



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 begin this week's newsletter by relaying my thanks and congratulations to our Year 2 pupils for their outstanding efforts during their end of year assessments. As with our Year 6 pupils last week, pupils in Team 2 have shown high levels of capability and have evidenced valuable personal traits in their resilience and determination when completing their assessments. Particularly for pupils of this age, it is important to relieve the pressures of assessment by providing an appropriate environment within which to succeed and to encourage a positive 'can do' attitude. I have been extremely pleased with all staff around school, and would like to thank them also, for their combined efforts in ensuring that school has continued to operate as normal and that all pupils have continued to enjoy an enriching curriculum, full of exciting and interesting learning opportunities during this assessment period. 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 also passionate about developing lifelong skills which will enable all pupils to be resilient, respectful, independent and successful citizens of the future.

On Friday 1st July, Stanley Crook Primary School will be hosting our very own 'Race for Life' in support of Cancer Research UK. Parents/ carers are invited to join their children for the event which, we hope, will raise funds and awareness to support this amazing charity in their fight against cancer. A 'Just Giving' page has been established to allow parent/ carers and our wider school community to make donations to support our 'Race for Life'. The link to the page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/stanley-crook-primary-school01-07-2016>. Thank you.

Pupils across the school have enjoyed a range of educational visits this week. Team 4 and Team 5 enjoyed an interesting day at The Railway Museum in Shildon on Wednesday. As part of our S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum, pupils investigated bridges, how they are designed and built and the influence of these four subjects on the processes involved. Some of the bridges built by the pupils were of an exceptionally high standard and the course organiser was extremely impressed by the knowledge and attitude of our pupils.

Team 3 enjoyed their visit to Crook Library on Thursday. During the visit, pupils learned about the function and operation of a library and even borrowed one book each to bring back to school. On their return, I asked the pupils whether they had enjoyed the trip and was inundated with requests for them to share their 'new' books with me - I think this answered my question!

Remaining with the theme of educational visits, I would like to pass on my personal thanks to the many parents/ carers who regularly volunteer to support our trips. Without your help, many of these visits would simply not be possible: thank you!

That is also true when discussing our Forest Schools activity which has been held in school today. Our Reception pupils, despite the awful weather this morning, enjoyed a fun and interesting outdoor learning session, ably supported by our Team 1 staff and several parents. Thankfully, the weather did improve in the afternoon!

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!



Maths Puzzle and Challenge Day

I have arranged for the visit of the 'Maths Puzzle Group' on the 21st June to deliver their highly recommended 'Maths Puzzle Challenge Day'. During the day, pupils from each Team will participate in a range of fun and exciting activities providing them with many opportunities to explore and investigate the wonderful world of mathematics.

Year 6 Transition Visits

Pupils from Year 6 will soon be enjoying their transition visits to their new Secondary Schools. This is an exciting (and emotional) time for many pupils in Year 6; however, I am sure that all pupils will thoroughly enjoy their next steps in their journey of education and will continue to flourish when they join their new schools in September. This year group is full of amazing individuals and together, they make one outstanding T.E.A.M.!

End of year school trip—Repeat

Our end of year school trip this year will be to two different locations. Team 1 and Team 2 pupils will be visiting Adventure Valley in Durham, while pupils from Key Stage 2 will be visiting South Shields to enjoy time on the beach and at the Fun Fair. More details will follow.

Children's Achievements in School



Due to the performance of ALL of our pupils this week both within their Statutory Assessments and because of the support shown by friends and peers, we have decided not to award individual certificates. Rather, we would like to congratulate all of our pupils this week for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

Well done T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook!

Diary Dates:

23.05.16 Junk Rock—Team 5	23.06.16 Proposed Sports Day
25.05.16 Year 5—WSCC Design and Technology	24.06.16 Burnhill Nature Reserve—Team 2
09.06.16 Guy Tansley—BugsnStuff	01.07.16 Cancer UK Race for Life—Stanley Crook Primary School
10.06.16 Mega Friday Walk	04.07.16 Olympic Games Sports Village
13.06.16 Fire Engine at school! Crook Fire Station visit to school	05.05.16 KS2 SATs Results—End of year reports sent to parents (all pupils)
13.06.16 Phonics Screening week	07.07.16 Class transition for 2016/2017
14.06.16 Bags 2 School	13/14.07.16 Summer term Parent Meetings (online booking)
15.06.16 Athletics Festival	15.07.16 School End of Year Outing (EYFS/ KS1 Adventure Valley; KS2 South Shields)
16.06.16 'New Starters' in school	20.07.16 School closes for Summer
21.06.16 Maths Puzzle Challenge Day	

