



STANLEY CROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Notices

Our pupils have enjoyed another successful week in school. Our school mission (To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community) has been in evidence through the actions of our outstanding pupils, whether in Reception or Year 6. From my office window, I get to watch the interaction between the pupils at break times, lunchtimes and during P.E. sessions and I have been extremely impressed with the examples of friendship and teamwork which has been on display.

Tuesday saw the publication of the Key Stage 2 SATs results. I was immensely proud of the achievements of our Year 6 pupils and the results they have obtained from these assessments. Every pupil has made outstanding progress throughout their time at our school with 87% of Year 6 pupils achieving the national standard for Reading, Writing, Grammar and Mathematics. What makes this achievement even more striking is the fact of this year being the first year of assessments taken under the framework of the more challenging National Curriculum, which was introduced in September 2014. Projections for achievement of Year 6 pupils achieving the expected standard nationally in Reading, Writing and Mathematics is 53% which, when compared to school results, highlights the outstanding work of the pupils at our school.

Alongside our Year 6 pupils, I would also like to congratulate our Year 2 pupils who were also given their SATs results on Tuesday. As with Year 6, the pupils in Year 2 have made outstanding progress this year and have also achieved strong results in their assessments. Expectations of pupils in this year group (as with all year groups) have increased significantly with the introduction of the new curriculum; however, pupils demonstrated great resilience and determination in working towards meeting their individual targets.

While SATs and assessments are, of course, an essential element of education, they do not assess the whole child. They do not assess personality, beliefs and values, ideas and ambition or the spark inside each of our pupils which makes them unique and wonderful children. As a school, we are passionate about developing these areas and are committed to improving outcomes for all of our pupils. I would like to congratulate all of our pupils for their outstanding work in our school this year and to thank our outstanding team for their commitment and dedication.

On Thursday, pupils enjoyed a fun and exciting day 'moving up' into their new classes for next year. Having this opportunity to meet their new teacher, get to know their new classroom and even 'find out where they will be sitting', eases any worry that a child may have about moving classes. It is natural for some children to be nervous or apprehensive about such things but I can assure you that we do all we can in school to ensure transition is handled effectively. However, if at any time, a parent/ carer has concerns or worries about not only this, but any aspect of their child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you to the many parent/ carers who have returned their acknowledgements of receipt for their child's end of year school report. In particular, I would like to thank those of you who have taken the time to provide such positive feedback about our school.

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!



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—Wednesday 20th July

We will be hosting our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on the final day of this academic year. For this event, parents of Year 6 pupils are invited to join us for our celebrations.

All pupils will be available to be collected from school at 2:00pm on Wednesday 20th July, following the conclusion of the assembly.

10th Annual Durham Brass Festival

Thank you to the parents/ carers who have notified us of their intention to join our Brass Band Concert on Monday. Weather permitting, I hope to host the event on our school field so parents/ carers can join us. I will notify parents/ carers of final arrangements by mid-morning on Monday. Let's all hope for sunshine!

School Uniform 2016/2017

A reminder that our school uniform for September is: White polo shirt, Grey/ Black trousers/ skirt, Navy Blue jumper/ cardigan and plain black shoes.

Orders, from our supplier, can still be placed for home delivery in time for September until 1st August

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:

- 11.07.16 Brass Band Festival 1:30pm (Parents/ Carers invited—weather permitting)
- 13/14.07.16 Summer term Parent Meetings (online booking)
- 15.07.16 School End of Year Outing (KS1 Adventure Valley & KS2 South Shields)
- 20.07.16 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and School closes for Summer
- 06.09.16 School re-opens for teaching purposes

