

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

## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

It was wonderful to welcome all of our pupils back to school on Tuesday and I hope that you and your families were able to enjoy a peaceful and restful break with your outstanding children. As we move forward into the last half-term of this academic year, there is much for us, as a school community, to look forward to. Over the coming half-term we have many different activities and educational events planned for all pupils across school including welcoming our new Reception intake for 2019/20 to school and hosting our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Service. Many additional improvements to our school are planned for over the summer break, including redesigning our EYFS outside area, re-marking the playground with new fun games and activities and completing the Science/ Habitat Nature area. We also continue to develop our community links through programmes such as The Prince William Award, Durham Constabulary Junior Education Programme and the UNICEF Rights Respecting Group.

There is still much more to achieve through planned improvements to our school which will enable us to continue to provide the very best educational provision for our pupils moving forward into next academic year. Further planned investment to resources and outdoor equipment will enhance opportunities for creative learning; updates to ICT infrastructure will support our aim of providing our pupils with a 21st Century education through developing global citizenship skills and international school links; our work around British Values and Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (with the support of BigFoot Art Education) will support pupils to develop the confidence to think independently and make positive informed decisions through experiential learning; partnerships with S.T.E.M. organisations will provide our pupils with opportunities to learn about enterprise and entrepreneurship and ongoing involvement within a range of community based projects will ensure that our local community remains a central element to our mission in school:

**'To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community'**

Letters have been sent home to parents/ carers this afternoon advising of school organisation. At Stanley Crook Primary School, we believe in providing all pupils with the very best educational opportunities in order that they are able to reach their full potential - Staff are committed to improving outcomes for all pupils.

Despite our growing pupil roll, I have been able to maintain an extremely positive staff: pupil ratio. Throughout all Teams, pupils are able to enjoy this low staff: pupil ratio, which enables positive relationships to be quickly established, targeted support to be provided and teaching and learning to be highly effective. All Team rooms are 'I can zones' and our notion of T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) provides a clear framework for both Teachers and Pupils to learn in a dynamic, creative and fun environment.

Over the coming weeks, all pupils will have a chance to meet their new classmates and Teams during our 'Moving Up' days.

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be visiting Durham Cathedral to participate in a very special Leavers' Service. Our school is one of many across County Durham who participate in the special event—aimed at celebrating the achievements of our Year 6 pupils and wishing them well as they prepare for their move to secondary.

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!



### Car Parking around our School (repeat)

After a period of relative quiet and calm regarding the issue of traffic and car parking around our school at the end of the school day, I have begun to receive several complaints from parents/ carers who walk home with their children—citing concerns over the consideration of some drivers when collecting their children.

Please may I remind all parents of the need to have due care and consideration for all members of our school and local community—and urge them, in particular, of being extremely mindful for the safety of our pupils as they leave school at the end of the day.

Mr Shaun has also cut back the hedge to the bottom of the lane to hopefully allow better visibility for cars exiting after dropping/ collecting children off at school.

The LA have also been informed of the need to cut back other sections along the road.



### Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

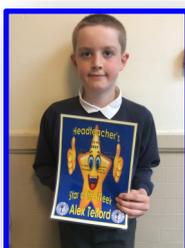
#### Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	98%
Team Dahl	97%
Team Rowling	99%
Team Walliams	98%
Team Morpurgo	93%

Well done to Team Rowling  
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

Thursdays 06.06.19– 11.07.19—Parkside Primary Link—Year 5

11.06.19—Fathers' Day Lunch—EYFS/KS1 plus older siblings

12.06.19—Fathers' Day Lunch—KS2 only

12.06.19—Islamic Prayer Hall—Team Dahl

13.06.19– Durham Cathedral Leavers' Service

14.06.19—Adam Bushnell Day—Whole School

17.06.19—First Aid—Whole School

19.06.19—Super Splash Heroes—Whole School

20.06.19—Multi-skills Festival—Reception

24.06.19—'Sheep with Altitude' - Selected Year 6

26.06.19—Football World Cup—Football Team

28.06.19—Scouted Beach Session —Team Dahl

02.07.19—Sports Day

12.07.19– Whole School Trips

**19.07.19—School closes for Summer Break**

