



Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

It has been wonderful to see so many pupils engaging with our Big Pedal challenge this week! The event aims to promote children's knowledge and understanding of ways in which they can lead a healthy lifestyle and keep fit whilst having lots of fun by travelling to and from school by bicycle or scooter. It has not only been our pupils taking part in the event—many parents/ carers have also been leading by example and cycling to and from school. I hope that pupils (and parents/ carers) will continue to travel to school by bicycle and/ or scooter as we move forward into the summer term and (hopefully) warmer and drier weather. There are many other benefits to travelling in this way—not least, the huge and obvious benefits for the environment and our local area.

For each day that pupils have travelled to school by bicycle or scooter, they have collected special raffle tickets to be entered into a prize draw. One pupil from each class has been drawn from the raffle and each has received a £10 Halfords Gift Card! Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in this year's Bike It challenge!

Thank you to the many parents of pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who attended our Ford Castle Parent Information Meeting on Monday. This year's outdoor education and adventure trip feels to have come around extremely quickly and I know from speaking to pupils, they are all excited and looking forward to the visit! These trips are massively beneficial for pupils as they challenge many skills and provide a range of excellent opportunities for them to develop confidence, self-belief and resilience—all of which are transferable back into the classroom to support future academic studies.

Our Year 6 pupils will be participating in their SATs beginning Monday 14th May and having this trip so close to SATs allows pupils to relax with friends, gain confidence and resilience from facing and overcoming new challenges and generally prepare for being the best they can be during the assessments. During SATs week, all Year 6 pupils are invited into school at 8:15am to enjoy a free and healthy breakfast and relax with friends before each assessment.

Congratulations to our pupils who are participating in weekly swimming tuition sessions. Over the last several weeks, many pupils have successfully achieved their 25m swimming certificate and yesterday, three more pupils reached this important benchmark.

Swimming is a statutory and extremely important element of the National Curriculum. It is an expectation that all children by the end of Year 6 can swim 25m unaided and perform various safety skills in the water. Stanley Crook Primary School has a proud record in the high percentage of pupils who achieve this award and staff work hard to ensure that current pupils continue to meet this national standard.

On Tuesday, pupils participated in an assembly on Cyberbullying. This issue continues to be an important issue and one which is becoming increasingly serious across all primary schools. I would like to urge parents/ carers to regularly review their children's internet and discuss safe usage to ensure that online activity is safe and appropriate.

For further information and advice on all aspects of e-safety, parents/ carers can access links via our school website which will direct them to various sites or alternatively, speak to their child's class teacher.

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 (14.05.18) - repeat

It is extremely important that all Year 6 pupils are in school for SATs week which begins on Monday 14th May.

During the week, all Year 6 pupils can come to school for 8:15am to enjoy a free delicious and healthy breakfast with their friends,

I am sure that all of our Year 6 pupils will do us all very proud!

Big Fix (Big Pedal)

Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 are invited to bring their bicycles and scooters to school on Monday for a free safety check.



Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team 1	98%
Team 2	98%
Team 3	100%
Team 4	99%
Team 5	98%

**Well done to Team 3
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:

19.04.18 Litter Campaign Assembly and Workshops

20.04.18 All Stars Cricket

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

01.06.18 Lego WeDo workshops

27.06.18 School Nurse—Health Talk