



"Pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare is OUTSTANDING" (Ofsted, 2019)

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Due to the Year 5 and Year 6 residential trip to Ford Castle last week, it has been two weeks since our last newsletter.

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by giving special praise to all of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who visited Ford Castle—each and every one of them demonstrated a range of core skills and values which are central to our ethos at Stanley Crook Primary School. Miss Williams, Miss Brown and Mrs Kyle and I were extremely impressed by the pupils' willingness to challenge themselves and their commitment in supporting and encouraging one another. Although the weather was not typical May sunshine, the rain did not dampen our spirits and the visit has undoubtedly served as a valuable exercise in developing the notion of T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) among the pupils as well as providing an effective 'break' from school and SATs preparation for the Year 6s.

As Headteacher, I was also extremely proud to receive outstanding feedback from the instructors at Ford Castle in relation to our own pupils! Instructors regularly commented upon pupils' positive attitudes, responsible approaches to the activities and their teamwork in supporting each other—great work, TEAM Stanley Crook!

Next week, we 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 whilst 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 Team 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!

For all Year 6 pupils, and to assist them in preparing for their assessments next week, school is offering a free Breakfast Club. Year 6 pupils are welcome to enjoy a healthy breakfast (free of charge) from 8:00am each morning next week.

Thank you to all parents and carers for their continued support with regards the new collection procedures for pupils at the end of the school day. I continue to receive extremely positive feedback regarding these changes in reducing congestion at the school gate and allowing parents and children to exit school quicker and safer than before.

I have once again organised for every pupil in school to complete valuable First Aid training. This training will take place towards the end of the school year and will be preceded by workshops where parents/ carers will also have an opportunity to complete First Aid training in school. Further information will follow. Please note, numbers for the parent First Aid training are limited to 30 free places, allocated on a first come-first served basis. Following the tragedy a few years ago of a young child choking in Darlington, this training is an extremely valuable opportunity for parents (as well as all pupils in school) to develop their knowledge of First Aid alongside learning practical skills to support in case of an emergency.

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!



Breakfast Club—Summer Term (Repeat)

Breakfast Club now has a new start time of 8:00am. I hope that this earlier start time will assist and support our families to meet work and their many other commitments.

Many families have already taken advantage of the earlier start time this week.

The Prince William Award

Pupils in Year 5 have now completed three sessions within their Prince William Core Values Award. Each week, David (our PWA instructor) names a 'STAR STUDENT' - someone who has demonstrated the core values through their actions during the session. The winners of the 'STAR STUDENT AWARD' for the last three weeks have been:

23.04.19—OLLIE LITTLE

30.04.19—MEGAN ROSE DUNCAN

07.05.19—GABRIEL POTVLIEGE

Congratulations to our PWA STAR STUDENTS!

Great work!



Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	95%
Team Dahl	97%
Team Rowling	91%
Team Walliams	95%
Team Morpurgo	96%

**Well done to Team
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:

Tuesdays 23.04.19– 16.07.19—Prince's Award Core Values—Year 5 05.06.19—'Sheep with Altitude' Project—Selected Year 3/4

Thursdays 25.04.19– 23.05.19—Wolsingham Primary Link—Year 5 06.06.19– First Aid Training for Parent/ Carers

13.05.19– 17.05.19– Year 6 SATs week Thursdays 06.06.19– 11.07.19—Parkside Primary Link—Year 5

22.05.19—Durham Castle—Team Donaldson 13.06.19– Durham Cathedral Leavers' Service

24.05.19—Athletics Festival –Selected KS2

24.05.19—School closes for Summer Half Term

04.06.19—School reopens for Teaching

