



"Pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare is OUTSTANDING" (Ofsted, 2019)

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Our Team Induction Meetings for parents/ carers concluded this week with presentations and information for parents/ carers of pupils in Team Morpurgo and Team Donaldson. For those parents/ carers who have attended the meetings over the past two weeks, I hope that the information shared was useful and provided an insight into provision in school, expectations within each Team and allowed any queries to be answered. For those parent/ carers who could not attend, please contact your child's class teacher (or the school office) to arrange for the presentation notes and any associated information to be sent home.

Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 participated in a range of workshops on Monday focused around Anti—Bullying and Online Safety. David Burn (BE-SAFE) commented on all of the pupils' positive attitudes and behaviour during the workshops and also highlighted their secure knowledge and understanding of these important issues. Workshops such as these, support and compliment wider work in school around e-safety and anti-bullying and provide pupils with additional opportunities to discuss their understanding of the issues involved, as well as their own experiences. Beginning on November 11th, our school will once again be involved in national anti-bullying week where pupils will again have opportunities to learn more about how to stop bullying and protect themselves and their friends. This year's campaign is titled, 'Change Starts With Us' and on Wednesday 13th November, school will welcome our partners at BigFoot Art Education as they deliver a whole-school assembly and individual Team workshops, with the main focus being on 'RESPECT'.

Congratulations again to our school Tag Rugby team for three superb performances this week, in the latest round of fixtures. Playing three games, the T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) won 2 and drew 1, placing our school top of the league! With only one final game to play next week, the league title is now within reach! Good luck, TEAM Stanley Crook!

Thank you to Adam Bushnell (Children's Author) for visiting our school today. Adam has enjoyed a long relationship with our school and we appreciate his visits every time, as he brings books and stories to life and never fails to enthuse and engage our pupils within the wonderful world of children's books! During today's visit, Adam used a range of stories (linked to the current Topics in each Team) to bring to life learning from class.

Preparations are well underway for our Harvest Festival 2019! Thank you to the members of the Church of St. Thomas for once again inviting our school to present their festival celebrations in their beautiful church on Monday 21st October. Key Stage 2 Teams will present their Harvest work at 10:00am, with pupils from Team Donaldson and Team Dahl being at church from 1:30pm. I look forward to seeing many parents/ carers in church to support their outstanding children!

As part of the Take Off Festival 2019—England's leading festival of theatre for children and young people—pupils from each Team will be making special visits to locations across County Durham during the last week of half-term. Year 5/ Year 6 pupils will be visiting Durham Johnston School on the 22nd October to watch a performance of MacBeth, with Team Donaldson and Team Dahl visiting the Hullabaloo Theatre to see 'FIVE' - a playful exploration of our five human senses through dance, movement and live music on the 23rd! Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will visit the Gala Theatre to watch a very special—and brilliantly funny—performance of Tiger Tale on the same day!

I am sure that all of our pupils will enjoy a great experience being a part of the Take Off Festival!

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!



End of Half-term

A reminder that school closes for October half-term on Thursday 24th October. School re-opens for teaching purposes on Monday 4th November.

Pedestrian Training

Well done to pupils in Team Rowling for completing their Pedestrian Training this week. The instructors were extremely impressed with all pupils and commented on their sensible attitudes and behaviour!

Bikeability

Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will be completing their 'Bikeability' training during the week beginning 18th November. This training provides pupils with key basic skills around cycling proficiency and better equips them to stay safe when riding their bikes.

INSET days 2020/2021

INSET days for the 2020/21 academic year have now been confirmed. School will be closed on the following dates for staff training and development:

01.09.20, 23.10.20, 07.06.21, 19.07.21 and 20.07.21



Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	98%
Team Dahl	99%
Team Rowling	97%
Team Walliams	96%
Team Morpurgo	100%

Congratulations to

TEAM MORPURGO

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:

Monday afternoons—Swimming (Year 6)

10.09.19—22.10.19 Primary Link—Wolsingham Secondary (Year 6)

Tuesdays—Spanish MFL After-School Club

Wednesdays—Sports After-School Club

12.09.19—24.10.19 Primary Link—Parkside Academy (Year 6)

Thursdays—Karate After-School Club

Friday afternoons—Durham Constabulary Junior Education Programme (Year 6)

16.10.19 Centre for Life (Team Walliams/ Morpurgo)

21.10.19 Harvest Festival

22.10.19 'Is that a Dagger?' Macbeth (Year 5/6)

23.10.19 'FIVE' (Team Donaldson/ Dahl)

23.10.19 'Tiger Tale' (Year 3/4)

23.10.19 Halloween Disco

24.10.19 School Closes for Half-term

