



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

After an exciting week of engaging and interactive learning activities, I would like to congratulate all of our outstanding pupils for their hard work and effort in school. Witnessing the high levels of learner engagement and enthusiasm across all T.E.A.M.s (Together Everyone Achieves More) fills the staff and I with great pride and provides us all with even more determination to meet our commitment of providing only the very best educational provision at Stanley Crook Primary School.

As part of our commitment to continued school improvement and increased parental engagement within school development planning, Parent/ Carer Questionnaires were sent out on Wednesday to seek feedback on areas of strength within our school as well as suggested areas for improvement. Thank you to the many parent/ carers who have already returned their questionnaires—your positive feedback on our school is greatly appreciated and I have circulated your comments to all staff in school. I would be grateful if all questionnaires could be returned to school no later than Friday 20th January.

This week in school has been full of creative and interactive learning activities. Pupils are now well underway in their learning in all Teams and I have been particularly pleased with the progress shown by several pupils during review meetings over the past few days. After sharing his learning with me, one pupil in Team 4 has made outstanding progress since September within his writing and wider work in English—Well done!

On Wednesday, to support and compliment their English unit on Traditional Tales, Team 1 and Team 2 welcomed Big Foot Arts Education into school as they delivered their Jack and the Beanstalk workshop to pupils. These interactive workshops provide pupils with amazing opportunities to participate within creative learning tasks to extend learning carried out in class.

Team 5 have also had an opportunity to participate in an interactive workshop when, on Monday, Ms Wilson from 'Sc-out-ed' visited school to launch Team 5's Science unit, 'Evolution and Inheritance'. During the day, pupils learned about DNA and the affect this has on inherited characteristics and variation, explored natural resources to create an animal which was able to adapt to survive in different environments around the world and created their very own fossils and they discovered about the evolution of all living animals on earth from a single-celled organism to modern humans, for example. Over the coming terms, 'Sc-out-ed' will be visiting school to deliver workshops to Team 2 to support their Science unit, 'Animals and their Habitats', and Team 3 and Team 4 to launch their 'Anglo-Saxon/Viking' topic.

Yesterday, the 'Dino Dome' visited school. During the day, pupils from all Teams entered the dome to view a range of different projector shows linked to their learning and topics in class. Team 3 and Team 4 particularly enjoyed their show based on their Team topic of 'Extreme Earth' as they developed their knowledge and understanding of Volcanoes, Tsunamis and Hurricanes.

After-School Clubs have begun this week and I am pleased to report that all clubs have been well-attended. Many thanks to Professor Tomaszko from Mojan Martial Arts for delivering the first of six sessions introducing Karate skills to pupils in Key Stage 2.

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!



Additional Swimming Tuition

As part of our commitment to ensure that all pupils can swim at least 25m by the end of Year 6, additional swimming tuition is now taking place on Friday mornings between 9:00-10:30. Selected pupils must be in school for 8:30am in order that the sessions can begin on time at 9:00am. Thank you.

Orthodox Jewish Synagogue Visit (Team 5) - Thursday 19th January

Durham Islamic Society Visit (Team 3 and Team 4) - Wednesday 8th February

I am looking forward to accompanying Team 5 on their visit to explore an Orthodox Jewish Synagogue next week. This visit forms part of our learning around Religious Education and British Values. Team 3 and Team 4 will be visiting the Durham Islamic Society on the 8th February to discover and explore elements of Islam and to develop their understanding and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

Speak Out and Stay Safe NSPCC

I have arranged for members of the NSPCC to visit pupils in school at the beginning of February to promote an understanding of how to stay safe and the importance of speaking out against any form of abuse. This is an extremely important area of Child Protection and Safeguarding and supports our efforts around this issue in school.

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. 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:

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| 19.01.17 Orthodox Jewish Synagogue visit (Team 5) | 17.02.17 School closes for half-term holiday |
| 24.01.17 PDSA Workshops (Whole School) | 01.03.17 'Sc-out-ed' Animals and their Habitats (Team 2) |
| 01.02.17 Speak Out and Stay Safe NSPCC (Whole School) | 03.03.17 Talking Jesus (Year 2 and Year 6) |
| 02.02.17 Evolution and Adaptation—Hancock Museum (Team 5) | 13.03.17 Carbon Reduction Project (Team 5) |
| 06.02.17 E-Safety Week in school (Whole School) | 17.03.17 Saxon Workshop (Team 3 and Team 4) |
| 08.02.17 Speak Out and Stay Safe Workshop (Team 5) | 20.03.17 Safety Carousel (Team 5) |
| 08.02.17 Durham Islamic Society (Team 3 and Team 4) | 27.03.17 Wattle Fence Making (Team 3 and Team 4) |
| 09.02.17 Chinese New Year Workshops (Whole School) | 05.04.17 Easter Celebration (Whole School) |
| 17.02.17 Stanley Crook Does Strictly (Whole School) | 07.04.17 Easter Break |
| | 24.04.17 School re-opens for teaching purposes |

