



## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

On Tuesday, I received a letter from Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb MP (Minister for School Standards) congratulating pupils, staff and Governors on our 'outstanding achievement' in the 2018 Phonic Screening Check. 100% of pupils in school reached or exceeded the expected standard which places our school in the top 3% of schools in the country!

Phonics and early reading play a crucial part in developing a strong foundation for reading and I would like to thank all pupils, staff, Governors and parents for their hard work and support towards us achieving these outstanding results. Indeed, across the school, results from 2018 assessments (whether in Early Years, Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2) demonstrate outstanding achievement and further evidence the high level of educational provision on offer at Stanley Crook Primary School.

To celebrate learning in class and to commemorate 'Remembrance Day', pupils from Team Morpurgo and Team Walliams hosted a very special Learning Showcase event yesterday. This year commemorates the centenary of the Armistice which ended World War One and pupils across school have been covering this important part of our country's history. During the showcase, pupils shared learning from class, performed some of the most memorable war songs from the period and presented a range of writing from, 'The Outbreak of War', through to 'The War Poets' and onto 'Armistice Day'. Thank you to the many parents who attended this special commemorative event and to Les and Sue from the local branch of the Royal British Legion for providing their support. I am sure you will all agree with me that the event was a fitting tribute to commemorate the huge sacrifice made by the many young men and women who have not only lost their lives in both World Wars but also in more recent conflicts. We will remember them.

Online bookings are now open for parents/ carers to make an appointment to meet with their child's class teacher as part of our Autumn term Parent/ Teacher Consultation meetings. Already, over 90% of parents/ carers have made appointments—thank you!

Meetings for Teams Dahl, Rowling, Walliams and Morpurgo are scheduled to be held on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th December with Team Donaldson's meetings being held on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th December. A positive partnership between home and school is of vital importance in ensuring every child realises their full potential and the staff and I look forward to meeting with many of you over the course of the meetings. If you are unable to attend the meetings, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a more suitable date.

Organisation is now beginning for our school Christmas performances! I am sure this year's performances will again exceed expectations. Bookings can be made via ParentPay from Monday 26th November. As always, DVDs of both performances will also be available to pre-order. DVDs will be sent home before the Christmas break—a great bit of viewing with the family on Christmas Day!

17.12.18—Team Rowling, Team Walliams and Team Morpurgo (1:30pm)/ Team Donaldson and Team Dahl (5:00pm)

18.12.18—Team Donaldson and Team Dahl (1:30pm)/ Team Rowling, Team Walliams and Team Morpurgo (5:00pm)

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!



### Packed Lunches

It has come to our attention that several parents of pupils who are on packed lunches are providing food items which are not permitted in school as part of a packed lunch.

Schools are required to meet basic national standards for school meals (including contents of packed lunches from home) and the contents of several recent packed lunches have fallen significantly short of these national standards.

In order to meet our duty of ensuring all school lunches adhere to this minimum standard, any food items on the prohibited list (as indicated in our Packed Lunch Policy) which are found in a packed lunch will be removed and returned to children at the end of the school day.

Pupils who bring packed lunches to school are also required to ensure they have, where required, suitable cutlery as school cutlery cannot be provided.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.



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

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

#### Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	96%
Team Dahl	94%
Team Rowling	95%
Team Walliams	97%
Team Morpurgo	96%

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:

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| 12.11.18 Anti-Bullying Week—Choose Respect               | 03 & 04.12.18 Parent Consultation meetings<br>(Teams Dahl, Rowling, Walliams and Morpurgo) |
| 13.11.18 BigFoot Art Education—Anti-Bullying Workshops   | 10 & 12.12.18 Parent Consultation meetings<br>(Team Donaldson ONLY)                        |
| 14.11.18 School Football Tournament                      | 11.12.18 Snow White Pantomime, Gala Theatre  |
| 13 & 14.11.18 SEND Review Meetings                       | 13.12.18 Raby Castle (Teams Donaldson and Dahl)  |
| 16.11.18 Wear Something Spotty for Children in Need 2018 | 17 & 18.12.18 Christmas Performances   |
| 21.11.18 Christmas Journey (Year 2)                      | 20.12.18 Pinocchio with Bigfoot Arts   |
| 26.11.18 Christmas Performance booking opens             | 21.12.18 Christmas Carol Service in school   |
| 28.11.18 Nurse Rachel—Reception Pupils Hearing Tests     |  |

