



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

It is hard to believe that we now find ourselves at the end of the Autumn term; it appears only a short while ago that I was writing to our school community to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break. Nevertheless and despite time passing quickly, as we reflect on progress made towards continued school improvement, we can all be proud of our achievements. An aspect of our school which I am particularly pleased with, and an area which I am passionate about improving further, is our increased engagement with parents and our wider community. The introduction of Termly Parent Consultation Evenings has received a great deal of positive feedback and has served to strengthen and connect home and school so that progress and achievement of your children can be more regularly communicated. Attendance at our last Consultation Evenings held over the last two weeks reached over 95%!

Our school community has played a central role in improving the safety of pupils around school with their support for our campaign to reduce the speed limit to the main road outside of school which resulted in school being included in a temporary 20mph speed limit along the road which will be implemented soon. Many of you have also been actively involved in grant funding for school projects which will develop a range of areas around school, including our raised flower beds and school field; and all of our school/ community events including our Sports Day, Cancer Research UK Race for Life, Harvest Festival, Christmas Performances and many more have all been extremely well supported. Thank you!

Although the last week of term, this week has been a one like any other; filled with exciting opportunities for our pupils in a variety of fun and engaging learning environments. On Monday, Rev. Ray from St. Andrews Church in Crook delivered an assembly exploring the meaning of Advent which provided many pupils an opportunity to reflect upon and apply learning from class. Pupils enjoyed a fun visit to the Gala Theatre on Tuesday to watch this year's pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. Once again, the pupils were outstanding ambassadors for our school! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who have supported this and other educational visits this year—without your support, many of these trips could simply not go ahead.

As a deserved reward for all of their efforts, pupils enjoyed a Christmas Party Day on Thursday. During the day, pupils participated in a range of Christmas related learning activities, enjoyed a wonderfully delicious Christmas Lunch and then received a gift as Santa Claus visited school!

Huge congratulations to our School Choir and 'Readers' for their outstanding performance yesterday evening during our shared Christmas Carol Service with The Church of St. Thomas. It was fantastic to see so many of you supporting our school and local church and coming together as a community. Thank you to 'Mr Shaun' for his efforts in supplying the sound and lighting for the event.

Finally, I would like to thank our outstanding T.E.A.M. of staff at Stanley Crook Primary School for all of their hard work and efforts. They are an extremely dedicated and enthusiastic team who are all thoroughly committed to improving outcomes for all of our pupils.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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!



'Wear a Christmas Jumper to School'

Thank you for your kind donations to support the Save the Children Christmas campaign. All money raised will go towards supporting the work of this charity.

Primary Links with WSCC

Beginning on 4th January, pupils in Year 5 will have the opportunity to visit Wolsingham Secondary School to participate in a range of classes aimed at developing knowledge and skills around Design Technology. Pupils will also have the chance to enjoy a school lunch at the Secondary School and get to meet existing pupils and staff.

'Sc-out-ed'

I am looking forward to continuing our work with 'Sc-out-ed' (Science and Outdoor Education) next term as they visit school to work with Team 5 to support their Science Unit focused on 'Evolution and Inheritance' and Team 2 with their unit exploring 'Animals and their Habitats'.

After-School Club provision

Questionnaires will follow in the New Year to gather feedback and opinion on the options regarding extending our After-School Club provision.

Christmas Carol Service

The Church of St. Thomas, Stanley Crook

15.12.16



Congratulations to all of our pupils this week for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

Diary Dates:

16.12.16 School Closes for Christmas Break	08.02.17 Durham Islamic Society (Team 3 and Team 4)
03.01.17 SCHOOL CLOSED—Staff training	09.02.17 Chinese New Year Workshops (Whole School)
04.01.17 School Re-opens for teaching purposes	01.03.17 'Sc-out-ed' Animals and their Habitats (Team 2)
04.01.17 WSCC Primary Link Activity—Technology (Year 5)	03.03.17 Talking Jesus (Year 2 and Year 6)
09.01.17 'Sc-out-ed' Evolution (Team 5)	13.03.17 Carbon Reduction Project (Team 5)
12.01.17 Dino Dome (Whole School)	17.03.17 Saxon Workshop (Team 3 and Team 4)
17.01.17 PDSA Workshops (Whole School)	20.03.17 Safety Carousel (Team 5)
19.01.17 Orthodox Jewish Synagogue visit (Team 5)	27.03.17 Wattle Fence Making (Team 3 and Team 4)
01.02.17 Speak Out and Stay Safe NSPCC (Whole School)	05.04.17 Easter Celebration (Whole School)

