



## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

I would like to begin our first newsletter of 2018 by wishing our school and wider community a Happy New Year! I hope you were all able to enjoy a peaceful and relaxing Christmas with your wonderful children and your families and friends. As we move forward into 2018 and beyond, I am extremely excited at the opportunities ahead for our school!

Once again, I have been impressed at the attitude and ability of our pupils as they have settled in seamlessly into the new term—many completing outstanding pieces of work across a range of learning tasks. It is of great credit to our pupils and the outstanding T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) at Stanley Crook Primary School that transitions across terms, and indeed academic years, are managed effectively in order to maintain the high standards we all demand within our educational provision.

Our Mission: '**To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community**', serves as a fundamental element of all that we look to achieve in school in providing each child the very best educational experience in a safe and secure environment based on mutual trust and respect. Stanley Crook Primary School is committed to improving outcomes for all pupils through delivering a curriculum which is dynamic, fun and meaningful in a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment with high standards and expectations. We are passionate about developing lifelong skills which will enable all pupils to be resilient, respectful, independent and successful citizens of the future.

Learning across the school has begun at a pace this week as we start the Spring term. I have been particularly impressed with Year 1 and Year 2 pupils' emerging knowledge and understanding around their topic of 'Let's Go to China' and, likewise, pupils in Team 4 and Team 5 have worked exceptionally hard on their new topic, 'Our World and Beyond' and 'Our Changing World'. Pupils in Team 3 have enjoyed working on developing Gymnastic routines in P.E. as we look forward to forthcoming Gymnastic Festivals and work completed in Team 1 (particularly within improvements to writing) has been of a very high standard. Great work T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook!

As we move into the new year, I would like to thank parents/ carers for their continued support with our arrangements for drop-off and collection of children at the beginning and end of the school day along the lane outside of school. **Please may I remind parents/ carers to park their vehicles with due care and consideration for other parents, the safety of all of our pupils and the local community of Stanley Crook.** I am aware of ongoing issues concerning a small number of parents/ carers and members of our community with regards to adhering to our 'one way' system and I will be looking to establish a PTA 'Task Force' in the coming weeks to support our aims of eliminating inconsiderate and unsafe driving around our school.

Parents/ carers questionnaires seeking feedback on the effectiveness of our provision at Stanley Crook Primary School have been sent home today. This feedback is an essential part of our partnership as a school community with all stakeholders in continuing to provide the very best educational experiences for our pupils. I look forward to receiving completed questionnaires by Friday 26th January.

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!



### Extended Wrap Around Care Provision

Our extended wrap around care provision for after school has begun this week. For parents/ carers wishing to book a place for their child, please contact the school office.

### BigFoot Friday!

BigFoot Art and Education have been in school today to begin work with Team 2 on British Values. Learning activities will include exploring notions of Tolerance, Democracy, Individual Liberty and the Rule of Law!

### Team 3 Attendance Award

Pupils in Team 3 have enjoyed their Autumn term Attendance Award trip today to Planet Leisure!

Which T.E.A.M. will win the Spring term trophy!?



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

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

Well done to 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:



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

### Diary Dates:

- 16.01.18 Social Action Group—Non Smoking School Gate Area
- 17.01.18 School Football
- 30.01.17 Skipping/ Healthy Lifestyle Day
- 01.02.17 Safer Internet Day (Assembly and Workshops)
- 02.02.18 Chinese New Year workshops
- 06.02.18 Dance/ Gymnastics Festival
- 08.02.18 Destination Space
- 01.03.18 Safety Carousel

- 29.03.18 MultiSkills
- 02.05.18—04.05.18 Ford Castle Residential
- 25.05.18 Commonwealth Games Festival
- 28.06.18 Athletics Festival
- 01.03.18 Lego WeDo workshops
- 27.06.18 School Nurse—Health Talk

