



Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Today in school, all pupils, staff and Governors shared in an outstanding assembly to mark Armistice Day and to remember the many Servicemen and women who have died in conflict throughout the 20th and 21st Century. During the assembly, pupils from all Teams shared writing which they had completed around learning in class. Work presented included, 'Letters home from the Front', 'War Poems' and 'Diaries of a World War One soldier'. At 11 o'clock, a two-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect and then to conclude the assembly we were treated to a wonderful presentation from Team 5 as they sang, 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and 'Pack up your troubles'. Great work T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook!

Monday saw members of our 'Discovery After-School Club' employ a range of artistic and design skills in creating some beautiful Poppies for use during our assembly today. Pupils also developed their learning around Armistice Day and the act of Remembrance.

On Tuesday, and as part of our week of Remembrance, pupils enjoyed a performance by the Ticked Pink Production Company called, 'Pack Up Your Troubles'. The play explored issues around evacuation during World War Two and provided members of Key Stage 2 an opportunity to learn and develop acting and drama skills as they participated in the actual performance!

I have also had the pleasure of unveiling our 'Garden of Remembrance' today, along with pupils and Governors. Within the garden, we have planted roses and wild poppy seeds which will look beautiful once Spring arrives!

As part of our wider community involvement, and on behalf of Rev. Lawes, I would like to extend a warm invitation to The Church of St. Thomas and their Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13th November at 10:00am. The service will provide us all an opportunity to remember the men and women of Stanley Crook who have lost their lives during conflict.

Next week, pupils in school will be carrying out activities learning about Anti-Bullying during the 'Power for Good' #Antibullying week. On Monday, we welcome Big Foot Arts and Education into school who will deliver a range of workshops to each Team exploring the issues, facts and myths around Bullying. Our S.E.A.L. (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) theme for this half term is 'Getting on and Falling out' and learning carried out in class within this theme compliments much of the work across Anti-Bullying week.

On Friday, pupils are invited to come to school wearing something 'Spotty' in aid of Children in Need (£1 'fine'). Please support this worthy cause as all monies raised will support the work of this charity.

The school nurse will be visiting school on Wednesday to administer Flu Vaccinations to pupils in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Separate letters providing additional information have been sent to parents/ carers of these pupils.

Many thanks 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!



Parent/ Co-opted Governor Vacancy (repeat)

Our Governing Body currently has a vacancy for a parent and co-opted governor, and would welcome volunteers from the school/ local community to join us. School Governors are not responsible for the day to day management of the school; instead they provide constructive support and challenge to the school team to ensure high standards of achievement and also to ensure that the School's budget is spent appropriately.

For an informal discussion about the role of the Governing Body and the expectations on individual governors, please contact Mr Christie on 01388 762858 or email stanleycrook@durhamlearning.net.

After-School Clubs

I am pleased to announce that in the New Year, I will be running a Martial Arts After-School Club which will provide pupils with opportunities to learn Karate and to develop many of the other skills associated with this art. Looking forward to June, I have also booked a provider to deliver an Archery After-School Club which I am sure, the pupils will greatly enjoy.

I welcome suggestions from our community on other areas they would like to see improved or delivered within our After-School provision—Please do not hesitate to contact me.

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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| 14.11.16 BBC Children in Need 'Spotacular' Week | 15.12.16 Wear a Christmas Jumper—Save the Children |
| 14.11.16 Anti-Bullying 'Sticks and Stones' | 15.12.16 Christmas Party Day including Christmas Lunch |
| 18.11.16 Wear something 'Spotty' to school (Children in Need) | 16.12.16 Christmas Carol Service in school |
| 02.12.16 Beamish Santa Visit (Team 1 and Team 2) | 16.12.16 School Closes for Christmas Break |
| 02.12.16 Termly Progress Reports out to parents/ carers | 03.01.17 SCHOOL CLOSED—Staff training |
| 06/07.12.16 Christmas Performance (All pupils) | 04.01.17 School Re-opens for teaching purposes |
| 08/09.12.16 Parent Consultation Meetings | |
| 12.11.16 Rev. Anglesey—Christmas Assembly | |
| 13.12.16 Christmas Panto—Gala Theatre Durham | |

