



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -
No.23- Spring Term**

News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week this has been; on Wednesday our governors visited the school to see it in action. It was a brilliant morning and we received a lovely message from our Chair of Governors, Chris Roome:

'Thanks so much for the warm welcome we received from you all today, as we governors made our first collective visit to the school for over three years. It is a great privilege to be a governor at Staplehurst and to be able to join you today and experience the very positive working and learning environment you have created, and are maintaining, was very special. The children were so welcoming too and all the governors really enjoyed their morning with you all and learnt a great deal.'

OFSTED: Messages of Congratulations

Thank you to all of the parents who have personally thanked myself and the team at pick up and drop off since our report was shared. We have also received many messages of congratulations from the Local Authority: **Matt Dunkley CBE Corporate Director Children, Young People and Education; Shellina Prendergast Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; Polly Sharman Senior Improvement Adviser - West Kent Primary School Improvement The Education People Tel German Head of Service Primary School Improvement.**

Enjoy your weekend and we will see you all on Monday!

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

Personal Development

In our school we are not only committed to your child's academic growth but also their personal development. We want to grow amazing children who care about each other and make a difference in the world we live in. This starts with our daily assemblies/acts of collective worship. We learn about each other, British values, current affairs, and how to live and thrive in our world which is underpinned by our PRIDE values. We also have weekly lessons in PSHE that all help children to grow as individuals ensuring it's applicable to their lives, and also examples throughout history and in society today.

Fundraising



Next week our school council and house captains will be busy organising 2 fundraising events across the school. **Both** events are on **Friday 18th March**.

First up, Red Nose Day. We are asking children to come into school wearing a red accessory with their school uniform for a suggested donation of £1. (Possible accessories could include a red nose, a red hat, red socks etc). This money will go to the Comic Relief Charity.

Secondly, the refugee crisis in Ukraine. We are asking children to bring in 'pennies' (1p and 2p) which we will use to spell out the word 'peace' before giving the donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) which is a multi-charity organisation who coordinate raising aid in times of overseas humanitarian crisis.

International Women's Day: Tuesday 8th March



International Women's Day is an annual event which celebrates women and all of their achievements over the world. In our Monday Pride Values assembly we reflected on the important women in our lives at school, our local community and the world. We also explored that there are issues of inequality - both in the UK and around the world, and the importance of knowing the need for equality while celebrating women's achievements.

Pride Certificates

Name	Class	Reason
Joey Pengelly	EYG	Joey has grown in confidence since starting school. He has developed a positive attitude to his learning, always trying hard and he enjoys celebrating his achievements. Joey is a particularly helpful member of the class, helping both adults and his friends. Well done Joey
Ivy-Grace Hollamby	EYKB	Ivy-Grace has shown great kindness when making relationships with the other children this week. She has made a big effort to play with children that she doesn't usually play with and has made lots of new friends. Ivy-Grace is an excellent friend as she is so kind and listens well to others, taking into account their views. Well done Ivy-Grace.
Poppy Bourmer	1C	This week Poppy has shown brilliant resilience. She has adapted well to other staff helping her and is showing greater independence all around the classroom. Poppy is doing some superb listening and joining in with class discussions. Poppy is also managing her emotions. Well done, Poppy!
Thomas Mills	1S	Thomas is an excellent role model in Windsor Class. He demonstrates all of the PRIDE Values every day and consistently works hard in all areas of learning. This week, Thomas has worked exceptionally hard in English and has impressed us by using time openers in his writing. Well done, Thomas!
Sophie Beaumont-Collins	2SS	This week, Sophie has demonstrated a good attitude towards her learning and shown greater independence. She has been willing to 'have a go' and showed great enthusiasm when working on conjunctions in English. Keep it up Sophie!
Alisha-Rose Brown	2S	This week Alisha-Rose has shown determination in her reading and writing. She has tried to use ambitious vocabulary when planning her story based on 'The Proudest Blue'. Well done Alisha-Rose!
Amy Tomala	3S	This week Amy has shown great determination and resilience in P.E. when practising shooting in basketball. She has shown that she has been able to follow instructions and demonstrated excellence in the way she applied feedback to her learning. Fantastic work Amy!
Jessica Hood	3G	Jessica continues to demonstrate a positive attitude towards her learning, and is a role model to others around her. Jessica contributes excellent ideas to class discussion and always tries her best. This week, in particular, I have been incredibly proud of Jessica's focus and determination in Maths. Well done Jessica!
Oscar Blythin	4W	This week Oscar has shown determination both in and out of school. He has been practicing his times tables and spellings at home and is making great progress. He is always enthusiastic about his learning and has contributed great knowledge this week in our geography lessons on the rainforest. Well done!
Vinnie Gardner	4C	Vinnie has demonstrated his mathematical understanding this week to a very good standard. He has worked hard on finding fractions of amounts and been able to answer more complex questions. A good week in maths this week, well done!
Ella Lipscomb	5K	Ella is an excellent role model, always displaying the school's PRIDE values. She is a great friend to all, willing to help any child in the class. She is kind and generous, and her attitude to learning is always impressive. Well done Ella!
Lucas Monk	5R	Lucas has been a fantastic role model on the playground this week. He is been very supportive of the younger children in the school and always tries to make sure people are included in his games. Well done for being a great friend!
Riley Goldfinch	6S	Riley has blown us away this week with her fantastic contributions during History lessons. It has been wonderful to see her so enthused by our Civil Rights topic and hear her thoughts on the events we have explored. Riley has also been going the extra mile and reading about our topic in her own time. Well done, Riley!
Diya Chembalipuram	6T	Diya is a fantastic role model in the school and consistently shows impeccable levels of respect to all around her. She at all times puts exceptionally high standards of effort into her work, and is polite and courteous to all around her. Diya's determination in her reading has been relentless, and her fantastic attitude for learning makes her a pleasure to teach. Great work Diya!

