

STANLEY CROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 demonstrated a range of values which are primary to our ethos in school. One notable example of our ethos and values in action came when I spoke to two of our Year 6 pupils who told me of how they helped and supported a group of our Reception pupils during one break time, ensuring they were happy by organising games and friends for them to play with! Great work!

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 fundamental 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). Stanley Crook Primary School is committed to improving outcomes for all pupils through providing a curriculum which is dynamic, fun and meaningful in a safe and stimulating environment with high standards and expectations. We are passionate about developing life-long skills which will enable all pupils to be resilient, respectful, independent and successful citizens of the future.

On Tuesday of this week, pupils from Team 1 and Team 2 enjoyed an exciting visit to the National Centre for Children's Books in Newcastle. Pupils participated in several fun and engaging workshops all focused on different aspects of children's literature during the centre's 'Rhyme Around the World Exhibition'. Some pupils also spent some time exploring the exhibition focused on the life and works of Michael Morpurgo. At this point, I would like to pay special thanks to the many parent volunteers who have supported our educational visits this half-term. Without your support, many of these visits would be unable to go ahead. The giving of your time in this way is greatly appreciated: "Thank you!"

Wednesday saw pupils across the school enjoy our Autumn Disco. Dressing up in their favourite costumes, pupils had great fun dancing away with their friends and teachers. Thank you to our wonderful caretaker, Mr Shaun, for providing the disco lights and music!

I have contacted parents/ carers this week regarding our plans for a residential visit to France next year for our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. In order for the visit to proceed, I required a minimum of 25 pupils to indicate their intention to go on the trip. Despite a great deal of interest, I have been unable to secure a sufficient number of pupils for the trip and, therefore, the residential to France will not go ahead. Understandably, this will cause disappointment for the pupils who had planned on going to France; however, I will look at organising a visit for Summer 2018 when more parents/ pupils may wish to participate. I will now initiate our contingency plan of organising a visit to our regular residential provider at Dukehouse Wood, Hexham. More details will follow after the break.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and I look forward, with anticipation, to our next half-term.

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!



Sc.out.ed

Team 1 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of outdoor learning with Sc.out.ed (Science and Outdoor Education) on Monday afternoon. Led by Miss Wilson, pupils participated in a 'Bug Hunt' and even roasted marshmallows on a campfire!

E-Safety Showcase

As part of our commitment to ensuring we provide all pupils with the knowledge and skills in how to stay safe online, and to showcase learning carried out in class, pupils from all Teams will be presenting work during our E-Safety Showcase on Friday 4th November.

Parents/ Carers are invited to join us in school to celebrate the outstanding work our pupils have produced as part of our wider e-safety curriculum.

The showcase will begin at 1:15pm and will be followed by a short presentation exploring the wider issues on e-safety including Parental Controls, Cyberbullying, Social Media and Online Gaming.

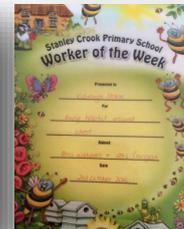
I hope you can join us and show your support for this important area of your child's education.

School Re-Opens for Teaching Purposes—Tuesday 1st November

Due to staff training, school will re-open for teaching purposes on Tuesday 1st November.

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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| 21.10.16 School closes—October Half-Term | 06/07.12.16 Christmas Performance (All pupils) |
| 31.10.16 SCHOOL CLOSED—Staff training | 13.12.16 Christmas Panto—Gala Theatre Durham |
| 01.11.16 School Re-opens for teaching purposes | 16.12.16 Christmas Carol Service in school |
| 04.11.16 E-safety Showcase | 16.12.16 School Closes for Christmas Break |
| 08.11.16 'Pack Up Your Troubles' - Theatre Production | 03.01.17 SCHOOL CLOSED—Staff training |
| 11.11.16 Bags2School | 04.01.17 School Re-opens for teaching purposes |
| 14.11.16 BBC Children in Need 'Spotacular' Week | |
| 14.11.16 Anti-Bullying 'Sticks and Stones' | |
| 02.12.16 Beamish Santa Visit (Team 1 and Team 2) | |

