

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

It was wonderful to welcome all pupils back at school this week after the half-term break. Immediately, pupils in all teams were focused once again on their learning and I have been extremely proud of the achievements they have made. I have been visited in my office by several pupils who are a credit to themselves, their families and our outstanding school. The standard of writing across the school is exceptional and this has been demonstrated through excellent examples of creative and cross-curricular writing produced by pupils in Team 2. Gabriel and Megan have both shared outstanding pieces of writing with me this week. It is not only the technical content of the writing being produced but also the intonation through speaking and delivering the writing to an audience which reinforced the high standard of the work.

During my assembly on Tuesday, I had the pleasure of being joined by three 'Maths Magicians'. Leon, Dylan (Team 4) and Oliver (Team 5) presented two separate 'magic tricks' involving elements of mathematics. The audience (including myself) were captivated by their performance in which they were able to match a random five-digit number by finding the sum of five four-digit numbers which had been randomly provided by the audience. Outstanding work boys!

Although this half-term before the Easter break is a relatively short one, we still have many exciting learning experiences and opportunities planned for all pupils. Next week, we are holding our Mothers' Day Lunch celebrations where many of you will be visiting school to have lunch with your children. On Thursday, we are celebrating World Book Day. During the day all pupils and staff will be dressing up as their favourite book character. Many of the pupils have been keen to tell me which character they are getting dressed up as. Currently, I know of an Iron Man, a Matilda, a Harry Potter and even a Scarlett O'Hara! I fear I may have given my character away to members of Team 4 as they caught a glimpse of my 'hat'. I won't say too much but my character does wear a 'crazy' hat and enjoys the odd tea-party now and again and 'I haven't the slightest idea why a raven is like a writing desk.'

We will also all be taking part in the sponsored 'Readathon' during the course of World Book Day. You all by now should have received a sponsor form for your child(ren). Please give generously as all money raised goes towards purchasing books for extremely ill children in hospitals throughout the UK.

Wednesday saw us welcome to school the Ticked Pink Drama company. Performing their production based on the adventures of Peter Pan, all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the show. Before the performance, 30 lucky pupils enjoyed participating in an hour-long drama workshop and then took part in the show!

Pupils in Team 4 and Team 5 also participated in Anti-Bullying and E-Safety workshops with 'Be Safe' this week. Pupils learned about how to ensure they stay safe online and the importance of values such as respect, trust and tolerance. All pupils received 'Be Safe' accreditation.

There are many more activities planned and, as always, I will keep you up to date via our website, Class Dojo and our texting service.

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!



### Spring term Parent Consultation Meetings (16th & 17th March)

Thank you to the parents/ carers who have already booked appointments to visit their child(ren)'s class teacher. Within 15 minutes of the text being sent to open the booking system, there had been over 60 appointments booked! If you have not already, please ensure you book an appointment as soon as possible.

### School Uniform and P.E. kit

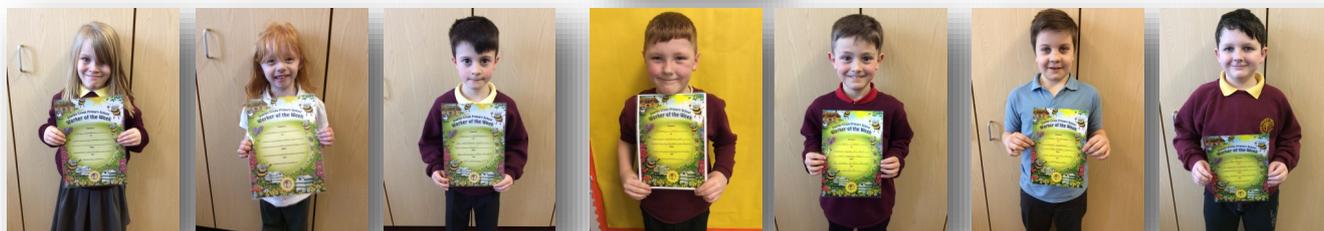
We are planning on changing our school uniform with effect from September 2016. In the meantime, we will be placing our stock of current school uniform on sale at a discounted price. We are also introducing a school P.E. kit. This P.E. kit will be voluntary for the remainder of this academic year but will become compulsory from September 2016. Kit will be made available from school with our school badge embroidered to the t-shirt and bottoms; however, other retailers also stock the required pieces of clothing. More details on all of the above will follow next week.

### Breakfast Club

Please be aware that **Breakfast Club does not begin until 8:30am**. There should be no pupils on the school premises before this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Children's Achievements in School

Every Friday, staff choose a pupil from each Team to be recognised for something special they have achieved during the week. Congratulations to this week's chosen children, who are:



### Diary Dates:

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| 29.02.16 KS2 Cross-country (Parkside Academy)        | 10.03.16 Big Spring Clean & Civic Pride assembly        |
| 01.03.16/ 02.03.16 Mothers' Day Lunch                | 11.03.16 Safety Carousel                                |
| 02.03.16 Easter Journey, St. Andrews - Team 5        | 15.03.16 Pedestrian Training Team 3                     |
| 03.03.16 World Book Day - Sponsored 'Readathon'      | 16.03.16/ 17.03.16 Spring term Parent Meetings          |
| 04.03.16 Trinity College London Arts Award           | 18.03.16 Sports Relief 'Sponsored Mile' - wear 'Red'    |
| 08.03.16 KS1 Parent Information workshop (SATs)      | 21.03.16 Burnhill Nature Reserve seed planting - Team 2 |
| 09.03.16 Year 5/6 Football (Parkside Academy)        | 23.03.16 Multi-faith assembly and 'The Easter Story'    |
| 10.03.16 Year 5/6 Parent Information workshop (SATs) | 24.03.16 Bikeability - Team 5                           |
|  | 24.03.16 School closes for Easter break                 |