

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Congratulations to our Year 2 pupils upon completing their statutory assessments this week. Staff in school have been extremely proud of each of them in the way they have approached the assessments and every pupil has performed exceptionally well. I would also like to congratulate our Year 1 pupils for the support and encouragement they have provided their peers in Year 2, during this assessment period. The notion of T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) is very important to the work we do here at Stanley Crook Primary School and our school mission: 'To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community' has certainly been at the forefront of the minds of all of our pupils during the Year 6 and Year 2 statutory assessment period. Special thanks must also go to Mrs Martin and Mrs Shields for their outstanding work with our pupils in Team 2 in ensuring that each pupil is provided with learning opportunities which are always fun, creative and extremely engaging.

Great work T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook!

I held a meeting earlier in the week with a representative from the Prince William Award. Having learned of the award from stories in the national media, I was keen to explore opportunities to establish it within our school in order to further support and enhance our S.M.S.C. (Social, Spiritual, Moral and Cultural), S.E.A.L. (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) and British Values Curriculum.

The Prince William Award provides a context within which young people aged between 6-14 years of age can develop the confidence to think independently and make positive, informed decisions by learning to consider the impact of their actions and behaviours on themselves, on others and the world around them.

The basis of the award is in experiential learning—pupils learn and embed knowledge through experience and learning is facilitated through coaching by trained instructors, with opportunity for reflection. The award is delivered at three levels; Pioneer, Explorer and Trailblazer—the first two being suitable for pupils in primary school.

I have arranged for a 'taster session' to be held in school after the summer half-term break with a view to launching the award in school at the beginning of the new academic year in September.

Pupils in Team 1 and Team 2 have enjoyed an enjoyable visit to Hamsterley Forest today. Participating in the Interactive Gruffalo Trail, pupils got to experience this story by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, first hand.

Pupils in Team 3 and Team 4 have also been out of school today on an educational visit exploring aspects of Viking history. This visit enabled the history lessons held in class to be brought to life and pupils were able to develop and broaden their knowledge and understanding of many aspects of their current topic.

All this week, pupils in Team 5 have been exploring key issues from the 2017 General Election campaign. Although not yet old enough to vote, pupils have been considering what the important issues are from their perspective and learning all about how a General Election works in the UK. Pupils will each record an individual PodCast of the key issue 'debate' and then submit them to the Go Givers national competition for Upper Key Stage 2 pupils!

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!



Collecting Arrangements at the end of the school day

Thank you to parents/ carers for the support you have shown for our new arrangements for collecting your child (ren) at the end of school and from After-School Clubs. I have received many positive comments regarding the new arrangements as they provide increased protection for the safety and well-being of our pupils.

Please remember that, unless written consent has been received authorising pupils to walk home unaccompanied, all pupils must be collected by a responsible adult directly from the school gate.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with this matter.

School Uniform

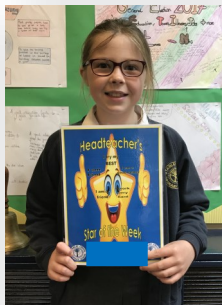
Please may I once again remind parents that pupils should wear plain black footwear to school. Unfortunately, a small number of pupils are continuing to come to school in bright, illuminous trainers which are not part of our school uniform policy. A stock of 'spare' plain black shoes/ trainers and sandals is now in school and pupils who arrive at school wearing incorrect footwear will be provided a pair of these to wear during the school day.

A reminder also of the need for pupils to have the correct PE Kit in school. PE Kit consists of a white t-shirt and blue/ black shorts. A PE Kit bag, containing all of the correct kit, is available to order from the school office.

Thank you.

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:

23.05.17 Stone Age to Iron Age (Team 5)	12.06.17 Flat Stan First Aid Workshops (Team 5 and Year 2)
24.05.17 Athletics Festival (Key Stage 1)	13.06.17 Capt. Howman and Cadets WSCC (Whole School)
26.05.17 Stranger Danger and Staying Safe on the Streets Workshops (KS2)	16.06.17 New Starters—Induction Morning
26.05.17 School Closes for Summer half-term	20.06.17 Transition and Resilience Workshop (Year 6)
05.06.17 School opens for teaching purposes	20.06.17 Locomotion—Beside the Seaside (Team 1 and 2)
05.06.17 Archery Workshop (Team 4)	30.06.17 Sports Day 2017
06.06.17 Prince William Award—'Taster Day'	03.07.17 KS2-KS3 Transition Workshop
07.06.17 Year 6 Leavers' Service—Durham Cathedral	05.07.17 EYFS/ KS1 Transition Workshop
07.06.17 Outdoor Adventures (Team 3 and Team 4)	12.07.17 Brass Band 'Big Bus' (Whole School)

