



Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

I would like to begin by thanking the many, many parent/ carers who attended our Autumn Term Parent Consultation Meetings this week. Since moving to termly Parent Meetings in the Spring of 2016, we have regularly achieved over 95% of parents/ carers attending school to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress and attainment. Feedback for these regular meetings continues to be extremely positive and, after meeting many of you over the course of the two days the meetings were held (as well as talking to the class teachers) I was pleased to have received such a great deal of positive feedback regarding the educational provision and service we provide at Stanley Crook Primary School. For the small number of parent/ carers who did not attend meetings on either days, please contact your child's class teacher via 'ClassDojo' or the school office to arrange a convenient date and time in order to review your child's progress in school. Our overall success as a school relies heavily on establishing and maintaining positive relationships with all parents/ carers in order that we are able to provide all pupils with the best learning opportunities and experiences so that they can achieve their full potential.

Tickets for our Christmas performances went on sale this week via ParentPay. Many of you have purchased tickets for the performances, which promise to be outstanding again! Many of you have also now signed up to ParentPay in order to submit payments and reserve places across a wide range of school activities—thank you.

Our new service of extended wrap-around care provision has proven to be extremely popular, with many parents/ carers already reserving places for their children. This new service will launch upon our return to school on Monday 8th January and will provide after-school care provision to all pupils from 3:15pm—5:30pm (Monday—Friday). This extended provision will provide a creative and engaging environment for children to play in and relax after school and will also provide all pupils with a light, healthy snack. The cost of this after-school provision is £6 per session. If you would like to take advantage of this, please complete the registration form which was sent to all parents/ carers last Friday or call the school office for more information. For parents now requiring extended after-school provision, our existing After-School Clubs will continue to operate from Monday-Thursday (3:15pm—4:15pm).

Pupils participating in The Prince William Award were pleased to welcome many of their parents and grandparents to school on Wednesday morning to take part in a PWA Parent session. Activities were organised and led by pupils as they demonstrated and showcased, to their parents, many of the activities and learning challenges which they have completed since September. Despite it being a windy (and extremely cold) day parents enjoyed working with their children and taking part in many different activities. I did hear from the PWA instructor that there ended up being quite a bit of 'healthy' competition also!

Unfortunately, due to a small number of individuals, parking along the lane at 'home time' continues to be an issue. I have contacted the Police regarding this matter and we will review any CCTV footage which may identify anyone who is not driving or parking with due care and attention and with due regard for the safety of pupils and parents. I urge all parents to be considerate when parking and accessing the lane during drop off and pick up times of the school day.

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!



Dog Fouling along Wooley Terrace

I have been made aware of complaints to DCC regarding the amount of dog fouling along Wooley Terrace. I have arranged for DCC Wardens to patrol the lanes (at various times of the day) around school in order to prevent dog owners from leaving mess along from their pets. If anyone knows or witnesses an owner not collecting dog waste, please report this to Durham County Council.

Hall Hill Farm visit

Pupils from Team 1 and Team 2 enjoyed a fun visit to Hall Hill Farm yesterday to visit Santa Claus and receive a special gift! Thank you to the many parents/ carers who volunteered to support the visit—without your help, these trips could not go ahead.



Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team 1	97%
Team 2	95%
Team 3	97%
Team 4	94%
Team 5	96%

Well done to Team 1 and Team 3
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:



Diary Dates:

- 11.12.17 Choir to Crook
- 12.12.17 Choir to Tesco (Bishop Auckland)
- 13.12.17 Christmas Panto—Gala Theatre, Durham
- 14.12.17 Christmas Party Day and Santa Visit
- 14.12.17 Wear a Christmas Jumper for Save the Children
- 15.12.17 Adam Bushnell and Lisa Jones (Author Day)
- 19.12.17 Christmas Performances (KS2: 1:30pm and EYFS/KS1: 5:00pm)
- 20.12.17 Christmas Performances (EYFS/ KS1: 1:30pm and KS2: 5:00pm)

- 21.12.17 BigFoot 'A Christmas Carolling Catastrophe'
- 21.12.17 Evening Christmas Carol Service (Church of St. Thomas—5:30pm)
- 22.12.17 School Carol Service (12:15pm)
- 22.12.17 School closes for Christmas
- 08.01.17 School reopens

