



Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

This week has been filled with more exciting and engaging learning opportunities for our pupils. Our Stanley Crook Primary School curriculum is carefully designed to provide breadth and balance for every pupil. Based on three key priorities (**Aspiration**—to provide experiences which show our pupils the wide range of possibilities available for their future; **Initiative**—to offer experiences which help pupils to become independent and resourceful learners and **Environment**—to provide experiences which help our pupils value their environment and understand their responsibilities towards sustaining their local and global environment), our curriculum has been designed and planned to offer a range of experiences which contribute to every child receiving a full and rich curriculum. The range of experiences we offer, support and champion our culture and ensures that our children benefit from a full range of academic, spiritual, moral, social and cultural activities. These activities enrich their lives and those of our whole school community and make them proud of their British values and the diverse society to which they belong and play an active part. We are proud that our curriculum gives our children the skills, confidence and self-belief to lead a happy and fulfilled life by encouraging them to aim high and work towards their goals and dreams in life.

In support of our 'initiative' priority, pupils participated in workshops introducing the works of William Shakespeare on Monday. As part of our 'Shakespeare Week' celebrations, pupils explored the life and works of this famous English playwright and then developed their language and drama skills by acting out scenes from Macbeth. Pupils enjoyed learning about the change in English language within Shakespeare's plays and about the differences between 'Comedies' and 'Tragedies'.

To compliment our 'environment' priority, on Tuesday, pupils in Team 4 and Team 5 took part in a 'Cleaner Communities' project. Our local community is central to our ethos at Stanley Crook Primary School and I am extremely proud at the number of valuable community support projects our school has led on and been involved with over the past few years. Pupils worked with representatives from the Three Towns Partnership to learn about the damage littering can do to local communities and wildlife and then patrolled the local area collecting litter. During the 'litter pick' pupils collected a staggering 22 sacks of rubbish from around our local area! Pupils were shocked at the amount of litter on the ground and have asked me to urge members of our local community to take extra care not to litter but to place any rubbish in the bin.

Completion of the 20mph Zone to the front of the school is now close with the fitting of the warning lights to both sets of signs. This is another wonderful achievement for our school and great credit must go to members of our School Council (past and present) for their efforts in securing this much needed improvement to road safety around school. To further educate pupils and parents on the dangers of speeding cars, pupils in Year 4 will be working with officers from Durham County Council on the 21st March on their 'Slow to 20—Safer Communities' campaign. Additional information will be sent to parents in due course.

Enhancing our British Values agenda, pupils in Team 1 participated in Multicultural workshops this morning. During the session, pupils enjoyed learning about differences between themselves and their families as well as other differences which exist across communities. Thank you to our partners at BigFoot Art Education for their support with this learning experience. In KS2, pupils are also preparing for visits to The Durham University Islamic Prayer Hall (Year 3) and The United Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Newcastle (Year 5), next week.

Staff and I are looking forward to welcoming parents/ carers to school next week as part of our Spring term Parent Consultation Meetings. Over 95% of parents are now signed up to meet with their child(ren)'s class teacher which reflects the close and positive partnership between school and parents. Parents can look forward to receiving their child's Termly Progress Report on Wednesday 28th March.

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!



SATs Parent Information Workshops (repeat)

Parents of pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 are invited into school to receive information regarding end of year SATs and to ask any questions they may have regarding these end of year assessments.

Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop: Monday 26th March

Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop: Wednesday 28th March

Both workshops will begin at 3:30pm in the respective classrooms.

Easter Presentations (Tuesday 27th March)

A reminder that parents/ carers are invited to The Church of St. Thomas to share our Easter Presentations!

Team 1/ Team 2—10:00am Team 3/ 4 and 5—1:30pm



Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team 1	97%
Team 2	92%
Team 3	92%
Team 4	99%
Team 5	95%

**Well done to Team 4
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:

19/20.03.18 Parent Consultation Meetings

21.03.18 Synagogue Visit—Year 5

21.03.18 Durham Islamic Prayer Hall—Year 3

21.03.18 Community Action Group—Year 4

22.03.18 Sponsored Mile for Sport Relief

26.03.18 **KS1 SATs Parent Workshop (3:30pm)**

27.03.18 Easter Festival—The Church of St. Thomas

28.03.18 **KS2 SATs Parent Workshop (3:30pm)**

29.03.18 MultiSkills Festival (EYFS)

29.03.18 School Closes for Easter

16.04.18 School re-opens for teaching purposes

02.05.18—04.05.18 Ford Castle Residential

14.05.18 Year 6—SATs week (all Y6 pupils in school)

25.05.18 Commonwealth Games Festival

28.06.18 Athletics Festival

01.03.18 Lego WeDo workshops

27.06.18 School Nurse—Health Talk

