplanes together.

Fuschia says:

I liked the story because they made friends at the end. Louis said sorry for taking Charlie's plane.

Jakaya says:

I liked it when Louis flew in the gypsy moth and he flew over the school.

Mason says:

YEAR 3 – EXTREME EARTH TOPIC

Today, children in Year 3 had an explosive end to their Extreme Earth topic, by erupting the volcanoes that they made last week from papier mache. The children have had a fun time learning all about volcanoes and earthquakes and were excited to see their creations oozing with 'lava', even if the vinegar and baking soda did smell a bit!



SCHOOL INFORMATION

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We're excited to announce a new afterschool club starting up for Term 4!

Staplehurst Cricket & Tennis Club will be running after school clubs on Tuesdays at school next term.

3.30-4.30pm: Swallows & Amazons - a fun fitness activity programme, for years 1-3.

4.30-5.30pm: indoor cricket training – a mix of skills and drills, fun and games – for years 4-6 boys AND girls with little or no cricket experience.

Both sessions are FREE and you can find more information on the Club's website www.staplehurstcricket.com or Facebook page @SwallowsAmazons. There are limited places available each week so please book NOW by emailing john.swannick@staplehurstcricket.com

VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE OFF

As these pictures show, there is so much baking talent in this school! The Year 6 Parents and Carers would like to thank **everybody** who went to the trouble of creating such a gorgeous selection of treats to celebrate Valentine's Day, and help raise funds for the Year 6 Leavers' Party. We are grateful to Rebecca Vallance from Vallance & Sons and Claire Edwards from Claire's Bread who judged the entries in true Bake Off style, tasting each one and marking them on Miss Davenport had a very difficult job to decide the winners. The winners and runner up received a certificate and chocolates.



STAFF CHANGES



We were sorry to be say goodbye to Mrs Letchford this term. Mrs Letchford has been a Teaching Assistant here for over 23 years and she will be sorely missed by staff and children alike. This afternoon, we invited her to our whole school assembly and took the opportunity to thank her for everything she has done during her time here at Staplehurst School.

Some of the children who had been pupils in the classes Mrs Letchford taught in said a few words in her honour. It was a happy, emotional time.

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 28 February 2020.

ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING MOORE (6L) CLASS – 95.09% 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:

Friday 14 February

Inset Day – School Closed

Parent Consultations Bookings Open (6pm)

Monday 17 – Friday 21 February

Half Term

Monday 24 February

Start of Term 4

Monday 2 March

National Offer Day (school places)

Wednesday 4 March

Early Finish (2pm)

Parent Teacher Consultations (2.20-5.00pm)

Thursday 5 March

World Book Day

Parent Teacher Consultations (5.00-6.30pm)

Wednesday 11 March

Sing Up Day

Thursday 12 March

Agility Competition (Years 1 and 2) (am)

Friday 13 March

Sport Relief

PTA Discos

Monday 16 March

Class Photographs

Monday 16 – Tuesday 24 March

Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 20 March

Year 5 Trip to Canterbury Museum

Tuesday 24 March

Parents' Forum (2pm)

Thursday 26 March

EYFS Space Celebration Assembly (9am)

Friday 27 March

PTA Mother's Day Treat Night

Wednesday 1 April

PTA Easter Egg Hunt

End of Term 4

Thursday 16 April

Start of Term 5

Tuesday 19 May

Parents' Forum (2pm)

Saturday 20 June

PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday 30 June

Parents' Forum (2pm)

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 via ParentMail and also publish a message on our website and Facebook and Twitter page.

PTA NEWS

As well as our Facebook page, we are also now on Instagram, please do follow us @staplehurstpta

EASY FUNDRAISING - FREE MONEY FOR SCHOOL

Don't forget to register to support the PTA and your child's education by signing up to Easyfundraising.org.uk - where you can earn free donations while you shop online.

Just sign up and choose Staplehurst School PTA as your cause.



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