



## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

As we arrive at the end of the first half term of the new academic year, we can all be extremely proud of the achievements of our outstanding pupils. In particular, our new pupils, who joined us in our Reception year in September, have settled quickly into life and learning at Stanley Crook Primary School. Indeed, all pupils have consistently demonstrated a range of values and behaviours which are central in upholding our ethos in school. Through their conscientious attitude and commitment to their role in school, our Buddies and Playground Leaders have ensured that breaktimes are fun and engaging for all pupils by organising and delivering games and sport activities whilst also acting as role models and available avenues for providing peer support. Great work, Team Stanley Crook!

Our Mission: **'To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community'**, provides all stakeholders in school with the platform on which to succeed and achieve and there have been many more examples of pupils following our mission during this half term. In addition, reflecting on the past seven weeks, and reviewing the learning which has taken place in school, makes me extremely proud also of our outstanding staff T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) who all work to deliver only the best educational provision for our pupils.

Many, many thanks to all parents/ carers, members of our school community and local residents for the support shown during our Harvest Festival celebrations on Tuesday. Both performances were again extremely well attended and the level of support for our school was overwhelming to see as there really was not a spare seat in church! All Team presentations were outstanding and clearly demonstrated the high level of confidence pupils possess. A special note of congratulations should be made for our Reception pupils who, attending their first Harvest Festival, delivered their presentation exceptionally well! Thank you also to Rev. Lawes, Mrs Lawes and members of The Church of St. Thomas for inviting our school to church to deliver our Harvest Festival and to Mr Shaun for his support with the technical equipment.

To support and celebrate learning in Team Rowling and Team Walliams, pupils from both Teams came to school yesterday dressed as an 'Ancient Egyptian'. The day served to provide the pupils with an additional opportunity to apply their learning from this half-term's topic and to explore further this period in history. Thank you to parents/ carers for supporting with costumes and make-up!

Today, pupils from across the school have participated in workshops involving animals and their habitats. Key Stage 2 pupils also developed their knowledge and understanding of endangered species and the adverse affect humans can have on animal populations and environments around the world. Pupils were extremely keen to learn how they could help prevent, reduce and reverse the harmful damage being caused which is placing many species at risk of extinction.

To further support with this work, pupils in Team Rowling have been participating in learning around current projects to reduce the spread and use of single-use plastic. Our UNICEF Rights Respecting Group will be increasing their involvement in this area next half term as part of the #PassOnPlastic campaign.

Our attention in school now refocuses to the second half of the Autumn term which is due to begin on Monday 29th October. The following half term is one of the favourites of the academic calendar which includes all Teams covering the topic of 'Celebrations' and, of course, concludes with the Christmas performances! I am looking forward to it already!

Have a relaxing and safe half-term break and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 29th October.

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!



### Bikeability (repeat)

Pupil in Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in Bikeability after the half-term break. Separate information has been sent to parents of pupils in these Year groups. In addition, to the normal Bikeability programme, pupils will also have an opportunity to participate in Bikeability Fix where they learn vital skills in bicycle maintenance and safety.

### October half-term

School re-opens for teaching purposes on Monday 29th October

### Team Morpurgo Parent Meetings

Thank you to parents of pupils in Team Morpurgo who attended the Team Parent Meeting yesterday. I hope you found the information useful in detailing learning and expectations for the coming school year.

Information packs have been sent to all parents/ carers.



### Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

### Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	97%
Team Dahl	95%
Team Rowling	96%
Team Walliams	100%
Team Morpurgo	99%

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:

**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

31.10.18 Halloween Lunch and Discos

01.11.18 Bags 2 School

07.11.18 Basketball Tournament (Years 3-5)

08.11.18 World War One Armistice Assembly

21.11.18 Christmas Journey (Year 2)

03 & 04.12.18 Parent Consultation meetings

(Teams Dahl, Rowling, Walliams and Morpurgo)

10 & 12.12.18 Parent Consultation meetings

(Team Donaldson ONLY)

11.12.18 Snow White Pantomime, Gala Theatre

17 & 18.12.18 Christmas Performances

20.12.18 Pinocchio with Bigfoot Arts

21.12.18 Christmas Carol Service in school

