

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

A very productive first week back at Staplehurst School – our children have returned refreshed and focussed with new topics and texts embraced by all. In order to keep you informed we have emailed and uploaded this term’s curriculum overviews.

This week the senior team have met with staff to discuss your child’s learning and progress to date. We are looking forward to next week’s parents’ evening; this is an opportunity for you to discuss your child’s strengths and how we continue to work together to ensure that they continue to fulfil their potential.

Your feedback is always warmly received as it allows us to further improve our provision. We are now using an online method which you are able to access at: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

It takes a few minutes to register and there will also be an opportunity to complete this next week during our parent consultations.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

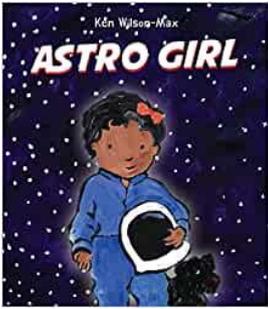
## CURRICULUM NEWS

### 30 DAY READERS

We’ve been celebrating this week with our children who have achieved 30 days of reading. Each child is gifted a new reading book of their choice from Miss Davenport’s special selection of novels. Here are some children from Tulloch Class showing how proud they are - well done!



## READING AT STAPLEHURST SCHOOL



Donaldson Class (EYD) are about to start reading *Astro Girl* by Ken Wilson-Max as their Power of Reading text.

The story is all about Astrid who has always loved the stars and space and wants to be an astronaut. While Mama is away, Papa and Astrid have fun acting out the challenges an astronaut faces on a space mission - eating food from a tube, doing science experiments, living and sleeping in near-zero gravity. Astrid can do it all! Then it's time to meet Mama at the airbase. But where has Mama been?

Before the children start reading the story the class has been discussing the pictures in the book and how they feel about Astro's experience.

## YEAR 2 – SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday, Year 2 wrote instructions using imperative (bossy) verbs on how to make pancakes. They used their instructions to make them: they were delicious! The Class then talked about the real meaning of Shrove Tuesday.



## YEAR 4 MAKE AN AMAZING DISCOVERY

Today, Year 4 discovered that we were visited overnight by a dragon! Miss Hayward caught it on video, and we went outside and found footprints, and some eggs in the woodland area! There was much excitement! We have decided to base our learning this term on these amazing creatures.



## RECORDER CLUB

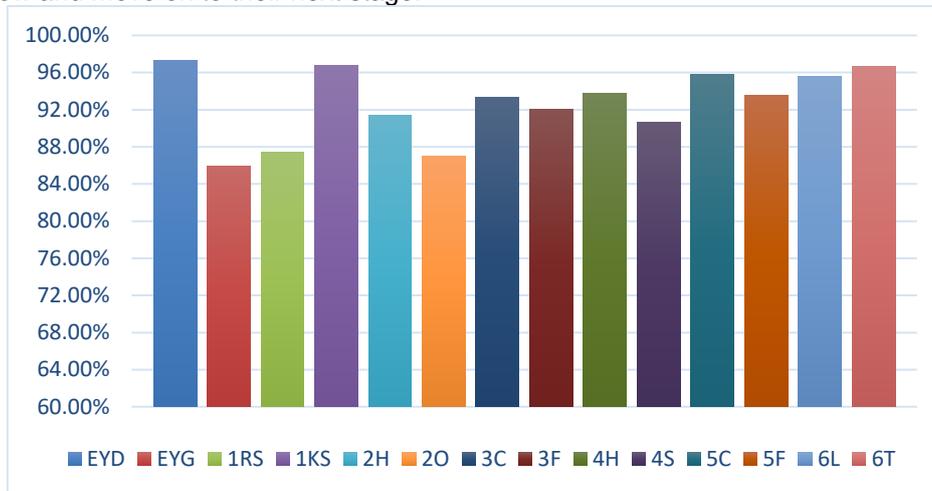
On Monday, the Year 2 Recorder Group had a surprise! The Music Room had been reorganised and there were lots of different instruments out for them to improvise on. They all had great fun trying ukuleles, the piano, keyboards, hand bells, glockenspiels, all kinds of drums and a variety of other percussion.



# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS - TO THE AMAZING DONALDSON (EYD) CLASS – 97.35% 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:

### Monday 2 March

National Offer Day (Secondary 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)

### Friday 6 March

Class 4H Celebration Assembly

### 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

National Offer Day (Primary School places)

### 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](https://www.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.

### 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