



**Staplehurst School Newsletter -  
No.22- Spring Term**

## News from the Senior Team



Dear Parents and Carers

Lots to cheer and celebrate this week at Staplehurst!

The school has been buzzing with many 'World Book Day' events: our author visit, book fair, the extended opening of the library, and of course, 'Pyjama Day' on 'World Book Day'. The children have really enjoyed these opportunities and have been reading for pleasure even more than usual - well done everyone and thank you to Mrs Barnard for organising this for us.

### **St David's Day**

Thank you to Mr Williams Jones for leading our St David's Day celebrations in singing assembly this week. Listen to the children singing <https://twitter.com/i/status/1498633406539866116>

### **Ofsted Report**

On Wednesday I was able to share our latest Ofsted report which confirms that Staplehurst is a good school; the report is testament to the hard work and effort from all of our teachers, leaders

and governors over the last 3 years. I cannot thank them enough for their determination and focus in making such significant improvements to the quality of education, whilst we navigated our way through a national pandemic. The report showcases the many strengths of our curriculum, whole school values and pupil's learning. Our school is highly inclusive and there is a strong sense of community support with all stakeholders working together to ensure our pupils have the very best. This has been uploaded to our school website and will be published on the Ofsted website in the next 8 working days.

Thank you for the lovely comments that we have received this week and your ongoing support.

Have a good weekend,

Miss Davenport and the Senior Leadership Team

## Staplehurst School Inclusion Team



We are very excited to introduce our new **Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Burchell**. She will join the Inclusion Team with Mrs French (Assistant Head for Inclusion) from Monday 14th March 2022.

Mrs Burchell has been working in our school for around 12 years and is very familiar with many of our children and families already. She is really looking forward to getting to know new parents and children.

**From Monday 14th March:**

**Mrs Burchell will be working 4 days a week (Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri)** from the Inclusion Office. She can be contacted by telephone via the school office on 01580 891765, on the FLO mobile via text on 07935 414162 or via email on [FLO@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:FLO@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk). If you are contacting school to report your child absent, please contact the school office in the normal way.

Mrs Burchell will be supporting our new **'Welcome Club'** each morning (selected children) and on the **school gate each day** at 3.15pm. She will also be offering **FLO Surgery** appointments each Thursday afternoon and you can book an appointment by contacting her as above.

We are really looking forward to offering her a warm welcome to her new role and supporting her to further develop our support for our families and children.



*1 - Assistant Head for Inclusion – Mrs French*



*2 - Family Liaison Officer - Mrs Burchell*

## Events in the Ukraine

We seem to be speeding through this year already and while COVID is being normalised we now face a different type of uncertainty with the invasion of Ukraine. If you need support on how to discuss this with your children, please use the resources below from **place2be**:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2022/march/talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-war-and-conflict/?fbclid=IwAR0ZFRD4GCZMTA-IZgcEC9BiX7flz9ULwsMga21S1YhJJ4oDn6hiUxDStcE>

If children raise individual concerns or issues arise through teaching our geography and history curriculum, we will treat the matter sensitively. Staff have been provided with guidance to support them to discuss the matter ensuring that we are factual, impartial and age appropriate. If you have any concerns please inform your class teacher.

## Pride Certificates



Name	Class	Reason
Ivy Hasemore	EYG	Ivy is working really hard in phonics and she is demonstrating this in her independent writing. Her confidence as a writer has grown and she is always willing to try new writing tasks showing great determination while working. Well done Ivy!
Ella Pascoe	EYKB	Ella has blown our socks off this week! She has worked so hard with her phonics and is a super writer. She shows great determination when sounding out the words that she wants to write, listening carefully to hear them all. We love reading her amazing writing. Fantastic work Ella!
Archie Ambrose	1C	This week, Archie has shown our PRIDE value of determination with his maths work. He is demonstrating good listening in maths lessons and showing greater effort when facing maths challenges meaning he is able to show what he is truly capable of. Well done Archie!
Daniel George	1S	This week, Daniel has shown great enthusiasm in all areas of learning. Daniel has been contributing fantastic ideas during classroom discussions and has been determined to complete all of his work to a good standard. Well done, Daniel!
Harry Butler	2SS	Harry has shown great determination this week. When faced with a challenge, he has persevered with a positive attitude. This has been particularly evident in his writing. Harry has chosen thoughtful adjectives and has improved his writing stamina. Great work Harry!
Uwriyela Nnaji	2S	Uwriyela has had a great first week at Staplehurst School. She has settled into 2S brilliantly growing in confidence as the week has progressed. Welcome to Staplehurst Uwriyela.
James Ambrose	3S	This week it has been fantastic to see James making such a conscious effort with his handwriting. He has shown a great determination to succeed, approached this challenge with positivity and taken much more pride in his work. Well done James!
Jasmine Wright	3G	This week Jasmine has shown great determination and independence across all of her learning, she has especially shown resilience in Maths. Jasmine actively participates in all lessons and shares her great understanding and reasoning for her answers. Keep it up Jasmine.
Brandon Somauroo	4W	This week Brandon has shown great independence in writing a persuasive letter about the rainforests. He included excellent reasons and emotive language to make his argument. Brandon is always polite and sets a great example to others. Well done!
Rae Barber	4C	Rae demonstrates a great desire to develop her mathematical understanding. She is conscientious in her approach to her learning, asking for help and always trying her absolute best in every lesson. Well done!
William Oakes	5K	William has participated brilliantly across the week in lessons, and stepped up his presentation and quality of writing. He has also been a fantastic library monitor, ensuring that it is tidy and that the books are being looked after. Well done Will!
Siena Hollamby	5R	Siena always models positive learning attitudes in class. She worked particularly hard in our geography lesson this week: clearly explaining the difference between arable and pastoral farming, and thinking of reasons to visit rural areas of the UK. Well done Siena!
Nancy Vincent	6S	Nancy has really impressed the Year 6 team this week with her mature attitude to learning. Nancy has taken pride in her work and has been motivated to complete it to the highest possible standard. Thank you for setting a fantastic example to others, Nancy. We are very proud of you!
Riley Broderick	6T	Riley has worked hard this week to demonstrate positive learning attitudes and to challenge and push himself. He's stepped out of his comfort zone on several occasions, showing confidence and positivity as a learner, which has been great to see. I've been hugely proud of Riley this year and I hope his excellent efforts continue.

