



STANLEY CROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

We find ourselves at the end of another week and yet again, I have been extremely impressed by the achievements of the pupils in school. All Teams have been fully engaged in their learning and are demonstrating excellent progress across all areas of the curriculum. Although Stanley Crook Primary School has achieved outstanding levels of achievement in core areas of the curriculum (Reading, Writing and Mathematics) in the past three years, teaching also focuses heavily on spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Our school mission: 'To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community', is central to this learning. We have also developed and have implemented a strong approach to promoting 'British Values' in school. This agenda is a key government initiative to promote values such as 'democracy', 'individual liberty', 'freedom of speech', 'mutual respect' and 'tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs' and much of the work completed by pupils in school reflects learning in this important area of the curriculum.

In fact, work and activities completed this week reflect the core principles of the 'British Values' agenda. On Thursday, Team 5 enjoyed another successful Big Spring Clean event. This initiative is focused on developing community awareness and the importance of caring for our local area. Council Officers were extremely impressed by the maturity and attitude of the pupils during the event; by the end of which, 26 bags of rubbish had been collected from the immediate area around our school!

Our planned Multi-Faith assembly on the 23rd March also allows pupils an opportunity to learn about the importance of respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. During the assembly, different world religions and faiths will be represented by each Team through sharing learning carried out in class. Elements of Judaism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity will all be included in the assembly. Our on-line system for reserving a ticket is still open for parents/ carers who have not already done so.

I was pleased this week to learn that the 'Keep Clear' road markings at the top of Wooley Terrace had been completed. I had arranged for these road markings to be laid in response to dialogue between myself and some parents concerning parking around our school. Unfortunately, some of you have notified me that there still appears to be some parents/ carers who are continuing to park inconsiderately. I urge all parents/ carers to park with due consideration for other parents/ carers, residents of the village and the safety of our pupils. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Parent Information Meetings this week have been a great success and all meetings were well-attended. The information shared during these meetings is extremely relevant and important in providing you with details of key changes to statutory assessment this year and also strategies to support your child(ren) during this period. Learning is fun at Stanley Crook Primary School and we will endeavour to ensure your child(ren) are made to feel calm and relaxed during the assessment period.

I look forward to welcoming parents back into school next week for our Spring Term Parent Meetings. Over 95% of you have now made an appointment to visit your child(ren)'s class teacher! Thank you.

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!



## Class Dojo

We are getting close to achieving 100% of parents/ carers to be signed up for 'Class Dojo'. This system is an excellent way for you keep in touch with school and to discover what your child(ren) have been learning about in class. Sign up is quick and easy! If you have not already, please contact your child's class teacher for more information.

## Ground Development

Pupils in school are looking forward to our two new 'trim trail' adventure areas being installed on our school field. Installation is planned for during the Easter break; however, if we are lucky enough to receive a period of dry weather, we may have the install completed earlier.

## Sponsored Mile for Sport Relief (18.03.16)

Staff and pupils are looking forward to our sponsored mile in aid of Sport Relief. One adult per family may accompany their child on the sponsored mile which can be ran, jogged or walked! After the event, pupils who have an adult with them, will be free to leave school early. Wristbands are now on sale in school for £1 each.

## Cross-Country Athletics

Well done to Katie Norman (Team 5) who came 8th in the County Finals today. Be proud!

## 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:

- 15.03.16 Pedestrian Training Team 3
- 16.03.16/ 17.03.16 Spring term Parent Meetings
- 18.03.16 Sports Relief 'Sponsored Mile' - wear 'Red'
- 21.03.16 Burnhill Nature Reserve seed planting - Team 2
- 23.03.16 Multi-faith assembly and 'The Easter Story'
- 24.03.16 Bikeability - Team 5
- 24.03.16 School closes for Easter break

