



## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

I would like to begin our first newsletter of the new academic year by extending an extremely warm welcome to all of our school community on our return to school. I hope that you have all enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer break and have taken many opportunities to spend time with your wonderful children.

At Stanley Crook Primary School, we are committed to improving outcomes for all pupils and I would like to remind you of our school community of our School Mission:

**'To try our best, to tell the truth and to look after each other and our community'**

This year promises to be another outstanding year for our school with a wide range of fun and exciting learning opportunities planned for pupils of all Teams. The staff and I have been hard at work ensuring your children are provided with the very best educational experiences throughout the year. Next Tuesday (13th September), to celebrate 'Roald Dahl Day', I have arranged for the Roald Dahl Story Explorers to visit school! During the day, the Story Explorers will engage our pupils in fun and creative workshops based around many of Roald Dahl's most well-known books. To extend learning further, I would also like to invite pupils (and staff) to come to school on that day dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character. With so many characters to choose from, it is going to be difficult to decide on which one to choose! Will you be Matilda? Fantastic Mr. Fox perhaps? Or, will you come dressed as The BFG!?

Today, we have welcomed our new Reception pupils to school. The first day of school is an exciting time for any child; however, it may also raise a few nerves. I am pleased to say that, with the help of Mrs Brabban, Miss Brown, Mrs Barnett and our outstanding 'School Buddies', all pupils have settled extremely well and have enjoyed their first day at Stanley Crook Primary School.

Pupils in other year groups throughout the school have also been getting settled into their new classes and meeting with their new teachers. I am pleased to report that feedback from all staff has been extremely positive and I am sure that all pupils will once again make outstanding progress across the school. Attached to this newsletter is your child's weekly Team timetable and long term curriculum map so that you are aware what your child is learning about and which topics they will be engaging in throughout the year.

I am also pleased to once again report to parents on our outstanding SAT results for 2016. Overall, 87% of pupils in Year 6 achieved the national standard in Reading, Writing and Maths compared to 53% nationally. These results highlight the outstanding team here at Stanley Crook Primary and the effort and dedication that they demonstrate on a daily basis in order to improve outcomes for all pupils.

To support our efforts in engaging parents/ carers within the school community and to provide you all with increased opportunities to share in your child's education, I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting Parent Team Meetings during September. These meetings will provide an opportunity for you to meet with your child's new class teacher, find out about what learning topics your child will be engaging in during the school year and to ask any questions about your child's new Team; more details will follow later this week. Our termly Parent Meetings will also be continuing this year—the first of three termly meetings this academic year will be held shortly before we break for Christmas.

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!



## School Uniform 2016/2017

A reminder that, as part of our new school uniform, pupils are required to wear **plain, black shoes in school.**

### Breakfast Club

A reminder for those parents/ carers who have signed up for our new Breakfast Club that the club will open from 8:15am each morning. The cost of the club is £1 per session, payable weekly in advance. For more information, please contact the school office.

### After School Clubs

After school clubs will commence on Monday 12th September (3:15pm—4:15pm). A separate letter has been sent with timetables and booking forms.

### Swimming Tuition

Swimming tuition begins for selected pupils on Thursday 8th September—information has been sent to parents of selected pupils.

## Our new school uniform!

Today saw the launch of our new school uniform at Stanley Crook Primary School. All of the pupils looked extremely smart in the new colours.

This morning, we all celebrated the start of the new school year with a special assembly.



### Diary Dates:

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| 09.09.16 Year 6—Science Day at WSCC   | 30.09.16 Vindolanda and Roman Museum Visit (Y3/4)     |
| 13.09.16 Roald Dahl Story Explorers Day<br>(Come to school dressed up as your favourite Roald Dahl character) | 04.10.16 Michael Murpurgo—Literacy Day (Whole School) |
| 14.09.16 Playground Activity Leader Training  | 11.10.16 'Brain Blaster' Activity Day (Whole School)  |
| 16.09.16 The Punctuation Show (Whole School)  | 12.10.16 A morning with David Baddiel (Team 5)        |
| 22.09.16 School Photographs (Whole School) - amendment  | 14.10.16 E-Safety Pupil Showcase (Parents invited)    |
| 27.09.16 Hartlepool Power Station visit (Team 5)  | 18.10.16 Rhyme Around the World Exhibition (R/Y1)     |
| 29.09.16 Barnabas RE Day (Whole School)   | 20.10.16 Autumn Disco                                 |
|   | 21.10.16 School closes—October Half-Term              |
|   | 01.11.16 School Re-opens for teaching purposes        |

