



STANLEY CROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

We are now at the end of the first half-term of 2016. Everyone at school agrees that the past six weeks have passed extremely quickly; however, we have achieved a great deal towards achieving our immediate objectives for school improvement. The remaining elements of the EYFS Outdoor Area have been delivered to school which now provides pupils in Teams 1 and 2 an effective learning environment including a maths, English and building shed, a play den, storage for bikes and trikes, camouflage writing belts, materials to support phonics and much more. Two 'trim trails' have also been ordered for the school field and are due to be installed during next half-term.

Planned improvements to the Team 4 classroom have also gone ahead this week. Previously our ICT suite, the space has been completely transformed to provide pupils in this class a modern and fully functional learning environment. Feedback from pupils in Team 4 has been extremely positive!

I have scheduled the spring term Parents' Meetings for 16th and 17th March. Appointments will be available for parents/ carers to visit their child(ren)'s class teacher on either dates with appointments available from 2:15pm to 5:00pm. For these meetings, we will be operating an on-line booking system for appointments. After half-term, you will receive a text from school containing a weblink. Simply access the link where you will be taken directly to our booking system and then select a suitable day and appointment time. These more frequent Parent Meetings will allow you to be kept more up to date on the progress of your child(ren). We will hold another meeting for parents during the summer term, towards the end of the school year.

After half-term, I have organised Parent Information Workshops to provide information and practical advice to parents/ carers on how to support your child(ren) during the assessment period for Y2 and Y6 SATs. SATs are statutory assessments which all Y2 and Y6 pupils participate in across the country. Y6 SATs will take place in early May, followed by the Y2 assessments. It is important that if you have a child in either of these year groups, you attend the workshops. The Y2 workshop is scheduled for 8th March and the Y6 workshop for the 10th March.

I would like to congratulate Team 5 on their outstanding performance at the Sports Hall Athletics competition yesterday. Pupils performed exceptionally well in all disciplines and were rewarded with 1st place! Team 5 now go forward to compete at the County Finals after half-term.

Finally, staff and pupils have enjoyed 'Stanley Crook does Strictly' in school today. All Teams had an opportunity to showcase their dances which they have been performing in their P.E. unit this half-term. Several pupils also performed group dances while the votes were being counted! Team 1 came out as overall winners of the competition and have been crowned Stanley Crook does Strictly 2016 Champions! DVDs of the show will be on sale to parents and carers after the half-term break.

Thank you all for your continued support. Have an enjoyable break with your wonderful children and I look forward to welcoming them all back at school on the 22nd February.

Mr D Christie
Headteacher

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

<http://www.stanleycrook.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to be taken straight to our school website!



Swimming

When pupils return to school after the half-term break, Team 4 will be going swimming on Thursday mornings. Please ensure your child(ren) bring the correct swimwear to school on that day. I cannot stress strongly enough how vital it is to encourage your child(ren) to learn to swim. By the end of Y6, it is a statutory curriculum requirement for all pupils to be confident in swimming 25m.

School Uniform and P.E. kit

I am considering an update to our school uniform and introducing a school P.E. kit. Our new uniform would be introduced from September 2016. However, I am looking to introduce our school P.E. kit much sooner. More details to follow after half-term.

The Big Spring Clean

I have organised for pupils in Team 4 and Team 5 to take part in this year's Big Spring Clean. This is an important community event where your children and our school can show support for the local community. Every day in school, pupils are taught our school mission: To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community. This event demonstrates clearly to the pupils the importance of community support and engagement.

Children's Achievements in School

Every Friday, staff choose a pupil from each Team to be recognised for something special they have achieved during the week. Congratulations to this week's chosen children, who are:



Well done to all of our pupils this week for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

Diary Dates:

22.02.16 School re-opens for teaching purposes	03.03.16 World Book Day
22.02.16 KS2 to visit Durham Orchestra - Gala Theatre, Durham	08.03.16 KS1 Parent Information workshop (SATs)
24.02.16 Tickled Pink Drama Company - Peter Pan	10.03.16 Year 5/6 Parent Information workshop (SATs)
24.02.16 Teams 4/ 5 & 6 - Staying Safe/ Anti-Bullying	15.03.16 Pedestrian Training Team 3
25.02.16 Bikeability training Team 5	16.03.16/ 17.03.16 Spring term Parent Meetings
29.02.16 KS2 Cross-country (Parkside Academy)	18.03.16 Sports Relief 'Sponsored Mile'
01.03.16/ 02.03.16 Mothers' Day Lunch	23.03.16 Multi-faith assembly and 'The Easter Story'
02.03.16 Easter Journey, St. Andrews Team 5	23.03.16 EYFS Multi-skills festival
	24.03.16 School closes for Easter break

