



## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

The end of the first school term of 2017/2018 has arrived and all pupils can be extremely proud of their personal and collective achievements since the start of the academic year. I continue to receive many pupils to my office sharing wonderful pieces of work with me and displaying outstanding attributes. Recently, I have been extremely impressed with excellent examples of poetry from pupils in Team 3, fantastic story writing from pupils in Team 4 and Team 5 and a wide range of evidence showing the progress made by pupils in Team 1 and Team 2 around personal, social and emotional development. Great work Team Stanley Crook!

Christmas is now just around the corner! To celebrate pupils have enjoyed a variety of learning opportunities over the past several weeks. Most notably, pupils have presented their Christmas performances to parents/ carers this week! These performances, while being extremely enjoyable and a key part of the school year at Stanley Crook, also provide pupils with valuable learning opportunities around a range of curriculum areas. Learning around rehearsals for these productions can be far reaching and include developing skills of presenting in public and speaking for an audience, knowledge of playscripts, character and plot and vital reading skills.

Thank you to the many parents/ carers who attended these Christmas performances, As always, the support shown to our school by our parents/ carers was overwhelming and I enjoyed greatly having an opportunity to meet and speak with many of you. I have received a great deal of extremely positive feedback about the shows and the wider educational provision we provide at Stanley Crook Primary School. I have had the pleasure of reading several emails from parents/ carers containing wonderful comments!

Our Team 1 and Team 2 performance of 'A King is Born' was a great success and the Key Stage 2 performance of 'Panto Pandemonium' certainly got the audience involved. DVDs of these performances have been sent home with pupils today. Please enjoy watching the shows again over the Christmas break and sharing the achievements of your outstanding children with your families!

Tonight, our School Choir will be performing at our second Community Christmas Carol Service at The Church of St. Thomas. Last year's event was a great success in providing a focal point for our local community by way of a Christmas celebration and I am sure this evening's service will be well attended. During the service, the School Choir will share traditional Christmas Carols and read extracts of The Nativity Story. I hope to see many of you there!

On Monday, Pupil Termly Progress Reports were sent to parents/ carers. These reports provide valuable information on your child's attainment, progress and attendance of the course of this term. I am pleased to say that the majority of pupils throughout school are making good to outstanding progress and this reflects well on the hard work and effort pupils demonstrate in class and within their learning.

I would like to pay special thanks to my wonderful team of staff at Stanley Crook. They work tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that each pupil receives the very best opportunities and chances for success.

Finally, on behalf of myself, the staff at Stanley Crook and our Governors, may I wish you, and your families, a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for a wonderful 2018!

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!



### 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.

### BigFoot Panto

As a special Christmas treat and as a reward for all of their hard work during this term, pupils enjoyed a fun and interactive pantomime in school this afternoon. Our educational partners, BigFoot Art and Education, produced an excellent panto based on Charles Dickens' classic, 'A Christmas Carol'; although, this panto had a few twists as it turned into a 'Christmas Carolling Catastrophe'!



### Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team 1	98%
Team 2	95%
Team 3	92%
Team 4	100%
Team 5	99%

Well done to Team 4  
This week's Attendance Trophy  
WINNERS!

### Our Christmas Performances 2017



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

### Diary Dates:

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| 22.12.17 School closes for Christmas                      | 08.02.18 Destination Space                |
| 08.01.17 School reopens                                   | 01.03.18 Safety Carousel                  |
| 16.01.18 Social Action Group—Non Smoking School Gate Area | 29.03.18 MultiSkills                      |
| 17.01.18 School Football                                  | 02.05.18—04.05.18 Ford Castle Residential |
| 30.01.17 Skipping/ Healthy Lifestyle Day                  | 25.05.18 Commonwealth Games Festival      |
| 01.02.17 Safer Internet Day (Assembly and Workshops)      | 28.06.18 Athletics Festival               |
| 02.02.18 Chinese New Year workshops                       | 01.03.18 Lego WeDo workshops              |
| 06.02.18 Dance/ Gymnastics Festival                       | 27.06.18 School Nurse—Health Talk         |

