



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

## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

#### Happy New Year!

I start the first weekly newsletter of 2023 by wishing everyone across our school and local community a very Happy New Year! I hope that everyone managed a peaceful and restful festive period with family and friends.

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school yesterday for the start of the spring term. It never fails to amaze me just how positively the children return to school following a break. Speaking to many of them yesterday, it was clear that they had all enjoyed a lovely Christmastime with their families and had been very lucky with their presents from Santa!

The children have enjoyed chatting with their friends in class and regaling stories of their Christmas break and very quickly have settled back into the routines of school.

As we head into 2023 and the start of the spring term, there is much to look forward to at school with lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the children across each of our teams.

Already this week, there have been many examples of the children upholding our school mission in their actions and behaviours—great work T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook!

*Our mission: 'To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community'.*

#### Mini Police Scheme

In partnership with the Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC) and Durham Constabulary, I am pleased that our school will once again be participating in the Mini Police Scheme.

Beginning on Monday, our Year 5 children across Team Walliams and Team Morpurgo—alongside Miss Williams—will be participating in the Mini Police scheme, which will last for six weeks. During this time, the children will learn about policing in our communities, local community issues—such as anti-social behaviour, online safety and much, much more!

DAAC Mini Police project is a highly effective, established project run by DAAC on behalf of and alongside Durham Constabulary. This is an innovative project aimed at 9-11 year olds in primary schools across County Durham and Darlington. The aim of the scheme is to introduce the Mini Police to a positive experience of policing, the principles of good citizenship and develop an understanding of their local community and the constructive role they can have within this.

Mini Police Officers do also have the opportunity to progress to become volunteers as part of the Durham Volunteer Police Cadet Scheme when at secondary school.



#### Swimming

From Monday (9th January), children in Year 6 will be beginning their swimming / water safety tuition. Please see letter sent / dated 16.12.22 on for more information and guidance.

#### Timetables

Timetables for spring term have been posted on each Team's Class Story page. These timetables detail what your child(ren) will be learning and when and can support positive discussions with your child over the dinner table at the end of the day regarding their time at school.

#### Safer Internet Day 2023



This year, Internet Safety Day will be on Tuesday 7th February. The theme for this year's event is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

To highlight the important issues around online safety and to support parents/ carers with practical tips and advice, I will be hosting an Online Safety parent/ carer workshop/ presentation after school on Tuesday 7th February. Please see Class Dojo, which has been sent/ posted today, for more information on the workshop/ presentation and how to reserve your place. Thank you.

#### Goodbye and Good Luck

At the end of the autumn term, school said farewell to Miss Mavin, as she left our school for pastures new.

Miss Mavin has been a much-valued member of the staff team since joining our school in 2017—always working for the best of the children and supporting in all aspects of school life.

I know that Miss Mavin will be an asset in her new role and along with our school community wish her every success for her future career.

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!



## Parent/ Carer School Questionnaire

A positive partnership between home and school is vital to ensuring that each child achieves their best outcomes.



At Stanley Crook Primary School, the views of parents/ carers are extremely valued in supporting leaders, governors and staff with self-evaluation and targeting wider school improvement priorities.

Parents/ carers questionnaires, seeking feedback on the effectiveness of provision at Stanley Crook Primary School, have 'gone live' today and can be accessed via the link below. This feedback is an essential part of our partnership as a school community with all stakeholders in continuing to provide the very best educational experiences for the children at school.

The questionnaire will remain open until Friday 27th January.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

Link to [School Questionnaire](#)



The Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal 2022

Thank you to our school community for the generous support shown to the Poppy Appeal in November. In total, school raised

**£205.97**

## T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions—Autumn term 2022

**Congratulations to TEAM DAHL for winning the Autumn term attendance competition!**



At the end of every week, each Team's attendance is part of our Celebration Assembly, and the Team with the best weekly attendance wins the weekly attendance trophy! During the Autumn term, TEAM DAHL won the most weekly attendance trophies and are therefore the autumn term attendance champions!

Children in TEAM DAHL will now have the option of deciding on a special treat as their reward for OUTSTANDING attendance in the autumn term.

I know that the children in TEAM DAHL are now determined to also win the spring term attendance competition. Which other TEAM can take the trophy from TEAM DAHL? Come on TEAMS DONALDSON, COWELL, WALLIAMS and MORPURGO—you can do it!

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

### STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

**Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. The team at National Online Safety have pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!**



**In the guide below, you'll find tips such as double-checking your news sources, taking breaks from being online and not sharing personal information.**



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