



STANLEY CROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

The new school term is now well underway and I am very pleased that all of our pupils have settled into their learning. It has been another exciting week in school and I have been made extremely proud by the number of pupils who regularly open doors, say "please" and "thank you" and demonstrate their determination to uphold our school mission. Having such wonderfully well-behaved pupils throughout the school who consistently work hard and try their best certainly makes for a happy, caring and safe school community.

Yesterday, pupils enjoyed a fun and interesting assembly with Mrs Martin by exploring our new S.E.A.L. theme for this half-term: 'Going for Goals'. S.E.A.L. is an important aspect of our school curriculum and focuses on social and emotional aspects of learning. I am also pleased to announce that Mrs Martin is our school's new Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Within this role, Mrs Martin will liaise closely with parents and carers of pupils at school who may require additional support to achieve their targets. We wish Mrs Martin well in her new role.

With today's newsletter, your child(ren) will be bringing home a Parent/ Carer Questionnaire about our school. I am keen to find out what you (and your children) think is good about our school and what you would like to improve. I would be grateful if you could take five minutes to complete the questionnaire and **return it back to school by Friday 22nd January.**

May I also take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for supporting us by not entering the school on a morning or at the end of the school day. I have noticed many of you visiting the school office via the main entrance to hand in slips or to discuss items with the office staff. By doing this, you are supporting us in ensuring your children remain safe while in school. Thank you.

It is pleasing also to see so many more of you have signed up for our Class Dojo system. If you have not, please contact your child's class teacher for more information.

I am in the process of planning an exciting phase of development within our school grounds. Mrs Brabban and I have been putting planning in place this week which will ultimately see our playground and school field transformed with new play and exercise equipment, writing and reading areas and sports activities. Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 outdoor area is also going to be redesigned which will provide pupils many more opportunities for play and exploration. I will keep you updated on these exciting plans.

This week, I have been notified that our school has been successful in securing funding to participate in a Durham University/Primary School Science Partnership. This project will focus on raising achievement of pupils in Science. Initially, Team 4 will be involved in the project; however, I hope that in time there may be additional opportunities to extend the project to other year groups.

Our school is also participating in the prestigious Trinity College London Arts Award. This award is delivered over several weeks and encourages pupils to explore and discover a range of artistic themes. It is wonderful that our school has been given this opportunity and I look forward to seeing the pupils' finished pieces of artwork!

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!



### Contact details

If you have recently changed address or you have a new mobile telephone number, please ensure that the school office has your most up to date contact information.

### Music Tuition

Pupils in Team 5 enjoyed a visit for Mr Jakob this week where he demonstrated a variety of musical instruments. As a result, pupils have been given an exciting opportunity to learn the Flute or Clarinet in school with Mr Jakob. Tuition via the Durham Music Service is extremely good value for money and I would urge pupils in Team 5 to take this opportunity to learn to play one of these beautiful instruments.

### Friends of the School

I am considering establishing a 'Friends of the School' group. This group would be involved in supporting us in planning events and fundraising opportunities not only for our school but for the local community wherever possible. If anyone would like to become involved, please contact the office and leave your details.

### Breakfast Club

Many thanks to those of you who have indicated whether or not an earlier start to our Breakfast Club would be helpful. If you have not already returned the slip, please do so by Wednesday 20th January.

### 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:

- 27.01.16 Football tournament (Parkside Academy)
- 09.02.16 Dance Festival - KS1 & KS2 (Parkside Academy)
- 10.02.16 KS1 & KS2 Valentines Disco
- 11.02.16 Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics (rescheduled from 28.01.16)
- 12.02.16 'Stanley Crook Come Dancing' - Whole school dance event
- 12.02.16 School closes for half-term break
- 22.02.16 School re-opens for teaching purposes