School Uniform



All children are required to wear School uniform and we are grateful for parental support in ensuring our children are always smartly dressed. We believe our uniform, which is economical and practical, adds greatly to the ethos of our School. It identifies children as members of our community, one in which they can take pride and for which they can assume a personal responsibility. We will continue to send letters home to parents if their child has the incorrect school uniform. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your children are in the correct uniform.

School Photo: please ensure that your children are in full winter uniform.

Attendance Requirements



In line with our attendance policy children need to attend school within our stated hours; this is a legal requirement.

Should a child need to be picked up early for a genuine reason e.g. a medical appointment, the school office needs to be informed 24 hours in advance and evidence provided. In the case of a genuine emergency, a member of the senior leadership team will be informed and will speak to you on arrival.

Many thanks for your support with this matter.

EYFS



YEAR 1

This week, EYFS have enjoyed their first school outing, visiting Staplehurst library. The children all walked to the library beautifully and were a credit to our school. Once in the library we were met by the librarians who explained how the library works and read us a story. Again the children made us proud, listening attentively and answering questions. Each class was then given a class library card so we could choose some books to borrow. The librarians then showed us how to check out our books. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and are looking forward to returning to choose more books.

Following our successful OFSTED result, today we welcomed EYFS staff from Sandling School in Maidstone to share how we learn in Staplehurst EYFS. The children enjoyed sharing our learning environment and their own learning with our visitors.

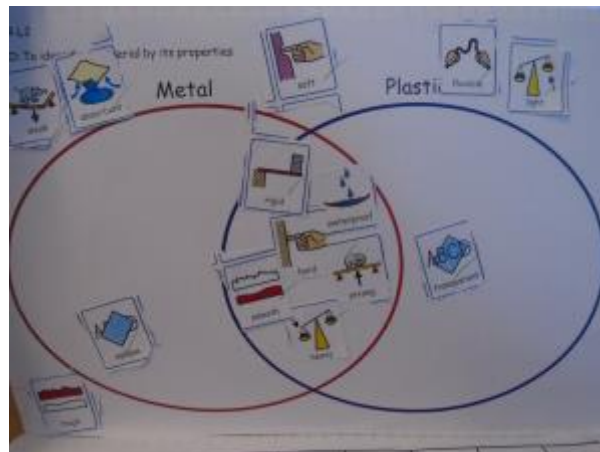




Year 1



In science year 1 have been continuing their learning of materials. Today they investigated the properties of 2 different materials - a plastic pot and a metal spoon, and then sorted the properties in to a Venn diagram.



Year 2



This week, Year 2 sorted food packaging and made decisions as to whether a food was a healthy food or unhealthy food. They looked at food labels and were taught about the 'traffic light system' on the packaging. They also sorted the foods into the major food groups.





