



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

Pupils in school have been actively engaged in a range of fun and creative learning tasks this week based on our Anti-Bullying agenda and the Children in Need appeal. Our commitment to ensuring each and every pupil enjoys school in a safe and secure environment, based on mutual trust and respect, is central to our wider ethos for improving pupil outcomes; Anti-Bullying week provides a focus for us as a school T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) to connect learning from our S.E.A.L. (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) themes, our work around our British Values agenda (Democracy, Tolerance, Individual Liberty, The Rule of Law and Mutual Respect) and S.M.S.C. (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) curriculum.

On Monday, we welcomed Big Foot Arts and Education to school to deliver a range of workshops to pupils in all Teams to highlight how we can identify and prevent bullying in school. Their 'Sticks and Stones' workshops proved to be extremely popular with the pupils and the input received on Monday significantly impacted on the work produced in class and discussions between pupils and staff. I was extremely proud of some of our Team 5 pupils yesterday when they visited me in my office to show off a range of posters on Anti-Bullying which they had completed at home in their own time! These posters are now on display in our school hall, supporting our Anti-Bullying display. After the workshops, the facilitator for Big Foot Arts and Education commented on how mature and open our pupils had been during their work in discussing and debating aspects of this important issue. Great work T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook!

As part of our work to support the Children in Need appeal, pupils were treated to a special visitor in school on Wednesday. Having heard of the outstanding pupils at Stanley Crook Primary School, Pudsey Bear decided he just had to visit us to congratulate the pupils on their hard work and to find out what activities were planned in school to support the work of this charity. Pudsey visited each Team and pupils got the chance of sharing in a 'high-five' or cuddle! He was extremely impressed when we told him our plans for our 'Wear something spotty to school' day and looked forward to receiving our donation.

Pupils have come to school today looking fantastic in a range of spotty clothes and Pudsey/ Blush outfits. Pupils have each donated £1 as a 'fine' for non-uniform. I am pleased to inform our school community that a total of £200 has been raised. Thank you.

Yesterday, pupils from Team 2 visited St. Andrew's Methodist & United Reformed Church in Crook to take part in their 'Christmas Journey'. During the visit, pupils learned all about the Christmas Story through interactive workshops led by members of the church. Mrs Martin has told me that all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the trip, were, as always exceptionally well-behaved, and are looking forward to when they can go back!

Our Autumn Term Consultation Meetings for Parents/ Carers will be held on Thursday 8th and Monday 12th December. Will we be utilising our on-line booking system once again for appointments. Text messages will be sent to Parents/ Carers on Monday at 4:00pm containing a link to our booking site.

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!



Swimming Tuition

Due to Industrial Action taken by Teaching Assistants across County Durham in a dispute with the Local Authority over changes to their working terms and conditions, I have had to cancel the scheduled session for our pupils who participate in swimming tuition for Thursday 24th November.

Friends of the School

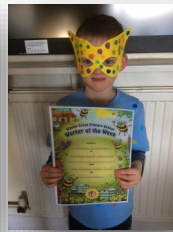
I would like to once again extend a warm invitation to any member of our school community who would like to support our 'Friends of the School' group. The group is established to support our school in a range of projects and community events and will play a crucial role in supporting us to achieve our long term objectives for school improvement. Anyone who may be interested in joining this group, please contact the school office on 01388 762858. Thank you.

Christmas Carol Service—Friday 16th December 12:30pm

As always, we will be holding our annual Christmas Carol Service in school on Friday 16th December. This service is always well-attended and I hope that many of you will be able to join us in our celebrations. I anticipate the service will conclude around 1:30pm when pupils will be permitted to leave school for the Christmas Holidays!

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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| 02.12.16 Beamish Santa Visit (Team 1 and Team 2) | 16.12.16 Christmas Carol Service in school (12:30pm start) |
| 02.12.16 Termly Progress Reports out to parents/ carers | 16.12.16 School Closes for Christmas Break |
| 06/07.12.16 Christmas Performance (All pupils) | 03.01.17 SCHOOL CLOSED—Staff training |
| 08.12.16 Parent Consultation Meetings | 04.01.17 School Re-opens for teaching purposes |
| 12.11.16 Rev. Anglesey—Christmas Assembly | |
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| 13.12.16 Christmas Panto—Gala Theatre Durham | |
| 15.12.16 Wear a Christmas Jumper—Save the Children charity | |
| 15.12.16 Christmas Party Day including Christmas Lunch | |

