



Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

It has been another busy week at Stanley Crook Primary School! Pupils across the school have been involved a variety of learning tasks which have all aimed to broaden opportunity and widen access of educational experiences.

As Christmas approaches, pupils from all Teams have also been refining their acting and performance skills through rehearsing their Christmas performances. From my office this week, it has been wonderful to hear our outstanding pupils practising the songs from each of their performances—this really is one of the best times of the school calendar! This year, Team Donaldson and Team Dahl will be performing 'The Noisy Nativity' whilst Key Stage 2 Teams will be performing a brand new play for Christmas 2018, 'Bah Humberg!', where we will join Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and many more in a fabulous adaptation of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. Tickets go on sale, via ParentPay, on Monday 26th November. Having managed a sneak preview of some of the rehearsals this week, I am sure that this year's performances will, as usual, be outstanding!

To support learning from their R.E. unit, pupils from Year 2 visited the Dawson Street Methodist Church on Wednesday to participate in their Christmas Journey workshop. During the visit, pupils learned all about the Nativity Story and were able to role play some of the most important parts of the story as they dressed as Shepherds and the Three Kings. Rev. Anglesea and members of the church who were supporting the workshop were extremely proud of our pupils as they demonstrated excellent knowledge of the Nativity Story and as always, our pupils were fantastic ambassadors for our school!

Also on Wednesday, and as part of our involvement in a project to regenerate areas around the village, Key Stage 2 members of the School Council joined officers from Durham County Council to plant 10000 bulbs along the green at Moore's Taxis. Pupils have already made several visits to Burnhill Nature Reserve to help plant trees and wildflowers and we are all excited to return to in the Springtime to see the flowers in bloom!

I have held meetings with representatives from OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Experts) regarding our school becoming involved in their ECO2 Project. The project is focused on educating children and young people around County Durham on the importance of Carbon reduction and provides educational support programmes for schools. Team Rowling will be meeting with OASES in the new year to plan the project and get started!

Miss Dorner has officially joined our school this week. Providing teaching cover in Team Donaldson whilst Mrs Wilkinson is in Shanghai as part of our Maths Mastery research project. Miss Dorner has immediately settled into school extremely well—getting to know the pupils in class and meeting with Miss Brown and Miss Mavin. I am sure that many of you will have an opportunity to meet with Miss Dorner over the next couple of weeks. Mrs Wilkinson will return to school on Monday 10th December.

I am pleased to advise parents/ carers that our school will once again be participating in FISCH (Family Initiative Supporting Children's Health) in the new year. However, the new programme on offer also includes programmes for pupils in Key Stage 1 which means all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will have access to this important and valuable initiative.

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/ Teacher Consultations—Autumn term

Thank you to the many parents/ carers who have booked an appointment to meet their child’s class teacher as part of our Autumn term Parent/ Teacher consultations. Over 95% of parents/ carers have now booked an appointment. If you have not already, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment.

Thank you.

Packed Lunches (repeat)

Thank you to parents/ carers of pupils who are on packed lunches for following advice contained within last weeks newsletter.

However, a small number of packed lunches still contain items which do not meet our policy guidelines.

For more information on our Packed Lunch policy, please visit our school website.



Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	99%
Team Dahl	99%
Team Rowling	90%
Team Walliams	96%
Team Morpurgo	96%

**Well done to
Teams Donaldson & Dahl
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:

- 26.11.18 Christmas Performance booking opens
- 28.11.18 Nurse Rachel—Reception Pupils Hearing Tests
- 03 & 04.12.18 Parent Consultation meetings
(Teams Dahl, Rowling, Walliams and Morpurgo)
- 10 & 12.12.18 Parent Consultation meetings
(Team Donaldson ONLY)
- 11.12.18 Snow White Pantomime, Gala Theatre
- 13.12.18 Raby Castle Santa Visit —Team Donaldson and Dahl

- 17 & 18.12.18 Christmas Performances
- 20.12.18 Pinocchio with Bigfoot Arts
- 21.12.18 Christmas Carol Service in school
- 21.12.18 School closes for Christmas**