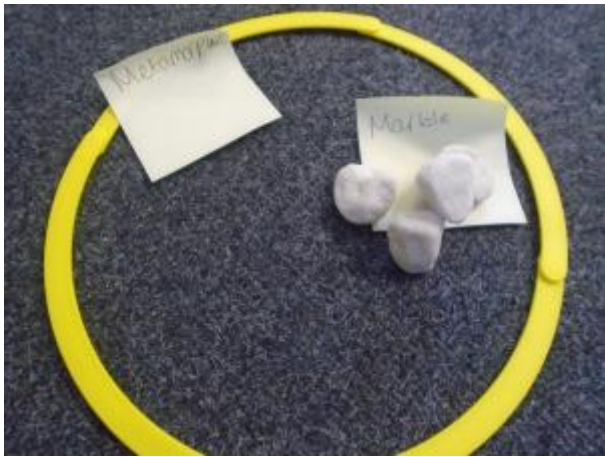


Year 3



YEAR 3

This week, in Science we were looking at the different types of rocks and how they are formed. We spent some time identifying and deciding if the rocks were metamorphic, sedimentary or igneous. We used our understanding of the features of each type of rock to make our decision.





Year 4



YEAR 4

Year 4 have continued to develop their knowledge of computer coding using 2Code on Purple Mash. They used algorithms to give commands to objects, change backgrounds and add sounds. They combined their knowledge to create an airfield with moving planes.

In addition, Year 4 have been learning about shade and tone in art, as part of their work on Henri Rousseau. Pupils learnt the terms hue, shade, tone and tint, then mixed green with black and white paint to create different shades and tones.











Year 5



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been enjoying some very exciting street dance lessons with Mrs Rivenberg. This week they have been working in groups to choreograph their own motifs and develop them using changes of levels, direction or dynamics. We are looking forward to seeing what the finished result will look like!





Year 6



YEAR 6

This term Year 6 are focusing on the following question during History lessons:

How has the world become more accepting of diversity over the last 100 years?

This week the children enjoyed learning about the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Bristol Boycott before exploring similarities and differences between them both.

“We have been learning about Civil Rights in History. This week we have been finding out about the Bristol Bus Boycott and the Montgomery Bus Boycott. I’ve enjoyed learning about Rosa Parks and Guy Bailey and what they did. It has been so interesting to find out more about changes in racial equality in Britain and the USA.” – Riley G

“It has been really interesting learning about the boycotts and hearing about how Rosa Parks refused to leave her seat on the bus. It is amazing to think about the impact her actions have had on the world.” – Oscar T





Y6 Transition Tip #1

If you haven't already done so, think about how you can help your child to be more independent: at home, do they put clothes away/ complete simple jobs like making their own bed or sandwiches/ make hot drinks etc.?

Ask who else is going to the same school and encourage friendships. These may not be the children your child usually socialises with but it is always good to have a familiar face in the first few weeks. Remind your child that they will make new friends when they start their new school.

Music





1 - Great work from Year 3 this week learning how to improvise using just 3 notes on tuned percussion instruments. After practicing as a class, the children then performed solos, attempting to keep to the beat at all times.



2 - Choir.

We have once again begun practicing for the Young Voices Concert at the O2 for our rescheduled date of May 5th 2022. It is really important now for those children coming, that they try to learn the dance moves and words from memory. Each week I will be setting this task for just two songs at a time. Please ask your child which are the chosen songs for the week and encourage them to learn them. There's nothing like a good old singalong in the car on a long journey to reinforce lyrics!!

Thanks for your support with this. I will send out all the finer details of the trip before the Easter break.

Mrs Seal.



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You can help raise money for our charity at no cost to you. Anyone can raise donations, just follow the guide below.





STAPLEHURST SCHOOL PTA

Clothing collection

CLEAR YOUR CUPBOARDS AND HELP US RAISE MONEY. FILL A BIN BAG WITH YOUR DONATIONS AND PUT IN THE SHELTER AT MORNING DROP OFF. ITEMS MUST BE GOOD QUALITY FOR RE-USE. UNSUITABLE ITEMS WILL AFFECT OUR DONATION.

