

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Pupils across school have continued to enjoy a fun and successful start to the new academic year this week and it has been extremely pleasing to have so many pupils visit me in my office to share their outstanding work. Pupils across all Teams are not only producing a range of work to incredibly high standards; they are also so very clearly proud of their achievements and motivated and determined to continue to learn and improve.

During the week, many of the visitors to my office have been from our new Reception cohort. Very quickly and smoothly, most of our newest and youngest Team members have settled into life and learning at Stanley Crook and everyone in school is extremely proud of them. Within school, all staff promote learning which is fun, while also being challenging and aimed to develop each pupil's knowledge and skills—not only in Reading, Writing and Maths but also across the full spectrum of personal, social and emotional skills which form a fundamental element to each child achieving their full potential.

Pupils in Team Walliams and Morpurgo enjoyed their first music sessions of the new academic year on Tuesday. Everyone in school would like to extend a special welcome to our new Music teacher, Mrs Hughes, and we all look forward to developing our music skills in these weekly sessions.

Year 6 pupils have continued their work within the Durham Constabulary Junior Education programme. This week, pupils learned about the importance of road safety and explored new skills which are aimed at helping them stay safer on the streets.

On the same subject, parking around school continues to present issues and increased risk for the safety of pupils, parents and members of our local community during drop-off and collection points of the school day. Information was sent to parents/ carers last week regarding the procedure for drop-off and collection. These procedures are in place to minimise disruption and maximise the safety of the children at our school. Please follow these guidelines in order that our school community can remain safe on the lanes and roads around school. In cases of dangerous/inconsiderate driving, may I urge parents to lodge the incidents with the Police and Local Authority. School will continue to lobby the Local Authority for safety improvements and feasible options for amendments to road traffic management around the school.

To further support and enhance the skills of our pupils within the issue of road safety, I have planned for Year 3 pupils to participate in Pedestrian Training. These sessions teach the essentials of being safe when crossing and being near busy roads and are always well-received by our pupils. To compliment our wider strategy on improving the safety of pupils outside of school, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will also be completing their 'Bikeability' and Bicycle maintenance training in the coming weeks.

As part of our involvement in a locally organised community regeneration project, our School Councillors will be planting bulbs and plants in areas of Stanley Crook. This is the initial phase of a wider project to establish and improve habitats around our local area which will be able to be enjoyed by all members of our community.

Thank you for your continued support.

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!



Be Safe

David Burn visited school today to deliver his Be Safe workshops to pupils across Key Stage 2.

Primary/ Secondary Partnerships

School welcomed Mr Ferstenberg (Headteacher, Wolsingham Secondary School) and Mr Sowerby (Deputy Headteacher, Parkside Academy) to school this week to speak to pupils about life at secondary school and ways in which, by working together, we can help improve educational provision for pupils at Stanley Crook.

School Photographer (Repeat)

The School Photographer, Ritchie Coatsworth, will be in school on 19th September.



Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

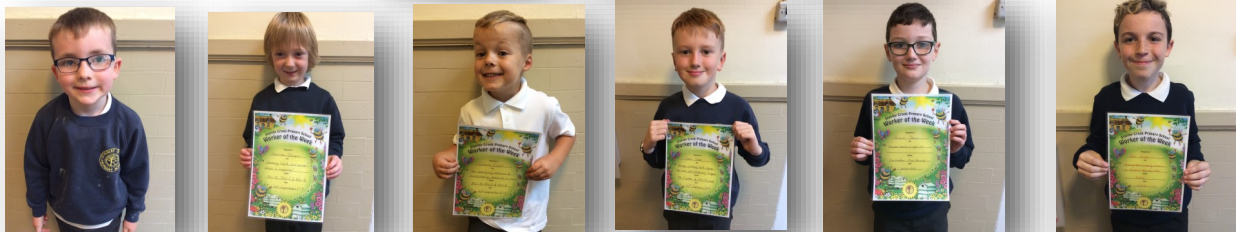
Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	98%
Team Dahl	92%
Team Rowling	98%
Team Walliams	99%
Team Morpurgo	94%

Well done to Team Walliams
This week's Attendance Trophy
WINNERS!

Children's Achievements in School

Every week, staff choose a pupil from each Team to be recognised for something special they have achieved during the week and a special award is presented in our Attendance Raffle! This week's chosen children are:



Congratulations to all of our pupils this week for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school.

Diary Dates:

17.09.18 Burnhill Nature Reserve—selected Team Rowling pupils
18.09.18 Year 3—Pedestrian Training (part 1)
19.09.18 Year 6—Civil Contingencies with Durham Constabulary
19.09.18 School Photographs
25.09.18 Year 3—Pedestrian Training (part 2)
26.09.18 Year 6 Alcopop Awareness with Durham Constabulary
26.09.18 Wildflower Project—Team Rowling
01.10.18 Speak Out, Stay Safe—NSPCC

09.10.18 Oriental Museum - Team Rowling/Walliams
10.10.18 Whole School NSPCC Speak Out Assembly
15.10.18 Flu Immunisation
16.10.18 Harvest Festival—St. Thomas' Church
17.10.18 Yr 5/6 NSPCC Speak Out Assembly Workshop
18.10.18 School closes for Autumn Half Term
29.10.18 School reopens for Autumn Term 2
29.10.18 Bikeability—Year 5
30.10.18 Bikeability—Year 5/ Year 6

