



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 another exciting week, I would like to begin by thanking our outstanding pupils for their efforts around our school. I have had the pleasure of meeting with many pupils over the course of this week and sharing in their learning. I have been extremely impressed with the standard of work being produced; it is absolutely wonderful to have pupils visit me in my office, eager to 'show off' their work and to share their pride for their achievements!

As many of you will know, I often award a 'Headteacher's Sticker' to pupils who share their outstanding work with me. These rewards are always well received and I know from speaking with pupils that many of them collect their award stickers at home—be it on the fridge in the kitchen or a noticeboard in their bedroom. In recent weeks, and to reward pupils for significant achievements over a sustained period within our school, I have introduced a school badge reward system. These badges are awarded to pupils who have demonstrated a consistent and positive attitude to learning over a long period and who have followed and supported our school mission and who have demonstrated the values which we look to promote at Stanley Crook Primary School. Badges are bronze, silver and gold and contain our school logo on the front. Beginning with a Bronze badge, pupils (on continuing to excel and demonstrate resilience, determination, respectfulness and high standards) will progress on to Silver and then on to a Gold badge. Since the launch of the badges in school, many pupils have already been awarded a Bronze badge and several are proudly wearing their Silver badges also. The response from the pupils has been extremely positive and these badges are seen by all pupils in school as a mark and measure of hard work, determination and respect. I am sure many more pupils will be awarded their first Bronze badges over the coming weeks and months.

Thank you to the many dads and grandads who attended our Father's Day lunches this week. Both days ran extremely smoothly and I know from speaking with many of you that you thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to have lunch in school with your (grand)children. I would also like to thank once again the amazing work of Mrs Liddle and Mrs Law in the kitchen and the rest of my outstanding team for their hard work in ensuring both days were such a success. It was lovely to see many of you enjoying some fresh air with your (grand)children after your lunches and I know some of you even managed to have a 'turn' on our new trim trails!

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fun day out in Durham City yesterday. Along with Miss Williams and I, pupils participated in the Leavers' Service at Durham Cathedral before being treated to a buffet lunch at a Durham restaurant and then on to have a brief 'shopping spree' around the Prince Bishops Shopping Centre and Market Place. For Miss Williams and I, this day is one of the highlights of the school calendar. It provides not only us as teachers, but also the pupils, an opportunity to reflect on all of the hard work which has been completed along the journey in primary school. Our Year 6 pupils have been outstanding this year! They have demonstrated the value and benefit of friendship, teamwork and hard work and we will undoubtedly miss them when they move to secondary school in September. They are a credit to themselves, their families and our school! Well done Year 6—be proud!

Four pupils from Team 5 have successfully completed the Primary Maths Challenge at Parkside Academy today. Tyler, Harry W, Harry C and Katieleigh all performed exceptionally well and demonstrated their outstanding knowledge in and around the exciting and intriguing world of mathematics! Great work!

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!



New Starters in school

It was wonderful to welcome to school our new starters yesterday. Everyone had a fun time in Team 1 and pupils and parents were given a 'My New School' booklet which provides lots of interesting and exciting information about our school. We look forward to seeing the children again next Thursday.

British Nutritional Foundation Healthy Eating Week

Pupils who attend Breakfast Club have enjoyed trying out many new foods this week. As part of the BNF Healthy Eating week, pupils have tried Marmite, honey, bagels and many more new and exciting foods. Many thanks to Miss Rowcroft and Mrs Shields for their efforts this week in encouraging the pupils to try new foods.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to the parents/ carers who have already returned their responses regarding Breakfast Club beginning at 8:15 am. If you have not already, please return your responses by Friday 24th June. Thank you.

School Football Team

Congratulations to our football team who secured a hard-fought point in a draw against top-of-the-table Our Lady & St. Thomas school on Wednesday. This point places us in the top four of the league. Well done SCPS!

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. 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:

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| 21.06.16 Maths Puzzle Challenge Day—whole school | 05.07.16 KS2 SATs Results—End of year reports sent to parents (all pupils) |
| 23.06.16 Olympic Sports Day | 07.07.16 Class transition for 2016/2017 |
| 22.06.16 Team 5 visit to County Hall | 08.07.16 First Aid Training |
| 24.06.16 Burnhill Nature Reserve—Team 2 | 11.07.16 Brass Band Festival |
| 24.06.16 Year 5 Multi-Skills Parkside Academy | 12.07.16 Science Day—Team 5 |
| 27.06.16 Church of St. Thomas 'Open Week' - Pupil work on display | 13/14.07.16 Summer term Parent Meetings (online booking) |
| 29.06.16 KS2 Cricket Festival | 15.07.16 School End of Year Outing (KS1 Adventure Valley & KS2 South Shields) |
| 01.07.16 Cancer UK Race for Life—Stanley Crook Primary School | 20.07.16 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and School closes for Summer |
| 04.07.16 Olympic Games Sports Village | |

