



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

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our whole school community back to school for what promises to be a fun and exciting summer term; I often think that two of the most enjoyable parts to our school year are Christmas time and the summer term as although this term does present us with exciting learning opportunities and fills us with anticipation for the weeks ahead, it also encourages us to face fresh challenges. During May, our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be completing their statutory assessments and then, as we move forward into June, pupils will be given an opportunity to 'move up' into their new classes and meet their new teachers. While both of these events are exciting, they do present opportunities to develop social and emotional aspects of learning. Learning is FUN at Stanley Crook Primary School and we are committed to improving outcomes for all pupils through providing positive learning experiences based on mutual trust and respect.

I will be contacting parents/ carers in the week beginning 6th June to inform you of intended school organisation for 2016/2017 academic year.

The website from which to place orders for items from our range of new school uniform went live on 29th March. Immediately, our suppliers reported that many of you had placed orders for items of uniform or our new PE Kit. Parcels have begun arriving in school this week and I know some of you have received parcels directly to your home. Our new PE Kit can be worn in school immediately and our new uniform will be implemented upon return to school after the summer break in September. Thank you once again for the positive feedback I have received regarding the new uniform and online ordering system.

Next Thursday, The Queen will celebrate her 90th Birthday. In school, pupils will spend the day participating in exciting learning activities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Pupils are also invited to come to school next Thursday in non-uniform, wearing red, white and / or blue.

Thank you to all parents/ carers who attended our Kingswood Residential Information Meeting on Tuesday. Pupils in Team 5 are thoroughly looking forward to the trip which takes place between 27—29th April. We expect to arrive back to school on Friday 29th April around 2:30pm. Pupils are free to be collected upon our arrival.

The frames for our two trim-trails are now installed on the school field. Unfortunately, our supplier has experienced a delay with the ropes and other obstacles which are to be fixed to the frames to complete the installation. We anticipate that they will be completed very shortly so that our pupils can begin enjoying the new play equipment. However, the installation of a climbing frame and activity tables has been completed within the Team 5 outdoor area. This equipment will provide excellent resources for pupils in this team—especially to relax and unwind during the exam period ahead!

Following my request during last term's Multi-faith Assembly for additional interest from parent/ carers regarding my pursuit to establish a 'Friends of the School' group, thank you to those of you who have offered your support. If any other parents/ carers would like to support our school by joining the group, please contact me as soon as possible.

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!



The Big Pedal

Starting on Monday, we will be participating in The Big Pedal. This event compliments the significant amount of work we have completed in school over the last two years around promoting healthy lifestyles and sustainable forms of travel to and from school. Pupils are encouraged to travel to school using their bicycles or scooters for the next two weeks in an effort to further promote our work in this important area of health, fitness and care for our environment. Pupils will also be participating in a range of learning activities around The Big Pedal event which will culminate in a Big Pedal afternoon on Friday 22nd April. During the afternoon, pupils will be able to complete our Big Pedal obstacle course on our school yard and complete a variety of fun activities in class in a bid to win fun prizes.

Swimming Tuition

Beginning on Thursday 28th April, selected pupils from KS2 will be participating in our 'Intensive Swimming Tuition' to accelerate confidence and skill in the water. A statutory requirement within the National Curriculum is that all pupils by the end of Year 6 are able to confidently swim 25m unaided. Therefore, pupils identified as requiring additional tuition in order to meet this expectation will be selected for these sessions. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate in any swimming activities in or outside of school. Thank you.

Children's Achievements in School

Every Friday, staff choose a pupil from each Team to be recognised for something special they have achieved during the week. Congratulations to this week's chosen children, who are:



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

Diary Dates:

20.04.16 Year 5 – WSCC Design and Technology

27.04/ 29.04.16 Kingswood Residential Trip

28.04.16 KS1 Centre 4 Life/ Dino Time and Fantastic Fossils

04.05.16 Year 5—WSCC Design and Technology

04.05.16 Football Tournament—Team 5

04.05.16 Mistress Johnson—The Tudor Merchant's Wife

09.05.16 KS2 Statutory Assessments begin - please ensure your child is in school during this period. All Year 6 pupils are invited to Breakfast Club this week.

11.05.16 Year 5—WSCC Design and Technology

18.05.16 National Railway Museum—Team 4 and Team 5

23.05.16 Junk Rock—Team 5

25.05.16 Year 5—WSCC Design and Technology

04.06.16 Guy Tansley—BugsnStuff

10.06.16 Mega Friday Walk

14.06.16 Bags 2 School

15.06.16 Athletics Festival

