



Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

We are now at the end of the Spring term! This week, pupils in school have been completing a range of Easter related activities to support their learning within a range of curriculum areas. Learning is FUN at Stanley Crook Primary School and always seeks to provide opportunities to increase engagement and harness an enthusiastic approach to learning.

Thank you to the many parents/ carers who attended our Easter Celebrations at The Church of St. Thomas on Tuesday. Once again, it was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance to support your outstanding children and our school. I am sure you will agree with me that all T.E.A.M.s performed exceptionally well when presenting their learning around The Easter Story. Unfortunately, due to the adverse weather on Tuesday, I made the decision to relocate the Key Stage 2 presentations back to school for the afternoon performances. Despite the change in venue, many parents turned up at school to support their children. Pupils in Team 3, Team 4 and Team 5 presented their learning in a number of fun and creative ways which not only exemplified their learning in class, but also their growing confidence and maturity! Great work everyone—be proud!

As we head into the Summer term, attention inevitably shifts towards the end of the academic year with statutory assessments and transitions now being only a short time away. This period can place a great amount of stress and anxiety on pupils, especially in Year 6—as these pupils begin to plan for their move to secondary school and look forward towards SATs. Here at Stanley Crook Primary School, staff do all they can to minimise anxieties and I am proud of the comprehensive package of support we provide to all pupils who are facing stresses and worries (whether caused by circumstances at home or areas of schooling). Our outstanding results over the last several years in achievement of our Year 6 pupils support our approach to learning and personal development in school.

To support further with this, Mrs Martin (Year 2) and Miss Williams (Year 6) hosted SAT Parent Information Workshops this week. These workshops aim to provide parents with information, not only on the technical aspects of SATs but also on how they can support their child at home—either with preparation or if faced with a child who is worried about the assessments. Year 6 pupils will be receiving Resilience training after Easter to support them develop further skills which will become extremely beneficial for future testing and transition. In order to alleviate any pressures our Year 6 pupils may be feeling as we move towards SATs week, they will be enjoying our annual residential and outdoor educational visit on the 2nd-4th May. This year, pupils will be visiting Ford Castle to participate in a range of team building activities! Having this trip close to SATs has many positive benefits for our pupils and refreshes, relaxes and reenergises their minds ready for being the best they can be!

Finally, I would like to pay special congratulations to Eve Blenkinsopp today. Eve has worked extremely hard throughout her time at Stanley Crook Primary School and, since moving into Team 5, has grown immeasurably in confidence and self-belief. Her positive attitude to learning and friendly personality is a credit to herself and her family. Today, Eve has become the first Year 6 of this cohort (and the only pupil currently in school) to be awarded the much coveted, Gold badge! Very much well-deserved! Congratulations, Eve!

Have a very Happy Easter and 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!



Easter Break

School closes today for the Easter break and will re-open on **Monday 16th April**. Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Heating System Renewal

During the Easter Break, engineers from Durham County Council will be on-site to complete the final stage of the renewal of our heating system. Upon our return, each classroom will have modern, more efficient heating systems and radiators around our school will also have been updated!

Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs week

Year 6 SATs week is Monday 14th May. Please ensure your child is in school promptly that week. Free Breakfast Club for all Year 6 pupils from 8:15am!



Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

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

Well done to Team 1
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:

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| 29.03.18 School Closes for Easter | 21.06.18 Beach Scouted Session (Team 2) |
| 16.04.18 School re-opens for teaching purposes | 22.06.18 Chinese Dragon Boat Workshop (KS2) |
| 19.04.18 Litter Campaign Assembly and Workshops | 28.06.18 Athletics Festival (EYFS/ KS1) |
| 20.04.18 Bamboozles—Attendance Prize (Team 3) | 01.03.18 Lego WeDo (Team 5) |
| 20.04.18 All Stars Cricket | 12.06.18 Durham Cathedral—Year 6 Leavers' |
| 02.05.18—04.05.18 Ford Castle Residential | 27.06.18 School Nurse—Health Talk |
| 14.05.18 Year 6—SATs week (all Y6 pupils in school with FREE B/Club) | 02/03.07.18 Summer term Parent Consultations |
| 25.05.18 Commonwealth Games Festival | 13.07.18 Beamish Museum—summer visit (EYFS/ KS1) |
| | 13.07.18 South Shields—summer visit (KS2) |