## Staplehurst 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. As from Monday we will be sending 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.



EYFS



## YEAR 1

It has been a week of celebrations in EYFS this week. On Tuesday we found out about St David's day, firstly finding Wales on the map, then looking at how St David's day is celebrated in Wales. The children enjoyed making their own Welsh flags and looking closely at the daffodils. Some of the children also created their own daffodils using paint and collage. We have been excited to discover that the bulbs we planted back in Autumn have grown into daffodils.

We also celebrated Shrove Tuesday, learning about why many people celebrate and making pancakes. We particularly enjoyed tasting them during snack time! During child initiated we then wrote instructions for making pancakes.

Our final celebration of the week was 'World Book Day'. The children all enjoyed sharing their books from home either with a friend or as a class. In the afternoon, Year 5 came into EYFS to share books with the children which the children really enjoyed.





## Year 1



In History this week, year 1 learnt that the first mode of transport used was horse. We were very lucky to have a special visitor to school - a horse and cart! The children went out to see the horse and cart and had the opportunity to ask questions such as 'What is it like to ride in a horse and cart?' 'How do you tell the horse which way to go?' The children found out the horse was 5 years old, just like some of them!







## Year 2



Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed this week and particularly enjoyed our author visit from Ian Macdonald! The children loved his interactive reading session and asked lots of questions about how he became an author, what his inspirations were for his stories. Year 2 also enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas and sharing their favourite bedtime stories during World Book Day!









## Year 3



# YEAR 3

Year 3 had a fantastic afternoon with Ian McDonald this week, they thoroughly enjoyed listening to some of his stories. In their workshop the children created their own aliens, the creations were fantastic and very unique! They then constructed sentences describing their alien as if they were describing it in their own story.







## Year 4



# YEAR 4

Year 4 have continued to investigate sound as part of their science unit this week. Our focus was to investigate how sound travels through different mediums. We discussed how sound travels through solids, liquids and gases, as well as using string telephones to experience sound travelling through solids.





## Year 5



# YEAR 5

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday by heading down to visit the youngest members of the school in EYFS! Year 5 carefully selected books from the library to read to the younger children, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Our classes had a lovely time sharing our favourite stories from when we were at the beginning of school - a great way to spend World Book Day!









## Year 6



# YEAR 6

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed reading with Year 1 to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday afternoon! Whilst feeling cosy in their pyjamas, the children shared some of their favourite stories from the library.









Year 6 loved curling in PE this week. They quickly fell in love with this Olympic sport, working in teams to score as close to the target as possible. Their energy and enthusiasm at trying something new was awesome to see and they can't wait to refine their skills next week.



## PTA Calendar

PTA events calendar		
Month	Date	Event
March	Thursday 10th	<b>Pre-loved Uniform Sale</b> A chance to buy second-hand Summer uniform. Most items 50p each.
	Thursday 31st	<b>Bags2school clothing collection</b> Having a clear out? Bag up all your donations and put in the shelter at drop off for collection
April	Friday 1st	<b>Dare to be different day</b> Choose which items from the list you want to do to express yourself and make a donation per item
	TBC	<b>Easter Egg hunt</b> Join us after school for fun on the field
May	TBC	<b>Super hero shop</b> Each child has a chance to visit the shop to choose up to two presents for the special people in their lives. Their every day Super heros!
	Friday 27th TBC	<b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b> Picnic tea after school for the kids. Parents have the opportunity to meet with each other.
	During school time	<b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee Art Project</b> Children will have been given the chance to make an artwork of the Queen, which will be used to produce cushion, mug and other designs that can be purchased online to celebrate the Jubilee.
June	Friday 17th	<b>Non School Uniform Day</b> Donate a gift for our rainbow raffle in the colour allocated to your year group
	Saturday 25th	<b>Summer Fair</b> Come for Summer fun at our stalls and attractions
September	TBC	<b>Welcome Back BBQ</b> Start the school year with a sizzle at our mini fair
November	Saturday 26th	<b>Pantomime</b> Join us at the Free Church and be entertained by a Professional touring company
December	TBC	<b>Santa shop Donations</b> Please bring in a gift suitable for children to choose as presents for family members
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Helping Hands - Supporting households facing financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19



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Helping Hands Scheme

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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/>

Staplehurst 'Mini' Monarchs FC (Year 2) are looking for more players! If your child was 6 as at 1 September 2021 and would like a free, no obligation try out please email [smufc1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:smufc1@yahoo.co.uk). Mini Monarchs train at Staplehurst School on Saturday mornings.

