



## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

After a busy week of end of year assessments, I would like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils for their outstanding attitude and positive approach towards completing the SATs. Each and every one of them has applied themselves in a manner which has made all of the staff extremely proud. In fact, the assessments have gone so smoothly this week, many staff members have commented on how this week has not felt like 'SATs week' at all. This has given me great satisfaction as I was determined to ensure the pressures of this assessment period were reduced by our approach in and around school in demonstrating to our pupils that, despite the assessments, this week was just like any other at Stanley Crook: Fun! Many of you will know that this year has been only the third year of SATs under the more challenging expectations of the primary national curriculum, which was introduced in September 2014. Despite Miss Williams' absence from school, all pupils have maintained their focus, positive attitude and determination and have all remained focused on the job in hand. I am positive that all of the pupils have performed exceptionally well in all of their assessments. Thank you also to Mrs Corrigan, Miss Rowcroft and Mrs Shields for their support during the tests and within the preparation and planning towards ensuring our Year 6 pupils are provided only the best possible opportunities for success.

To celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 pupils, this afternoon we have held a SATs party in school. This party afternoon was an excellent opportunity for our Year 6s to relax, unwind and get together as a T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More). Thank you to the many parents/ carers who donated 'party food' to school! Great work, Year 6! Be proud!

Next week, our Year 2 pupils will participate in the Key Stage 1 SATs. These SATs are carried out as part of normal classroom practice and the pupils will complete the assessments within their agreed timetables. Reducing pressure and 'stress' is of even greater importance for children at this stage of their education and Mrs Martin, Mrs Shields, and Mrs Kyle will ensure that your children barely notice that they are being assessed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Year 2 pupils for their hard work, commitment and dedication to our school this year. Outstanding progress has been made in this Team and I would also like to extend my thanks to Mrs Martin, Mrs Shields and Mrs Kyle for their efforts in ensuring the pupils in Team 2 have received a '1st class' education this year!

Today, pupils in school have been participating in a range of fun and engaging learning workshops focused around the Royal Family and the Royal Wedding which is due to take place tomorrow. During the workshops, pupils learned about the role of the Royal Family, organisation for the wedding and even got to complete some very special party planning! Thank you also to Mrs Liddle and Mrs Law who worked extremely hard in the kitchen today to prepare our special Royal Lunch—Street Party! On the menu was UK v USA—a selection of British and American classics where pupils choose to enjoy a delicious plate of Fish 'n' Chips, or an American classic, Burger 'n' Fries! The hall was decorated with the Union Flag and the 'Stars and Stripes' and pupils thoroughly enjoyed their lunch and the street party!

On behalf of our pupils, staff, governors and the wider school community, I would like to wish Prince Harry and Meghan many congratulations for their wedding tomorrow in the hope they spend many future happy years together!

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!



### Parkside Academy 'Gifted and Talented' Programme

As part of our Primary Partnership work, Year 5 pupils continue to participate in a range of challenging learning activities aimed at supporting and enriching their experiences in primary school. Many thanks to Parkside Academy for hosting these events.

### Weardale Gazette

Thank you to Mrs Herron (Parent Governor) for her promotion of our school in the local community. Updates to our community on events in school are regularly published in the Weardale Gazette—please see future editions for more information.

### Teacher Training Day

A reminder that school will be closed for INSET on Monday 4th June 2018



### Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team 1	96%
Team 2	100%
Team 3	99%
Team 4	99%
Team 5	99%

**Well done to Team 2  
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:

25.05.18 Commonwealth Games Festival

12.06.18 Durham Cathedral Year 6 Leavers' Service

12.06.18 Beach Scout Session (Team 2)

20.06.18 Moor House Adventure (Year 4)

22.06.18 Chinese Dragon Boat Workshops (KS2)

26.06.18 Sports Day

27.06.18 School Nurse—Health Talk

28.06.18 Athletics Festival

02.07.18—03.07.18 Parent/ Teacher Consultations

04.07.18 Nursery Transition (Moving Up Day)

05.07.18 Year 6 Leavers' Film Making Project

09.07.18 David Burns—Safety Workshops

10.07.18 Year 6 SATs Results

13.07.18 Summer Outing to Beamish (KS1)

13.07.18 Summer Outing to South Shields (KS2)

21.07.18 Year 6 Leavers' Service in school

21.07.18 School closes for summer

