



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 a busy week of end of year assessments, I would like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils for their outstanding attitude and positive approach towards completing the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). Each and every one of them has applied themselves in a manner which has made all of the staff extremely proud. In fact, the assessments have gone so smoothly this week, many staff members have commented on how this week has not felt like 'SATs week' at all. This has given me great satisfaction as I was determined to ensure the pressures of this assessment period were reduced by our approach in and around school in demonstrating to our pupils that, despite the assessments, this week was just like any other at Stanley Crook: Fun! Many of you will know that this year has been the first year of the SATs under the more challenging expectations of the new national curriculum which was introduced in September 2014 and no doubt many of you will also be aware of the issues surrounding the tests which have been broadcast recently across both local and national media. Despite these 'issues', we, in school, have all remained focused on the job in hand and I am positive that all of the pupils have performed exceptionally well in all of their assessments. Thank you also to Miss Williams and Mrs Corrigan for their meticulous preparation and planning towards ensuring our Year 6 pupils are provided only the best possible opportunities for success.

Next week, our Year 2 pupils will participate in the Key Stage 1 SATs. These SATs are carried out in class as part of normal classroom practice and the pupils will complete the assessments within their agreed timetables. Reducing pressure and 'stress' is of even greater importance for children at this stage of their education and Mrs Martin, Mrs Shields, alongside Mrs Brabban, will ensure that your children barely notice that they are being assessed. Year 2 pupils will not be completing the Key Stage 1 English, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling assessment this year due to it being removed by the Government two weeks ago. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Year 2 pupils for their hard work, commitment and dedication to our school this year. Outstanding progress has been made in this Team and I would also like to extend my thanks to Mrs Martin and Mrs Shields for their efforts in ensuring the pupils in Team 2 have received a '1st class' education this year!

Our Reception pupils enjoyed a fun visit to Crook Library yesterday. During the visit they enjoyed listening to a story and learning about how to choose different books to read. All year groups will have an opportunity to visit the library before we break for the summer. Next week, our Year 3 pupils will be visiting the library to enjoy a range of fun learning activities.

I have received this week final confirmation of the amount raised from our sponsored Readathon event which ran alongside our World Book Day celebrations in March. Over £485 has been raised to support children's wards in UK hospitals, buy books and hire storytellers for seriously ill children. Thank you!

Our final Parent Meetings of the year will take place on the afternoons of 13th and 14th July. As with the Spring Term meetings, we will be operating an online booking system. These meetings have been scheduled to provide an opportunity to discuss the achievement of your children during the past year and to review end of year reports which will be sent to parents/ carers on Tuesday 5th July.

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!



Cancer Research UK 'Race for Life'

Stanley Crook Primary School will be hosting our very own 'Race for Life' in support of Cancer Research UK on Friday 1st July. Parents/ carers are invited to join their children for the event which we hope will raise money and awareness to support the amazing work this charity carries out. Pupils and parents/ carers are also invited to wear pink for the event.

Team 5 'Growing Up' talk

Our school nurse will be delivering our 'Growing Up' talk to members of Team 5 on Tuesday. Letters have already gone out to parents/ carers of pupils in that Team providing more details.

End of year school trip

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.

Staff training

School will be closed on Friday 27th May and Monday 6th June for staff training.

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:

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| 16.05.16 KS1 Assessment week—please ensure children are in school | 16.06.16 'New Starters' in school |
| 17.05.16 Year 5/6 'Growing Up' talk—Team 5 | 23.06.16 Proposed Sports Day |
| 18.05.16 National Railway Museum—Team 4 and Team 5 | 24.06.16 Burnhill Nature Reserve—Team 2 |
| 23.05.16 Junk Rock—Team 5 | 01.07.16 Cancer UK Race for Life—Stanley Crook Primary School |
| 25.05.16 Year 5—WSSC Design and Technology | 04.07.16 Olympic Games Sports Village |
| 09.06.16 Guy Tansey—Bugs n Stuff | 05.05.16 KS2 SATs Results—End of year reports sent to parents (all pupils) |
| 10.06.16 Mega Friday Walk | 07.07.16 Class transition for 2016/2017 |
| 13.06.16 Fire Engine at school! Crook Fire Station visit to school | 13/14.07.16 Summer term Parent Meetings (online booking) |
| 14.06.16 Bags 2 School | 15.07.16 School End of Year Outing (EYFS/ KS1 Adventure Valley; KS2 South Shields) |
| 15.06.16 Athletics Festival | |

