



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

We find ourselves at the end of yet another week and the weather, thankfully, has begun to be much kinder to us. In the space of one week, we seem to have moved from deep winter into early summer and now that the grass on the school field has been cut and the other outdoor areas prepared for summer, pupils can begin to enjoy outdoor learning in the sun. However, learning and playing in the sun does carry risks and I would like to remind parents/ carers that it is important to ensure your child(ren) do wear protective clothing (sun hats etc.) as well as sun cream on days where the weather is likely to be warm. As a school, we are participating in an project during the summer term regarding the dangers of UV rays as a means of raising awareness in the importance of protecting ourselves when playing/ being out in the sun.

I am pleased to announce that I have re-established our school link with Crook Library. Starting next week, pupils from each year group will visit the library where they will be able to learn about how libraries operate and gain experience in locating and borrowing books to read. The pupils will also then be able to enjoy a story from one of the library storytellers and participate in a range of fun and exciting learning tasks based on some of the most popular children's books. In an age where technology is rapidly taking over many of our (and our children's) lives, I feel it is important to directly encourage and educate our pupils about the benefits of visiting libraries for a range of purposes. Re-establishing community links is a high priority for our school as I am passionate about Stanley Crook Primary School leading a central role in community engagement and wider support programmes.

As part of that vision of community support and engagement, I am also pleased to inform parents/ carers that our school will be supporting The Church of St. Thomas 'Open Week' which begins on 27th June. During the week, displays of pupils' work and projects will be available to view in the church. The week culminates on Sunday 3rd July with 'St. Thomas' Day'. Later in the summer term, we also plan to present an Art Exhibition in the church which will showcase much of the fine artwork pupils throughout our school have produced in class this year.

Thank you to the many parents/ carers who have already signed our petition in support of our campaign for a safer speed limit on the main road outside of our school. Currently, the road operates at the 'national speed limit' and it is our view that, given the road is so near to a primary school, this is unsafe for our pupils, parents, other road users and pedestrians. Pupils will be collecting signatures until the end of this half term and then during their visit to County Hall on 22nd June, pupils from Team 5, along with Cllr. John Hart, will present the petition to the council.

Finally, I would like to remind parents/ carers of pupils in Year 6 that SATs begin on Monday. PLEASE reassure your children that these tests are nothing to worry or 'stress' about. In school, we do our utmost to ensure that learning is fun and to relieve any pressure on our pupils by providing positive encouragement and reinforcing a 'can do' attitude. Tests will run until Thursday and on Friday, pupils in Year 6 will enjoy a SATs Party to celebrate the end of the tests! Well done Year 6; you are all amazing individuals and together, make one outstanding team—you can do it!

Thank you once again 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!



### Swimming Tuition

Several pupils who attended swimming tuition this week have demonstrated clearly that they are confident in swimming 25m. Parents of those pupils will receive letters today confirming that their child has met the expected standard and will not be required to attend swimming tuition again during the remainder of this academic year.

### Breakfast Club (repeated)

A reminder for parents/ carers of pupils in Year 6 that pupils are invited to enjoy a healthy breakfast in school during the week of the SATs (week beginning 9th May).

### School Fund (repeated)

Thank you to the parents/ carers who continue to regularly donate 50p a week 'school fund' money. This fund provides pupils with a range of equipment and supports the cost of educational visits.

### Crook Fire Station visit

Pupils in Team 3 and Team 4 will enjoy a visit to Crook Fire Station next week. During the visit, pupils will learn about fire safety and the role of the Fire and Rescue Service.

### 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:

**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.**

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| 11.05.16 Year 5—WSSC Design and Technology         | 10.06.16 Mega Friday Walk  |
| 13.05.16 Team 3 & 4 Crook Fire Station visit       | 13.06.16 Fire Engine at school! Crook Fire Station visit to school                 |
| 17.05.16 Year 5/6 'Growing Up' talk—Team 5         | 14.06.16 Bags 2 School   |
| 18.05.16 National Railway Museum—Team 4 and Team 5 | 15.06.16 Athletics Festival  |
| 23.05.16 Junk Rock—Team 5                          | 16.06.16 'New Starters' in school  |
| 25.05.16 Year 5—WSSC Design and Technology         | 23.06.16 Proposed Sports Day   |
| 09.06.16 Guy Tansley—BugsnStuff                    | 24.06.16 Burnhill Nature Reserve—Team 2  |
|  | 04.07.16 Olympic Games Sports Village  |
|  | 15.07.16 School End of Year Outing (EYFS/ KS1 Adventure Valley; KS2 South Shields) |

