



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

As we prepare to enter the assessment period for our Year 6 pupils, I, and all of the staff at Stanley Crook Primary School, would like to offer our congratulations to each of them for their effort and hard work in our school while preparing for their examinations. Our Year 6 cohort is full of outstanding individuals, with a range of personalities and an array of significant strengths. The most important aspect of each of their personalities is not how good they may or may not be at mathematics, nor how well they can read or how neat their handwriting is; but rather how wonderful each of them are with regards their attitude to one another and the support they demonstrate for their T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) on a daily basis. Our Year 6 pupils have a clear understanding of the values of respect, tolerance, liberty, the principle of freedom of expression and the importance of individual and social responsibility and it is these attributes which will ensure that they achieve well in their studies and continue to develop and grow into confident, independent and successful citizens of the future.

I am extremely confident that each of our Year 6 pupils will enjoy many successes in their assessments next week and enjoy the credit which they all so richly deserve. Good Luck, Year 6!

Across the school, pupils have been fully engaged in a range of learning activities this week. I felt extremely proud of our Clarinet musicians on Monday as I observed them practising their scores with Mr Jakob, our music teacher from the Durham Music Service. There are now seven pupils learning to play this instrument and they are all making good progress. Two of our Year 6 pupils are due to take their Grade 1 exam shortly which will provide them with a deserved reward for their hard work, effort and dedication in continuing to learn to play the clarinet. I am positive that they will perform exceptionally well during their grading assessment.

I have spoken with Mr Jakob and I am looking forward to a special performance hosted by the Clarinet players at our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Friday 21st July!

If any other pupil would like to begin to learn to play a musical instrument in school, or indeed would just like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Our pupils who have swimming tuition have also enjoyed good success this week in their personal pursuit of achieving their 25m swimming certificate. It is a requirement of the National Curriculum that all pupils should be able to confidently swim a minimum of 25m by the end of Year 6 and many of our pupils achieved that goal yesterday. I would like to pay particular attention to Amy in Year 6 who, after much work on developing her confidence in the water, successfully swam 25m...three times! Well done Amy and to all of our other 'swimmers'! Thank you also to Miss Rowcroft who coordinates the programme of swimming tuition throughout our school and plays an active part in the pupils' tuition when at the swimming pool.

On Wednesday, all pupils enjoyed a visit from an Olympic Athlete. Peter Bakare represented Team GB at the London 2012 Olympics and visited our school to demonstrate and talk about the importance of exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle. It was an interesting (if slightly exhausting) afternoon!

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 SATs

Year 6 assessments begin on **Monday 8th May**. During this period, **all Year 6 pupils are invited to Breakfast Club** to enjoy a healthy breakfast with their friends before school. There will be no charge for Year 6 pupils at Breakfast Club during SATs week.

Sports Day—Friday 30th June

I would like to give parents/ carers and our wider community advance notice of the date for Sports Day 2017. This year, Sports Day will be held on Friday 30th June. Employing the same format as last year's highly successful event, Sports Day will also see the arrival of many activities on the school field/ yard including two bouncy castles, tombola, cake stall, ice cream van, birds of prey display and much more. We are even expecting a special visit from the Fire Brigade! More information will follow in due course.

Congratulations!

Everyone at Stanley Crook Primary School would like to extend their congratulations to Georgia O'Connor for securing a place on the TEAM GB Boxing Squad for the Commonwealth Youth Games to be held in The Bahamas in July. Georgia, a past pupil at Stanley Crook Primary School, has enjoyed a rapid rise to the top since starting her boxing career in 2015. We all wish her well at the Games and for her future career in the sport!

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:

08.05.17 KS2 SATs begin - Please ensure your child is in school during this period. All Year 6 pupils are invited to Breakfast Club (no charge) this week

09.05.17 A Victorian School Day (Team 1 and Team 2)

11.05.17 Bags2School

19.05.17 Hamsterley Forest Gruffalo Trail (Team 1 and Team 2)

19.05.17 Vikings! - Palace Green Library (Team 3 and Team 4)

23.05.17 Stone Age to Iron Age (Team 5)

24.05.17 Athletics Festival (Key Stage 1)

26.05.17 David Burn—Stranger Danger and Staying Safe on the Streets Workshops (Key Stage 2)

26.05.17 School Closes for Summer half-term

05.06.17 School opens for teaching purposes

05.06.17 Archery Workshop (Team 4)

07.06.17 Year 6 Leavers' Service—Durham Cathedral

07.06.17 Outdoor Adventures (Team 3 and Team 4)

08.06.17 Primary Partnership Link Activity—P.E. (Year 5)

12.06.17 Flat Stan First Aid Workshops (Team 5 and Year 2)

13.06.17 Capt. Howman and Cadets WSCC (Whole School)

20.06.17 Transition and Resilience Workshop (Year 6)

20.06.17 Locomotion—Beside the Seaside (Team 1 and 2)

