



## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Planning is continuing at pace with regards the implementation of the new 20mph speed limits around our school. These improvements will significantly improve the safety and well being of pupils, staff, parents and local residents. While these improvements do signal significant progress, there is still much to do! I would like to thank parents for their support with the current project and for recent communications I have received offering additional support for our plans for further improvements around school. Within these plans, I aim to improve traffic management to the lane at the rear of the school by installing safety barriers at the school gate and for part of a section up the lane in order to protect pupils when arriving at/ leaving school and to also extend the hard standing at the front of the school. A request will be made to provide a pathway up the lane, running alongside the fence and wall of the school which will also provide improved safety for all. I plan to work closely with Governors and parents in establishing a working party with a reference of project planning and lobbying Durham County Council for these future improvements. Working together, as a school community, I am sure that we will be successful in achieving our objectives.

In this regard, and until planned improvements are implemented, I would like to thank parents/ carers and members of our local community for adhering to our 'one-way system' at school at the beginning and end of the school day. This system is the best, and safest, way to get cars near to school to drop off and collect your children. Please avoid driving up the lane from the road to the front of school as this causes severe disruption and increased risk to the safety of our school community. I would urge parents/ carers to also avoid using the 'driveway' at the rear gates to park or 'three-point turn' their vehicles. As an interim measure, I have purchased several barriers which will be placed at the rear gates at the beginning and end of the school day to try and prevent vehicles from using this area.

I am pleased to inform parents/ carers that school has signed a contract with 'ParentPay'. This system allows parents/ carers to pay for school lunches, educational visits and after-school clubs using a credit/ debit card. I hope that this will provide increased convenience and flexibility for parents when paying money to school. The system is currently being installed onto our school networks and I will be providing an update shortly on its launch date.

Thank you to parents/ carers who returned expressions of interest in accessing any new and extended 'wrap around' care provision in school. Currently, our provision runs from 8:15am with Breakfast Club until 4:15pm, with the conclusion of after-school clubs. Under new plans, Breakfast Club would begin at 8:00am and after-school care would run until 5:30pm. Separate letters have been sent to parents who indicated an interest in this provision with further information.

Finally, pupils in Key Stage 2 enjoyed an exciting educational visit to Eden Camp yesterday. To consolidate learning from their WW2 topic, pupils visited several exhibits and explored many elements of this important period of British history. Thank you to parents/ carers for their voluntary contributions. ALL educational visits are heavily subsidised through the school budget; however, contributions by parents further support us in making these visits possible.

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!



**Fire Service 'Safety Talk' - 16.10.17**

Members of Crook Fire Service will be visiting school on Monday to deliver their Fire Safety Talk to pupils. The assembly will focus on all elements of fire safety including Fireworks. Pupils will then have an opportunity to explore the Fire Engine!

**Harvest Festival—17.10.17**

Pupils are looking forward to visiting The Church of St. Thomas on Tuesday to deliver their Harvest presentations. Team 1 and Team 2 will be at church at 10:00am with Key Stage 2 visiting in the afternoon.

**Half-term—19.10.17**

A reminder to parents/ carers that school will close for half-term on Thursday 19th October and re-open for teaching on Monday 30th October. Thank you.



**Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions**

Team 1	94%
Team 2	94%
Team 3	99%
Team 4	100%
Team 5	98%

**Well done to Team 4**  
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:**

- 16.10.17 Immunisations
- 16.10.17 Fire Service visit including Safety Assembly
- 17.10.17 Harvest Festival (Church of St. Thomas)**
- 18.10.17 Autumn (Halloween) Disco
- 19.10.17 Flash the Magician—Hallowe'en Magic Show
- 19.10.17 School Closes for half-term
- 30.10.17 School re-opens for teaching purposes
- 31.10.17 Bling you Bike for Halloween
- 02.11.17 Jet and Ben (Police dogs) visit school
- 08.11.17 World War II 'Learning Showcase Event' (KS2)
- 09.11.17 Parent First Aid Workshop
- 10.11.17 Maths Magic (Whole School)
- 13.11.17 Anti-Bullying Week (Whole School)
- 23.11.17 Team 2—Christmas Journey
- 13.12.17 Christmas Panto—Gala Theatre, Durham
- 19/20.12.17 Christmas Performances
- 21.12.17 Christmas Carol Service (Church of St. Thomas)

