

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Once again in Stanley Crook Primary School, pupils have enjoyed a range of exciting learning activities and extra-curricular experiences this week! As we prepare to begin our final week of the Autumn term, everyone involved in our school can feel extremely proud of their efforts in ensuring that pupils continue to receive a broad and balanced provision to enrich their educational opportunities.

Pupils enjoyed an exciting trip to The Gala Theatre in Durham City on Wednesday to watch this year's pantomime—Robinson Crusoe. Our pupils, as always, were excellent ambassadors for our school and I would like to thank the many parents who supported us on not only this trip, but the many other educational visits throughout the year. It is pleasing also to have received such a wide range of positive feedback from parents regarding the trip and the efforts of staff! Thank you!

School received a very special visitor yesterday! Santa Claus arrived to hand out presents to all of our outstanding pupils. I would like to pay a special mention to pupils from all T.E.A.M.s (Together Everyone Achieves More) and commend them on their polite manners and wonderful attitudes as Santa visited their classrooms. Santa was extremely impressed by the amount of 'Thank you's and wishes of 'Merry Christmas' he received from pupils and commented that he had never been into a school with such wonderfully behaved children!

Our School Choir has been out and about in our community this week, performing for residents at Parklands Care Home and Southfield Lodge Residential Home and also performing for shoppers at Tesco in Bishop Auckland! Residents at Parklands and Southfield Lodge thoroughly enjoyed the visit of the School Choir as they shared traditional Christmas Hymns and extracts from the Nativity Story. Thank you to shoppers at Tesco as we raised over £30 for school fund during the visit there on Tuesday!

Well done to Team 3! Our Attendance Champions for the Autumn term 2017! Pupils in class have been the most punctual and the best school attenders over the last 12 weeks—great work! After discussion in class, pupils have decided to visit Planet Leisure as their prize! This visit will take place on Friday 12th January. A good attendance for every pupil is extremely important in securing progress. I wonder which Team will win the Attendance Award in the Spring Term? The challenge has been set for Team 1, Team 2, Team 4 and Team 5! Come on everyone—you CAN do it!

A reminder that next week we will be hosting our Christmas Performances! Thank you to all parents who have already booked tickets for the performances. Rehearsals have been going extremely well across all Teams and I am sure that this year's shows will be excellent!

To conclude the Autumn term, school will be hosting a Christmas Carol service in school on Friday 22nd December. Tickets are required for the event (no charge) - please contact the school office for more information. During the service, pupils from each Team will share Christmas Carols—ably supported by the School Choir.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our various events in and around school next week.

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 (repeat)

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.

St. Thomas Church

A reminder that the School Choir will be singing Carols and sharing the Nativity Story at The Church of St. Thomas on Thursday 21st December. The service will begin at 5:30pm. I hope to see many of you there.



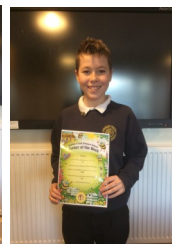
Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team 1	99%
Team 2	97%
Team 3	94%
Team 4	94%
Team 5	99%

**Well done to Team 5
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:

- 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