

STAPLEHURST SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

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

We remain a very busy virtual school and our learning community continues to move forward. I would like to thank you for supporting your children using Purple Mash, our online platform. At this stage we are continuing to embed skills and develop children's independent learning through PRIDE challenges and topic activities. I have been impressed with how children are engaging and the range of learning that is happening – please check out our home learning blog on the website – <https://www.staplehurstschool.co.uk/pupil-ezone/home-learning-blog>. We are adding to this blog all the time so check-in regularly and share photos with your child's class teacher via your year group email.

This week staff have been meeting virtually to plan ahead and to complete phone calls home. Thank you for your positive feedback about our support and guidance!

Given the current situation, we have decided to send out reports now, rather than wait until the end of the academic year. This is to ensure that we are able to share and celebrate with you your child's learning and progress to date. As normal we would welcome your feedback via your year group email.

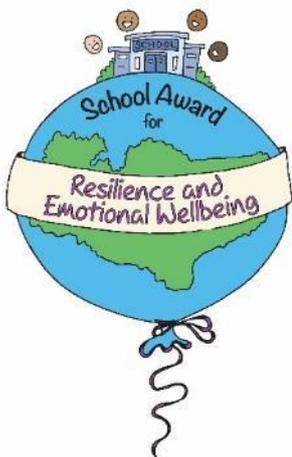
Looking ahead I need to share with you that Mrs Stevenson will be leaving us at the end of the academic year; she is semi-retiring to spend greater time with her expanding family! She has contributed so much to our school over the past two years and is well respected in our school community; I know that she will be truly missed. Of course, we will want to give her a Staplehurst send off at some point when lockdown is over. I will be recruiting to this position this term.

Please stay safe and continue to enjoy the beautiful sunshine.

My very best wishes

Miss Davenport  
Headteacher

## KENT SCHOOL AWARD FOR RESILIENCE AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



We are delighted to announce that Staplehurst School has successfully qualified to receive the Kent School Award for Resilience and Emotional Wellbeing, having proven that we have adopted a whole school approach.

We have been congratulated by Kent County Council and HeadStart on our commitment and steadfastness in ensuring all areas of the school community are nurtured, supported and are able to access appropriate support if required. This achievement is due to strong leadership and a sustained effort by staff and pupils to remain focused on improving resilience and emotional wellbeing for the whole school community.

We look forward to a time in the future when we can be presented with our Kent School Award plaque to celebrate our accomplishment.

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### HOME LEARNING

Teachers are loving the home learning you are sharing over the Purple Mash blogs and via the year group emails. Please keep them coming so we can celebrate the fabulous work that is being done. As mentioned in the Headteacher's message we have launched a Home Learning Blog on the school website to share your stories and photos with the school community. It's a work in progress at the moment but do check-in regularly and send your own stories to your class teacher via your year group email. We are also posting regularly on Twitter so if you aren't already following us, it's a great way for us to share news and other relevant information with you. Follow @staplehurstsch to find out more.

### NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL SITE

Our key worker children have been busy so far this term. Have you seen our gate along the main road? The children painted this beautiful rainbow to say thank you to all the key workers. They also used a White Rose Maths challenge to measure out ingredients to bake some delicious biscuits and burned off some energy on the wall bars in the Infant Hall. This week, the children have made parachutes, pizzas and huge bubbles in the afternoons after completing their literacy and maths in the mornings.



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS DURING CORONAVIRUS CLOSURES**

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