



## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

It has been wonderful to welcome all members of our school community back to school for the second half of the Spring term. I hope you were all able to enjoy a fun and relaxing half-term break with your outstanding children—the beautiful weather certainly helped!

This half-term, pupils across all Teams can look forward to a range of wider curriculum learning opportunities and educational experiences as new topics are introduced and additional programmes begin—many aimed at enhancing our work around personal development and welfare and social and emotional aspects of learning.

To continue to enhance our work supporting community involvement projects, pupils will be engaged in a range of activities across this half-term. Our Year 6 pupils will be visiting the Safety Carousel in Newton Aycliffe when they will meet with members of the emergency services, as well as energy suppliers and water safety experts to learn about how to stay safe in and around our communities.

A selection of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will also be involved in the Durham Constabulary Mini Police programme. The first session of this programme was delivered to pupils this afternoon and we all look forward to working alongside Durham Constabulary and their representatives to learn more about developing community based projects around respect for our local area and care for our environment.

Our pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 will be continuing their work with OASES to develop a strategy for reducing our school's carbon footprint and they will also be finalising their campaign to introduce a 'Smoke Free School Gates' policy! Both projects will contribute significantly in supporting wider community projects and objectives. Great work, T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) Stanley Crook!

Next Thursday (7th March), pupils—and staff—are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character as we celebrate World Book Day. During the day, I have organised for our partners at BigFoot Arts Education to visit school to deliver their 'A Day at Hogwarts' workshops. All pupils will have an opportunity to experience life at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry including potion making, casting spells and battling 'He who shall not be named'!

Now that we are in the 'Easter' term, pupils across school have begun learning and exploring elements of Christianity based around the Easter Story. This work will be showcased during our Easter Service and Presentations to be held at The Church of St. Thomas on Tuesday 2nd April. Team Donaldson and Team Dahl presentations will begin in church at 10:00am, followed by Team Rowling, Team Walliams and Team Morpurgo pupils at 1:30pm. Presentations will also include seasonal songs, poetry and will be supported by our School Choir and Musicians.

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!



### Internet Safety

This week, I have provided parents/ carers with information on two current online threats to our children when they are online and/ or accessing the internet.

'House Party' and 'Momo' are presenting significant risk to children through their 'games' and 'challenges'.

Advice on both of these 'games' has been posted on ClassDojo. However, if parents/ carers have not been able to access these posts, I have included below the links to the National Online Safety website where the information can be found:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/houseparty-online-safety-guide/>



### Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

#### Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	99%
Team Dahl	98%
Team Rowling	98%
Team Walliams	97%
Team Morpurgo	96%

Well done to Team Donaldson!

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:

Thursdays 17.01.19—28.03.19— FISCH Programme—Years 1/2/4/5

04.03.19—Stone Age Workshop—Team Rowling

06.03.19—Safer Futures Live! - Team Morpurgo

07.03.19—World Book Day with Bigfoot Arts (Dress as your favourite book character!)

08.03.19—Mental Health Talks—Year 3 and 4

**11.03.19—KS1 (Year 2) Parent Workshop SATs**

**13.03.19—KS2 (Year 6) Parent Workshop SATs**

12.03.19—Centre for Life—Team Morpurgo

13.03.19—The Easter Journey—Year 5

15.03.19—Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

18/19.03.19—Spring Parent Meetings

22.03.19—Taylor Shaw Coffee Afternoon

26/27.03.19—Mother's Day Lunches

02.04.19—Easter Service (St. Thomas' Church)

03.04.19— Dance Festival—Teams Dahl and Rowling

**05.04.19—School closes for Easter Break**

