



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

After another exciting and busy week at school, pupils are showing excellent evidence of progress across the curriculum. In all Teams, staff and pupils have been working closely on a range of topics and much of the work which is being produced is outstanding. I have been particularly impressed with the work being completed in Team 2. I have enjoyed sharing with the pupils their learning around their 'Dinosaur' topic where they have modelled replica fossils and then developed their artistic skills by sketching them. Pupils in Team 3 have been designing robots using our Purple Mash software and Team 4 have thoroughly enjoyed developing their speaking and listening skills in their Modern Foreign Languages sessions —'Très bonne équipe 4. Excellent travail'. Team 1 have been digging for dinosaurs and I enjoyed watching the Year 1 pupils demonstrate their 'Cat Dance' to me on Tuesday. Likewise, many pupils from Team 5 have visited me to share their work which they have undertaken at home, independently of school, around their topic on 'Ancient Greece'. The fact that our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are completing projects at home in order to bring to school to share with the team mates and staff, demonstrates clearly to me that they are engaged in their learning topics. Well done 'Team Stanley Crook'!

I held meetings on Tuesday with Officers from Durham County Council regarding the issue of parking around our school. I assisted them in monitoring the parking arrangements and discussed possible solutions to the problem. After speaking with some of you, it was determined that after school on Fridays presents the main problem for parents. I am pleased to inform you that the Council have agreed to place 'Keep Clear' road markings along the left side section of Wooley Terrace to encourage cars to park on the right hand side of the lane. These markings will extend around the left junction so that cars will not block the lane or restrict access for pedestrians or residents.

On March 3rd, pupils and staff of school will be celebrating World Book Day. As part of this event, pupils and staff will be invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book! The staff are already making plans about which character they will dress up as and I am sure your children will be equally as excited! Fortunately, two of my favourite books, one written by Roald Dahl and one by Julia Donaldson, contain central characters who are quite tall. I wonder if any of you can guess who these characters are.

On a much more serious note, we will also be supporting 'Readathon' during World Book Day. 'Readathon' inspires pupils to read for fun and raises money to provide books and storytellers for children in hospital. Before half-term, your child(ren) will be bringing home a sponsor form so that together we can help raise funds for this worthy cause.

We have also begun to collect the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers for school. We welcome any donations of these vouchers as they support us in purchasing a wide range of sports and P.E. equipment for school. Thank you.

I am pleased to announce that I have been able to establish a school/ sports club link with Hunwick Cricket Club. Members will be visiting school in the next couple of weeks to talk to our pupils about the club and how they can get involved in playing cricket. Indoor 'nets'/ practise sessions for the club begin at Parkside Academy on 21st February and these sessions are open to all KS2 pupils.

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!



Valentine's Day Disco

A reminder that our Valentine's Day Disco will be held in school on Wednesday 10th February. EYFS and KS1 will enjoy their disco between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm, followed by KS2 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Mr Shaun is providing the music and pupils will be able to purchase a bag of sweets, a packet of crisps and a drink for £1. There is no charge for tickets.

Football

Well done to our school football team who played on Wednesday. Unfortunately, the result did not go our way despite excellent efforts from our team. However, we are still on course for 2nd place in the league!

UNICEF Rights Respecting School

We have begun our work in school towards gaining the UNICEF Rights Respecting School accreditation. The scheme will embed children's rights into the ethos and culture of our school to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential.

Multi-faith Assembly (date T.B.C.)

This year, our celebration assembly before we break for Easter will have a multi-faith focus. All Teams will give a presentation on different areas of religious education covered during work in school, culminating in a celebration of The Easter Story. More details will follow regarding organisation and dates.

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:



Megan
Year 2



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

Diary Dates:

- 08.02.16 Sports Link Assembly
- 09.02.16 Dance Festival - KS1 & KS2 (Parkside Academy)
- 10.02.16 KS1 & KS2 Valentines Disco (more details to follow)
- 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

