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## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

It has been yet another fun and exciting week in school where pupils across all T.E.A.M.s (Together Everyone Achieves More) have been exploring new challenges and learning opportunities. I have had the pleasure of reviewing and sharing some outstanding examples of work from across a range of curriculum areas with several pupils this week and this clearly highlights to me the love of learning which staff promote at Stanley Crook Primary School. The pupils I have met have all demonstrated high levels of enthusiasm and passion for their work and learning and feedback I receive from them always points to one fact: Learning is FUN at Stanley Crook!

On Monday, several pupils from Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Parkside Academy as part of their transition arrangements as they prepare for their move to secondary school in September. Feedback was positive as pupils had enjoyed a range of opportunities to meet staff, students and get to know a little more about the school. Pupils who are due to start at Wolsingham School in September will also be participating in transition visits shortly. These visits play a vital part in our wider transitional package to support our pupils in their move to secondary school as they build confidence and enthusiasm about the changes which lie ahead. I am positive that all of our Year 6 pupils will enjoy many successes at their chosen secondary school.

As an additional element of these transitional arrangements, Year 6 pupils worked with a Resilience and Well-being worker in school on Tuesday. This workshop provided pupils an opportunity to discuss their hopes and fears concerning their move to secondary school and to develop strategies to build resilience and coping skills. Over the next couple of weeks, our Year 6s will participate in more workshops aimed at smoothing the transition from primary to secondary and I have also arranged for our Year 2 pupils to participate in transition workshops focused on the move from KS1 to KS2 as well workshops for our 'new starters' as they prepare to join our school in September.

Our Team 1 and Team 2 pupils enjoyed a fun and interactive educational visit to Locomotion in Shildon on Tuesday. The 'Off to the Seaside' workshop allowed pupils to be shown the role of the railways in transporting the public to seaside resorts beginning in the 19th century and pupils were also able to handle a number of seaside-themed objects from the period. Pupils then listened and participated in an interactive seaside themed story and then discovered the different forms of entertainment on offer at 19th and 20th century seaside resorts.

Congratulations to our Team 4 Cricket team for qualifying for the County Finals after some wonderful performances in the qualifiers yesterday! Our pupils overcame some good opposition and played with an outstanding team spirit. Finals are to be played on Wednesday 5th July—come on T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook. You can do it!

Our 'new starters' have enjoyed the second of four transition visits to school this morning. As part of the visit, parents were invited to attend a presentation by Mrs Brabban in which information was shared regarding life in Reception year at Stanley Crook Primary School and expectations for the new school year. The staff and I are all extremely excited and looking forward to welcoming our new Reception class to school in September!

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!



### Parent Consultation Meetings (Summer Term 2017)

The final Parent Consultation Meetings of this academic year will take place on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June. Already, over 95% of parents have made an appointment to meet with the child's class teacher. Thank you!

### Sports Day and Summer Fair 2017 (Friday 30th June)

I hope that you will be able to join us at school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June for our Sports Day 2017 event, followed by entertainment and family fun at our Summer Fair. After the success of last year's event, it promises to be a fabulous afternoon including bouncy castles, games, stalls and face painting. Representatives from all three emergency services will also be attending to promote aspects of safety and well-being advice to the children.

This year, we are launching '**Stanley Crook's Great British Bake Off**'. Contestants can show off their baking talents at the fair by entering one of the three categories:

- **Adults (any cake, from birthday cake to tray bake to cheesecake)**
- **Signature Bake (the one all of your friends rave about)**
- **Children's Cupcakes (four hand decorated cupcakes) Prizes for best EYFS/ KS1 and KS2**

Entry costs £1.00 and entry forms are available from the School Office. **Gates will open for Sports Day at 1:15pm**

### 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:

26.06.17 End of Year Pupil Reports sent to parents/ carers	14.07.17 End of year School Trip (Team 1 and Team 2—Blue Reef Aquarium)
27.06.17 Parent Meetings—Summer term (2pm-5pm)	(Team 3, Team 4 and Team 5—South Shields)
28.06.17 Parent Meetings—Summer term (2pm-5pm)	21.07.17 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (12:30pm)
30.06.17 Sports Day 2017	21.07.17 School Closes for Summer
03.07.17 KS2-KS3 Transition Workshop	05.09.17 School Opens for Teaching Purposes
04.07.17 Adam Bushnell—Creative Storytelling	
05.07.17 EYFS/ KS1 Transition Workshop	
12.07.17 Brass Band 'Big Bus' (Whole School)	

