



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

## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

In clear danger of repeating myself, it has been another extremely positive and enjoyable week in school! The children continue to amaze and astound with their outstandingly positive attitudes and approaches to their learning!

I am so very proud of each and every child across school at their individual and collective efforts—whether that be in the determination shown when solving a difficult maths problem, overcoming a troublesome letter sound in their reading or facing challenges within design decisions in their D&T project. Across all Teams, there are so many examples of children following our school mission—trying their best, telling the truth and looking after each other and our community!

Next week is the final week of this half-term and although that is hard to believe, I am sure that the children are ready to enjoy a very well-deserved break with family and friends. A reminder that school closes for half-term on Thursday 20th October and reopens on Monday 31st October.

### TEAM Morpurgo Learning Showcase Assembly

A very BIG 'Well done' to children in Team Morpurgo, following their outstanding Learning Showcase Assembly on Monday.

The issues raised during the assembly (homelessness, cost of living etc.) certainly demonstrated just how mature and conscientious the children are and how effectively they are able to apply their learning in class to address wider issues and raise awareness.

It was impressive to see how clearly aware the children are regarding the need to recognise those less fortunate than ourselves, and the importance of taking action to support those members of our society in leading the call for change.

Thank you also to parents/ carers and family members of children in Team Morpurgo for attending the showcase. Your support and engagement is greatly appreciated.

There is no learning showcase planned for next half-term, due to preparation for each Team's Christmas performances in December; however, these will begin again in the new year with Team Walliams' turn to present learning completed in class to parents/ carers and family members.

### School Attendance

Thank you to parents/ carers for continuing to support efforts to ensure that all children are good school attendees. Good school attendance is extremely important, not only in providing children with the best possible opportunity to achieve academically but also in order that they are able to develop key personal, social and emotional skills. School sets ambitious and high expectations for all children's school attendance, with the target being 98%. School classifies 'good' attendance as 95%, which is the minimum level set for all children.

The government deems attendance under 90% as 'persistent absence', as this level of attendance results in children missing a significant amount of schooling over the course of an academic year, leading to a significant negative impact on their achievement. Where attendance for a child begins to cause concern and/ or falls below 90%, school will initiate contact with families alerting them to these concerns and to offer support with any issues which may be causing low attendance.

In extreme cases, the local authority may take enforcement action to improve a child's attendance.

If any family is experiencing issues, which are resulting in difficulties with their child's school attendance, it is extremely important to make contact with school at the earliest opportunity so that we are able to offer advice, guidance and support. School is here to help!

During the weekly Celebration Assembly, those children who have achieved 100% attendance across the week, have their name displayed on the large screen and each child enters the 'Attendance Raffle', where they have a chance to win the Attendance Champion certificate and choose a special prize!

### School Values—ASPIRATION

This week's value in school has been aspiration. Aspiration is such an extremely important value for children in school! Having an aspirational approach enables us to move from 'where we are' to 'where we want to be', overcoming challenges and achieving our goals. Aspiration also allows us to set new goals and provides the drive for us to achieve these!

There have been many, many examples of children demonstrating aspiration in school this week! It is wonderful to see so many children setting themselves goals to achieve and working so very hard in order to achieve these! It is equally pleasing to see so many examples of children supporting their friends in the pursuit of achieving these goals! In school, we regularly discuss with the children the notion of T.E.A.M. and 'Together Everyone Achieves More' and this is most certainly on display at Stanley Crook Primary School! Great work, TEAM Stanley Crook!

Well done to Emily-Grace for being awarded the School Value Champion award for Aspiration for this week. Emily-Grace has consistently demonstrated outstanding aspiration in her school work this week, setting herself goals to achieve and working so very hard to achieve these! Emily-Grace has also demonstrated outstanding resilience and perseverance in working towards completing her 'bird hide' project in Design and Technology! Be proud!

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:

<https://www.stanleycrook.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to be taken straight to our school website!



## Headteacher's T.E.A.M. of the Week!

Team of the Week this week is...Team Morpurgo!

WOW! Well done, Team Morpurgo!

You have all had a fantastic week of learning in Team Morpurgo!

I have been particularly impressed with your focus, determination and resilience when I have visited your Team, as you have been completing your design and technology 'bird hides'. Despite some of you experiencing quite significant challenges in your designs, none of you have ever given up and indeed, some have simply smiled and laughed! Great to see!

I was so impressed with you all on Monday, as you presented your learning showcase to your mums, dads and family members. The high standard of your work and your individual and collective efforts during the presentation was outstanding! To tackle such serious real-life issues in such a mature, responsible and reflective way demonstrates clearly what a fantastic Team you all make!

Well done, Team Morpurgo—You are all **SUPERSTARS!!!**

Be proud!

Mr C



## Weekly T.E.A.M.

### Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	89.3%
<b>Team Dahl</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
Team Cowell	98.7%
Team Walliams	94.6%
Team Morpurgo	95.9%

Congratulations to

**TEAM DAHL**

This week's attendance trophy winners!



## Children's Achievements in School!

Every week, one child is chosen as 'Headteacher's Star of the Week' and 'School Values Champion'. Staff also choose a pupil from each Team to be recognised for something special they have achieved during the week! This week's chosen children are:



Congratulations to all of our pupils for their effort and outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

*'Together Everyone Achieves More'*

## Online Safety - TOP TIPS

Online safety tips for Parents of Primary School Children

### Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org).

### Search safely

Use safe search engines such as [swiggle.org](http://swiggle.org) or [kids-search.com](http://kids-search.com). Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at [google.co.uk/safetycentre](http://google.co.uk/safetycentre).

### Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

### Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Put the family computer in a communal area so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.

### Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.



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