<p style="text-align: center;">Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOTHING • PAIRS OF SHOES (TIED TOGETHER OR WITH ELASTIC BAND AROUND) • HANDBAGS • HATS • BAGS • SCARVES AND TIES (NO SCHOOL TIES) • JEWELLERY • SOCKS • BELTS 	<p style="text-align: center;">No:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUVETS AND BLANKETS • PILLOWS /CUSHIONS • SOILED, RIPPED, FAINTED OR WET CLOTHES • SCHOOL UNIFORMS WITH AND WITHOUT LOGO • CORPORATE CLOTHING AND WORKWEAR • TEXTILE OFF CUTS, YARNS OR THREADED MATERIAL • HOUSEHOLD CURTAINS, TOWELS • HOUSEHOLD BEDDING (BED SHEETS, PILLOW CASES AND DUVET COVERS • SOFT TOYS
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Thu 31st March drop off

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3



1. Any time you want to buy something online, be it groceries or getaways, go to easyfundraising first.



2. Search for the shop or site you want and we'll take you there, so you can shop as normal.



3. When you check out you'll collect a free donation. It doesn't cost a penny extra!

[Go shopping](#)

How can you support Staplehurst School PTA?

6 Reasons to join

For the Children
Because it is needed for your child to show you value their education. The events we plan will improve your child's school experience.

For You
Volunteering is a rewarding experience, we plan to host many social events to raise money and also enjoy each others company.

For the School
Help the school to raise funds, have a voice in the purchases that are made to support the children.

Be Connected
There is no better way of knowing what's happening in school. Meet others that share the same common goals to help improve the school.

It is Fun!
We aim to enjoy ourselves in all our roles. From planning events to running a stall it's exciting.

Keep the PTA going
As parents leave school we need to keep the committee going. Come join our friendly team as many hands make light work.

6 Easy ways to help

Easyfundraising
Sign up to Easyfundraising and you can donate on all your shops. It's no cost to you.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/locations/staplehurst-pta>

Amazon Smile
Sign up to Amazon Smile and you can donate on your shops. At no cost to you.
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and search for Staplehurst School

Your School Lottery
Tickets £1 each, with a guaranteed school cash of £1000 prize and a chance to win £25,000 jackpot weekly.
<https://www.governorslottery.com/lottery-to-help-staplehurst-school-pta>

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By putting our school ID number on the checkout page we can get commission from Mylems Tags.
<https://www.mylemstags.com/checkout> ID Number: 32396

Labelling for your child's property with Stikins
By putting our school fundraising number on the order page we can get commission from Stikins.
<https://www.stikins.co.uk/home-labels> ID Number: 22274

Direct donation by regular or one off payment
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Helping Hands - Supporting households facing financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19



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Kent County Council's
Helping Hands Scheme

Helping Hands

Supporting households facing financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19

REQUEST SUPPORT



About the scheme

The 'Helping Hands' scheme offers fuel vouchers towards the cost of heating bills and essential items related to keeping warm. The vouchers will support households facing financial hardship as a direct result of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Applicants can apply for up to 3 vouchers towards heating bills (must have a top-up meter) or essential items such as:

- boiler repairs
- temporary heaters
- thick curtains
- blankets (at the discretion of district and borough council officers.)

Evidence needed

For payments toward heating bills, or high cost support, such as boiler repairs, applicants may need to provide proof of income.

We won't need proof of income for support toward items such as blankets or curtains.

Eligibility

Any applicants must:

- be aged 16 or over
- have a household income less than £30,000
- have no savings or support from other sources
- live in Kent.

(If they pay Council Tax to Medway Council, they'll need to contact Medway's Local Welfare Provision scheme)

You need to check that the applicant has suffered a loss of income as a direct result of COVID-19. (For example, being put on furlough, reduced trade or business, increased heating bills by working from home.)

For more information email:

tracy.veasey@kent.gov.uk, or
hannah.chandler@kent.gov.uk

Make a referral

Referrals can only be made by professionals or trusted partners

Call: 0800 233 5255

Visit: <https://south.greendoctors.org.uk/>

Football Five Star



Football Five Star - Easter Soccer School Dates!

7th and 8th April 2022 9.45am - 3.30pm at the Jubilee Playing Field Staplehurst TN12 ODS

£20 per day

10% discount for the 2nd sibling if booked together.

Book now to secure your child's place

Days will consist of technical training, tournaments and oodles of fun along with prizes and medals to be won