

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Deputy Headteacher's Notices

World Book Day 2020 was a great success this week as pupils across all Teams explored new books and learned about different authors whilst coming to school dressed as their favourite book character. Every year, World Book Day is a wonderful event; however, this year, pupils excelled themselves with their range of costumes and outfits! Thank you to all of our parents/ carers for their support with our World Book Day celebrations!

During the day, pupils also enjoyed participating in workshops, provided by Bigfoot Arts Education, based on 'Charlie and the Awesome Author'. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed discovering various books and authors through role play.

Our pupils in Team Donaldson have been enjoying some fantastic independent maths—this week they have been looking at shapes. The children set up their own 'Shape Shop' and sold each other various shapes leading to lots of discussion around shape and money.

Team Dahl have been practising for their forthcoming Multiskills Festival. The children all participated in a game of 'busy bees'. They used a range of skills to collect 'pollen' (bean-bags, hoops, cones) to take back to their queen's hive!

Pupils in Team Rowling have been looking at insects. They have looked at the different body parts of insects and discussed what classifies an insect! They then went on to sketch the insects. Some great budding artists!

Our Year 5 pupils continue with their 'Scheme of Experience' sessions at Wolsingham School and Community College. This week, in Design and Technology, they began to make a moving toy out of plywood!

Pupils from Team Morpurgo visited The Work Place in Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday to participate in the Safer Futures Live event. Every year, our Year 6 pupils visit this event to learn all about how to stay safe. Representatives from the Durham Constabulary, Fire and Rescue, the RNLI, Road Safety teams, Energy suppliers and many more engaged our pupils in a variety of learning challenges—all aimed at improving their knowledge and understanding of keeping safe! As always, our pupils were outstanding ambassadors for our school with representatives from all workshops being extremely impressed with their knowledge and attitudes.

Thank you also to parents/ carers for a wonderful response to booking appointments to see your child's class teacher as part of our Spring Term Parent/ Teacher Consultation Meetings with over 90% having already booked appointments! These meetings form only a part of our overall strategy to secure positive and effective parent/ carer engagement but provide valuable updates to pupils' progress and wider achievement. Meetings are due to take place on Monday 23rd and Monday 30th March. If you have not already, please contact the school office on 01388 762858 to arrange an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. If neither of the set dates are convenient, don't worry—speak to your child's class teacher and we will do all that we can to arrange a more suitable date!

Termly Progress Reports for the Spring term will be sent home on Thursday 2nd April.

Mrs R Wilkinson

Deputy 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!



Coronavirus

Please can you ensure that your children continue to follow the guidelines to help stop this virus from spreading:-

If you need to cough or sneeze:- **catch it, bin it, kill it!**

(Catch it in a tissue, bin it and kill it by washing hands thoroughly with soap and water.)

Always wash hands thoroughly after break and sporting activities, before eating and after toileting.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing>

'Dropping Off' at Main Reception

More and more parents are dropping their children off at Reception at the beginning of the day, rather than via the school yard. This is causing increased risk to the safety of those children.

NO children should be dropped off at the main reception for the beginning of school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

Attendance Champions

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| Team Donaldson | 96% |
| Team Dahl | 99% |
| Team Rowling | 96% |
| Team Walliams | 92% |
| Team Morpurgo | 100% |

Well done to Team Morpurgo!

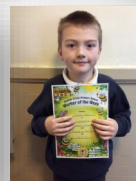
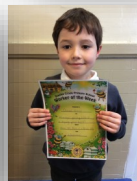
This week's Attendance Trophy

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:

Young Heroes Award presented to Lily Hayman in recognition of a young individual for so generously donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust last year.



Congratulations to all of our pupils this week for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school.

Diary Dates:

Monday afternoons—Swimming (Year 4 and selected Year 6 pupils)

Tuesday mornings—Music

Wednesday afternoons—PE/ Sports Coaching

Wednesday afternoons—Year 5 Technology at WSCC

09.03.20 Year 2 SATs Parent Information Meeting

09.03.20 Multiskills Festival—Team Dahl

11.03.20 Handball League Game

12.03.20 The Easter Journey – Team Walliams

13.03.20 'Wear Something Red' for Sport Relief

16.03.20 Football League Game

23.03.20 Parent Teacher Consultations

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31.03.20 Easter Celebrations—St Thomas' Church

02.04.20 Parent Information Meeting re Ford Castle

03.04.20—School closes for Easter Break

20.04.20—School reopens for Teaching



SCHOOL MEMBER

