



Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

We are now at the end of the first half-term of 2018! Everyone in school agrees that the past five weeks have passed extremely quickly; however, we have achieved a great deal towards achieving our objectives for school improvement. Plans to continue the development of our school are continuing with additional equipment planned for installation next half-term (including a Bicycle and Scooter storage facility). Further improvements to equipment available for our pupils on the school field are due to be made soon—plans of which include climbing frames, exercise equipment and a 'Habitat/ Conservation' area. Beginning over the half term break, final work to complete the internal refurbishment of the school will be completed. This work includes renewing the internal heating systems with modern, efficient radiators and mechanical fan convectors throughout school.

I have scheduled the Spring Term Parent Meetings for Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th March. Appointments will be available for parents/ carers to visit their child(ren)'s class teacher on either dates with appointments available from 2:00pm to 5:30pm. For these meetings, we will be operating our normal on-line booking system for appointments. After half-term (Monday 19th February), parents/ carers will receive a text from school containing a weblink. Simply access the link, after which you will be taken directly to our booking system to select a suitable day and appointment time. Since the introduction of these more frequent Parent Meetings, feedback from parents/ carers has been extremely positive with regards improving communication with teachers and in sharing information on the progress of your children. In the recent Parent Questionnaire, 99% of parents/ carers agreed or strongly agreed that school kept them informed of their child's progress. We will hold additional meetings for parents/ carers during the summer term, towards the end of the academic year. In addition to these meetings, and in direct response to suggestions from parents, school will also be hosting appointments for parents whose children have additional educational needs. These meetings will provide parents greater opportunity to review their child's provision and achievement. I anticipate that the first of these meetings will be scheduled in the summer term and will run alongside our usual Parent Consultation Meetings.

After half-term, I have also organised Parent Information Workshops to provide information and practical advice to parents/ carers on how to support your child(ren) during the assessment period for Year 2 and Year 6 SATs. SATs are end of Key Stage assessments which the majority of Year 2 and Year 6 pupils participate in across the country. Year 6 SATs will take place in early May, followed by the Year 2 assessments. It is important if you have a child in either of these year groups, that you attend the workshops. The Year 2 workshop is scheduled for Monday 26th March and the Year 6 workshop for Wednesday 28th March. More information will follow next half-term.

Yesterday, Pupils enjoyed an excellent Valentine's Day party hosted by our outstanding caretaker, 'Mr Shaun'. After working extremely hard this half-term, it was wonderful to see our pupils enjoying themselves and having fun as they danced away to some well-known pop songs.

Finally, pupils across the school enjoyed workshops and activities on Tuesday linked to Safer Internet Day 2018.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all an enjoyable break with your wonderful children and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 19th February.

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!



Mother's Day Lunch (further information has been sent)

- Team 1 and Team 2 plus older siblings - 06.03.18
- Team 3/ Team 4 and Team 5 - 08.03.18

Happy Half-term break

School re-opens for teaching purposes on Monday 19th February.

Primary Partnership

Next half-term, our Year 5 pupils will be visiting Wolsingham School to participate in workshops focused on elements of the Science curriculum. These visits will take place every Friday afternoon.

Pupils will return to school for the end of the school day.



Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team 1	91%
Team 2	89%
Team 3	98%
Team 4	90%
Team 5	94%

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:

09.02.18 School closes for half-term

19.02.18 School re-opens for teaching

23.03.18 Primary Partnership—Year 5 Science

26.02.18 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

27.03.18 Easter Festival—The Church of St. Thomas

29.03.18 MultiSkills Festival (EYFS)

02.05.18—04.05.18 Ford Castle Residential

14.05.18 Year 6—SATs week

25.05.18 Commonwealth Games Festival

28.06.18 Athletics Festival

01.03.18 Lego WeDo workshops

