



STANLEY CROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Welcome to our new weekly newsletter. Within this, you will find information about what has been happening within our outstanding school, including celebrating specific achievements of pupils during the week and important dates for your diaries.

It was wonderful to welcome all of the pupils back to school earlier this week. We are so fortunate to have so many excellent pupils in our school who regularly demonstrate fantastic levels of focus and determination. Everyone has settled back into their school work and all Teams have reported outstanding achievements within their classes.

On Tuesday, the pupils enjoyed an assembly looking at the work of UNICEF in Africa and the work they carry out to support extremely disadvantaged children to enjoy a good quality and sustained level of education. Pupils asked some very sensible questions about the work of UNICEF and even how our school could show our support for the amazing work that they do. After discussions with the School Council, we are going to move towards gaining the UNICEF accreditation of a 'Rights Respecting School' which links with the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. Within this work, the pupils will have some amazing learning opportunities, including the 'Connecting Classrooms' scheme, in leading the school towards achieving this award.

Pupils are enjoying many excellent opportunities this term. From learning about Dinosaurs and discovering how Robots are programmed to exploring Indian Dance, the pupils will be engaged in fun and meaningful learning across the school. We have educational visits and inter-school festivals planned for the pupils to showcase their knowledge and understanding of these topics.

A reminder that After-school Clubs begin on Monday 11th January.

Breakfast Club continues to be well attended. Pupils who attend Breakfast Club can be dropped off via the Hall door from 8:30 a.m.. However, please may I remind parents and carers that there is NO supervision for pupils who are not attending Breakfast Club before 8:45 a.m. when the Duty Staff will be available on the school yard. Please do not leave your child(ren) unattended on the school yard before this time.

I am sure you will agree with me that our new school website looks amazing. We will be working to ensure the website is up to date with all the information you require. Please use our QR code at the bottom of this newsletter to be taken straight to our new site!

I would like to take this opportunity again to wish everyone a very happy new year! I am positive that 2016 is going to be an extremely successful year for our school.

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!



'Cinderella' Pantomime

Pupils enjoyed an exciting outing to the Pantomime this week to see Ashleigh and Pudsey in 'Cinderella'. As always, your children were excellent ambassadors for our school and many members of the general public commented on what a wonderful example they set.

Thank you also to the parent volunteers who assisted the school staff on the trip. Without your efforts, outings such as this one would be difficult to plan so, "Thank you".

Swimming Gala

To showcase their talents in the swimming pool, pupils from Key Stage 2 will be competing in a Swimming Gala' on Thursday 14th January. Selected pupils will have already received a letter providing additional details of the event.

Dance Festival

As part of our Physical Education syllabus for this term, pupils throughout the school are learning to dance. From 'The Dino Dance' in Key Stage One to an example of a Kathak (Story Telling) Indian Dance in Years 5 and 6, pupils will be able to once again showcase their talents at a Dance Festival Event towards the end of this half-term.

Come on Stanley Crook... "It's a 10 from me!"

Children's Achievements in School

Every Friday, staff choose a pupil from each Team to be recognised for something special they have achieved during the week. Congratulations to this week's chosen children, who are:



Well done to all of our pupils this week for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

Diary Dates:

- 14.01.16 KS2 Swimming Gala
- 27.01.16 Football tournament (Parkside Academy)
- 28.01.16 Year 5/ Year 6 Athletics
- 11.02.16 KS1 & KS2 Valentines Disco
- 12.02.16 'Stanley Crook Come Dancing' - Whole school dance event
- 12.02.16 School closes for half-term break
- 22.02.16 School re-opens for teaching purposes

