



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

Thank you to the many parents who have now made appointments to meet with their child(ren)'s teacher during the forthcoming Spring Term Parent Meetings. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for parents to review and celebrate their child(ren)'s achievement in school and to plan how to support them in meeting their targets in a range of curriculum areas. Over 90% of parents/ carers have now made an appointment which is extremely positive in supporting our aim of developing a constructive relationship between school and home.

Further supporting this aim, parents' responses to attend the Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs Parent Information Workshops has been very pleasing. These workshops provide parents with useful information on the SATs for Year 2 and Year 6 pupils as well as demonstrating practical strategies which can be used to support your children during the assessment period. Mrs Martin and Miss Williams are looking forward to welcoming parents of pupils in Team 2 and Team 5 for their meetings on 27th and 29th March.

Pupils in Team 4 and Team 5 are looking forward to their forthcoming residential trip to Dukehouse Wood in Hexham on Wednesday 26th April. For three-days and two-nights pupils will participate in a range of exciting activities aimed at developing teamwork, communication skills and self-confidence. Activity leaders during the visit operate an ethos of 'challenge by choice' and already, pupils are talking to me about how they are going to challenge themselves when participating in the activities during the visit. In communication with staff who will be leading the visit, I have planned several changes to the activities which pupils who visited Dukehouse Wood last year, would have completed. This year, pupils will be learning how to abseil; develop their orienteering skills; challenge themselves on the 'Leap of Faith' and work as a T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) during 'Nightline'. Evening activities include a night around the campfire and a 'Movie Night' with a mug of hot chocolate! Mrs Martin, Miss Williams and Mr Teasdale, along with Mr Meale and Miss Ford will be hosting a parent information meeting regarding the visit on 23rd March.

Along with three Year 6 pupils, I visited Wolsingham Secondary School yesterday to celebrate the official opening of the new school extension. HRH The Duke of Gloucester attended the ceremony to officially open the school and pupils got a chance to meet His Royal Highness and take part in a workshop with Wolsingham school staff. I would like to thank Mr. Elliott, Headteacher at Wolsingham School, for inviting myself and our pupils to share in the ceremony.

Today, pupils in Team 3 and Team 4 have enjoyed an educational visit to Preston Park to participate in an Anglo-Saxon workshop. Supporting and complimenting learning in class, pupils shared a variety of practical activities to bring this important part of our British history to life. Our pupils were, once again, outstanding ambassadors for our school.

I look forward to welcoming mums and grandmas to our Mother's Day lunches next week!

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!



Safety Carousel

Pupils in Team 5 will be visiting the 'Safety Carousel' at Newton Aycliffe on Monday. Participating in a range of workshops held by the Fire Service, the Ambulance Service, Police and utility companies, pupils will learn about different aspects of safety and learn how they can support themselves and each other to remain safe!

BIG PEDAL is back!

Beginning on Monday, the Stanley Crook 'Big Pedal' is back! After the significant success of this initiative last year, we are excited to once again launch this in school. Over a period of two-weeks, pupils will be encouraged to come to school by bicycle or scooter to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Team 3—Tesco Community Partnership Project

On Friday 24th March, pupils in Team 3 will be visiting Tesco Supermarket in Bishop Auckland as part of their community food awareness project. During the visit, pupils will support the collection of groceries for the Tesco Food Bank and later, find out where this food goes and who, in our community, it supports.

Special Easter Service

A selection of pupils will be visiting Parklands Care Home in Crook on Monday 3rd April to perform and share their Easter Service presentations for residents. We are looking forward to our visit!

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:

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| 20.03.17 Safety Carousel (Team 5) | 05.04.17 Easter Celebration (Whole School) |
| 21 & 22.03.17 Mothers' Day Lunch | 06.04.17 Spring Term Parent Meeting |
| 23.03.17 Kingswood Parent Information Meeting | 07.04.17 Easter Break |
| 27.03.17 Wattle Fence Making (Team 3 and Team 4) | 24.04.17 School re-opens for teaching purposes |
| 27.03.17 Year 6 SAT Parent Information Workshop | |
| 29.03.17 Year 2 SAT Parent Information Workshop | |
| 03.04.17 Parklands Care Home visit | |
| 04.04.17 Spring Term Parent Meeting | |

