



Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Illness and Absence in School

This week in school we have experienced high levels of pupil absence. Our average yearly attendance is usually over 96%. However, over the week our whole school attendance has dropped to below 90%. There are genuine reasons for this: we have had high numbers of children absent with sickness and/or diarrhoea (for many children this has been followed by high temperatures) and some children have been diagnosed with tonsillitis.

Our school cleaning team has been following procedures for infection control; however, I'd like to take this opportunity to urge parents to be mindful of the spread of infection when sending children to school.

Please see below advice which we have sought from Public Health England's Health Protection team:

- If your child develops respiratory symptoms and or diarrhoea and vomiting it is very important to ensure everyone in the house washes their hands thoroughly before eating or drinking and especially after using the toilet.
- Catch any coughs or sneezes in a tissue, dispose of the tissue as soon as possible and then wash hands thoroughly.
- It is important that any child or member of staff who is ill stays away from school for 48 hours after the diarrhoea and vomiting has stopped. Children with respiratory symptoms should return to school when well.
- Parents should contact their GP in the usual way if their child is not taking fluids or becomes increasingly unwell.
- If you have any concerns, please contact 111 or your GP in the usual way.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Many pupils across school continue to enjoy direct music tuition with Mr Jakob, via the Durham Music Service. Currently, pupils are learning how to play a range of musical instruments—including, Clarinet and Flute. Music is an important part of the school curriculum at Stanley Crook and can have many benefits within attainment across other subject areas. Pupils also have opportunities to support school performances and events as Matthew demonstrated so wonderfully well when he played Clarinet at our Christmas showcases! If any pupil would like the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument, please contact the school office for further information.

Our 'Skipping Day' on Tuesday was a great success! Many thanks to Gail for her coaching sessions with pupils from all T.E.A.M.s (Together Everyone Achieves More). Feedback from pupils was excellent and the day provided many opportunities for pupils to develop a range of skills and to learn more about the importance of leading healthy lifestyles. Gail commented on the outstanding attitude, teamwork and resilience of the pupils during the coaching sessions and looks forward to visiting our school in the near future.

Yesterday, pupils enjoyed a fun and interactive assembly—followed by several workshops-focused on elements of 'e-safety'. With the continuing growth and widespread use of web-based technology and applications, developing a secure knowledge of safe and responsible internet use is essential for all children to safeguard against potential threats. Think C.A.T. (**C**heck, **A**sk, **T**ell)!

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!



Chinese New Year Workshop (Team 1 and Team 2)

Pupils in Team 1 and Team 2 have enjoyed workshops around Chinese New Year today!

Jewellery in School

On health and safety grounds, pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children either to remove these objects during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster.

Pupils wearing other jewellery will be asked to remove the items, where they will be kept in the school office and returned at the end of the school day.

Please see our School Uniform Policy for more details.



Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team 1	96
Team 2	93
Team 3	97
Team 4	95
Team 5	78

**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:

05.02.18 Safer Internet Week (Whole School)

06.02.18 Dance/ Gymnastics Festival

08.02.18 Destination Space—Centre 4 Life (Team 4 and Team 5)

08.02.18 Valentine's Disco

09.02.18 School closes for half-term

19.02.18 School re-opens for teaching

23.03.18 Primary Partnership—Year 5 Science

26.03.18 World Book Week (Whole School)

01.03.18 Safety Carousel (Year 5/ Year 6)

02.03.18 Year 5/6—Cross Country

06.03.18 Mother's Day Lunch (Team 1/2 with siblings)

08.03.18 Mother's Day Lunch (Team 3/4 and 5)

19/20.03.18 Parent Consultation Meetings

21.03.18 Synagogue Visit—Year 5

21.03.18 Durham Islamic Prayer Hall—Year 3

21.03.18 Community Action Group—Year 4

27.03.18 Easter Festival—The Church of St. Thomas

