



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

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Thank you to the many parents who have already attended school as part of our Autumn term Teacher/ Parent Consultation Meetings. It was excellent to meet with many of you on Monday/ Tuesday and to celebrate the achievements of your outstanding children. The positive behaviours and attitudes of our pupils at Stanley Crook Primary are a significant and striking strength, and these are supported and enhanced further through establishing and maintaining a positive partnership between home and school—a partnership which is based on shared values centred around ensuring that individual and collective personal development are fundamental to educational and academic success. Thank you to all parents who provided myself and the team in school with positive feedback regarding our provision. Sincerely, it means a great deal to everyone associated with school.

The second 'round' of meetings is due to take place on Monday (between 2:00pm and 5:30pm) and I look forward to meeting with many more parents/ carers.

At any time of the year, please be assured that school operates an 'open door' policy in order that we are able to quickly and effectively address any issues/ concerns or questions parents/ carers may have. Class Dojo is also an excellent tool for communicating between home and school—almost 100% of families are linked to school, and their child's Team, via Class Dojo. However, if any parent/ carer still has to link to the system, please contact your child's teacher and this can be quickly organised.

Unfortunately, the current winter sickness bug which has been spreading throughout schools within County Durham is showing no signs of abating. Many schools within our immediate area have been seriously affected by this virus as well as well as further afield. In school, staff are working hard to minimise the risk of the virus taking hold with daily 'deep cleans' and increasing preventative measures to reduce the risk to the spread of infection.

This week, there have been several cases of sickness with pupils at our school and I would like to thank parents/ carers for their support in ensuring that if their children are suffering from sickness and/ or diarrhoea, that the '48 hour' rule is observed before a return to school. However, and in order to continue to do all that we can to prevent this virus seriously affecting pupils and/ or staff in school, I would like to remind parents/ carers of our school policy on pupils who are absent from school with sickness and diarrhoea. In these cases, pupils are to remain off school for 48 hours after the last instance of sickness and diarrhoea. Where pupils are poorly with sickness, I urge parents/ carers to continue to strictly follow this policy. The '48 hour rule' is in place following NHS advice and in order to prevent the virus spreading through the school.

I have again included below web links from the NHS for parents/ carers who would like more information:

www.nhs.co.uk/conditions/norovirus/ and www.nhs.co.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter,

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/ Carer Conduct

It saddens me greatly to have to report that I have recently had several complaints from some parents/ carers regarding the conduct of other members of our school community on the playground and/ or outside of the school gates. These complaints include an extremely small number of parents swearing on the playground while waiting to drop off/ collect their children at the start/ end of the school day, as well as some parents being verbally abusive to certain children as they walk home after school.

I cannot overemphasise the need for parents/ carers to conduct themselves in a mature and adult manner within - or outside - of the school grounds. Particularly, when there are children present, the use of bad language or threatening behaviour can be extremely upsetting.

May I urge all members of our school community to unite in preventing this kind of behaviour.

Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Christmas Carol Service (repeat)

To conclude this half term, and get everyone into the Christmas spirit, school will be hosting a special Christmas Carol Service in school on Friday 20th December at 12:15pm.

Teams will sing a range of Christmas hymns and songs, supported by our School Choir—with pupils also re-telling the story of The Nativity.

This Carol Service is always well attended. There is no charge for parents/ carers to attend; however, seats will be allocated on a 'first come—first served' basis. Information regarding tickets was sent out on 26th November.



Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	92%
Team Dahl	90%
Team Rowling	97%
Team Walliams	92%
Team Morpurgo	99%

Congratulations to

TEAM MORPURGO!

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:

Monday afternoons—Swimming (Year 5/ Year 6)

Tuesdays—Spanish MFL After-School Club

Wednesdays—Sports After-School Club

Thursdays—Karate After-School Club

02.12.19 Teacher/ Parent Consultation Meetings

03.12.19 Beamish Santa Visit (Team Donaldson/Dahl)

11.12.19 Aladdin at the Gala Theatre, Durham

16/ 17.12.19 Christmas Performances

18.12.19 Christmas Party Day

19.12.19 BigFoot Art Education Panto in school

20.12.19 Carol Service in School

20.12.19 School closes for Christmas immediately following the conclusion of the Carol Service

06.01.20 School re-opens for teaching purposes



SCHOOL MEMBER

