

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

I would like to start this week's newsletter by updating our school community on the progress made towards our objective of securing a reduction in the speed limit to the road outside of our school. Following huge efforts from our pupils and community, which included Team 5 visiting County Hall to participate in a full council meeting back in June, and much work in collecting many signatures for our petition in support of our campaign, I am pleased to inform you that our school has been included in the next council review of speed limits in the County. While the Local Authority has indicated that it assesses the viability of a permanent 30mph speed limit outside of school as unrealistic, it has agreed that a temporary 20mph speed limit (to operate at times at the beginning and end of the school day) is a possible solution. I feel this is good news as it will improve the safety our pupils, parents and wider community along the road at school's busiest times of the day and is a positive step forward. Many thanks to our outstanding pupils, staff and parents for their support during our campaign. I would also like to thank Cllr. John Hart for his efforts in organising our visit to County Hall and in lobbying the relevant council bodies during the campaign.

Parents/ Carers of pupils in Team 4 and Team 5 have been given information this week on an exciting opportunity which has been provided to us in organising a residential visit to France during the summer term 2017. Historically, pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 have visited Dukehouse Wood in Hexham for their annual residential visit. However, the opportunity of visiting France as part of our residential programme for 2017 gives pupils a new and dynamic alternative to our normal organisation. The 5 day/ 4 night trip will allow pupils to experience France and allow many opportunities to practise and develop their speaking and listening skills from their learning around 'French' in class. At present, I am keen to gauge how many pupils are wanting to take up this option and, if there is enough interest, I will be contacting parents/ carers after half term with planned dates for the trip and confirmation of chosen location etc.; if this trip goes ahead, it will be in place of the visit to Dukehouse Wood for this academic year. Moving forward, I anticipate that both residential visits will operate on a two-year rolling programme to provide pupils with a range of opportunities and experiences. If any parent/ carer has any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pupils across all Teams have been hard at work this week organising and rehearsing their presentations for our Harvest Festival celebrations. I am looking forward to welcoming our school community to The Church of St. Thomas on Monday to share the outstanding work our pupils have completed in class around Harvest. Due to our increased pupil numbers, this year, we are operating two separate presentations: Team 1/ Team 2 and Team 3 will begin their presentations at 10:00 am and this will be followed at 1:30pm with presentations by Team 4 and Team 5. The Harvest Festival will also mark the inauguration of our school choir in their very first live performance!

Key Stage 2 enjoyed a fun and engaging educational visit to the National Centre for Children's Books on Tuesday. Exploring the exhibition focused on the life and works of Michael Morpurgo, pupils developed their knowledge and understanding of many of this famous authors stories. Well done Key Stage 2!

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!



Hunwick Cricket Club

I was honoured to be invited to present awards to the Under-11 side during the end of season awards at Hunwick Cricket Club which took place last Saturday. Last academic year, our school and the cricket club established a working partnership where the club provided coaches to support our PE delivery of cricket. As a result of their involvement, many of our pupils subsequently joined Hunwick Cricket Club and enjoyed a successful first season playing for the Under-11 side. This partnership is one which both sides are committed to maintaining and developing as we move forward into this academic year. I will post updates on our website and within our newsletter regarding practise sessions in the new year.

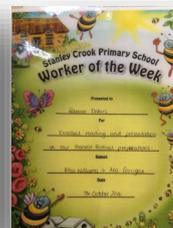
Story-telling at Crook Library

Following on from our community visits to Crook Library last academic year, pupils from our school have been invited to take part in Story-telling sessions at the centre. Today, pupils from Team 3 enjoyed a fun visit to the library where they enjoyed a range of stories and were also able to explore the many children's books on offer. Further visits are planned for pupils in other Teams as we move forward through the year.

Well done Team 3!

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. 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:

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| 10.10.16 Harvest Festival (Church of St. Thomas) | 31.10.16 SCHOOL CLOSED—Staff training |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Team 1/ Team 2/ Team 3—10:00am ● Team 4 and Team 5—1:30pm | 01.11.16 School Re-opens for teaching purposes |
| 11.10.16 'Brain Blaster' Activity Day (Whole School) | 04.11.16 E-safety Showcase |
| 17.10.16 Scouted Session "It's a Wonderful World" (Team 1) | 08.11.16 'Pack Up Your Troubles' - Theatre Production |
| 18.10.16 Rhyme Around the World Exhibition (KS1) | 11.11.16 Bags2School |
| 19.10.16 Tag Rugby Competition (Team 5) | 14.11.16 BBC Children in Need 'Spotacular' Week |
| 19.10.16 Autumn Disco | 14.11.16 Anti-Bullying 'Sticks and Stones' |
| 21.10.16 School closes—October Half-Term | 02.12.16 Beamish Santa Visit (Team 1 and Team 2) |
| | 06/07.12.16 Christmas Performance (All pupils) |
| | 13.12.16 Christmas Panto—Gala Theatre Durham |