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Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

It is hard to believe that we are the end of yet another week! Where does time go? The start to this academic year continues to be extremely positive and this week has seen lots of exciting learning and extra-curricular activities happening right across school!

The value for this week has been 'Determination' and this has been evident across all Teams, whether it has been children overcoming challenges with their reading, writing or maths or working with great endeavour for their Team as they compete at a Kurling and Boccia festival or (as one girl put it to me earlier this week) hurting your finger during PE but despite this, to still keep on playing basketball! Now that is real determination! The children at Stanley Crook Primary School are always demonstrating the very best of themselves in their actions and their personal attributes—they really are the best of the best!

Thank you once again to my incredible staff team! Although this has been one of most positive starts to an academic year that I can recall for some time, it has been extremely busy for the entire staff team. This means that many of the team are regularly working at home long into the evening—and over their weekends—in order to ensure that your children are provided with the very best provision we can offer. It is because of their efforts that Stanley Crook Primary School continues to be one of the best performing schools in County Durham and the country!

Dogs on the Playground

There have been recent incidents across County Durham of dog attacks on children. I remind all parents/ carers that dogs are not to be brought onto school premises, including the playground/ school field under any circumstances. Thank you.

TEAM Teacher/ Parent Meetings

Thank you to parents/ carers of children in Team Morpurgo for attending the TEAM Meeting this week. I hope that you found the information useful in setting out plans and aspirations for the year ahead!

TEAM Morpurgo Learning Showcase Assembly

A reminder that the Team Morpurgo Learning Showcase Assembly will be held in school on Monday 10th October at 9:15am. This assembly is open to all parents/ carers of children in Team Morpurgo. The children have been working incredibly hard this week making final preparations for their assembly. I was fortunate enough to gain a sneak preview of part of the assembly on Wednesday and I know from seeing the work of the children that all parents/ carers are in for a wonderful treat!

School Values—DETERMINATION

This week's value in school has been determination. Determination is such an extremely important value for children in school! Not always do we find things easy and quite often we need to work incredibly hard to overcome challenges. By being determined, we can try our best to defeat the challenges that we may face in our day-to-day lives and to take great confidence and self-belief when we do so!

On Monday, Mrs Graham delivered an assembly which explored how we can be more determined and how we can support our friends to show determination also. The children also enjoyed a visit from Durham Constabulary as they talked about how the police work within our communities to help keep us safe from harm. Great work, TEAM Stanley Crook!

Well done to Jenson for being awarded the School Value Champion award for Determination for this week. Jenson has consistently demonstrated outstanding acts of determination in school, always trying his best to include his friends in activities in the class and around school! Be proud!

The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT)

TBBT collects surplus food and staple goods that often end up going to waste from supermarkets, factories and farms, and distributes it at a discount price through 10 community hubs across County Durham. You will need to become a member to use the service, but this is free to do. For just £7.50, TBBT members' shopping bags can be filled with an average of £35 worth of items made up of quality, nutritious food. Each week members can access three bags of produce, including fresh fruit and vegetables, chilled goods, as well as cupboard staples such as pasta and cereal.

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Help with the cost of School Uniform

The cost of school uniform is a major struggle for many families. School will soon be organising a school uniform 'swap shop' in the school hall. More information will follow.

School is always here to provide help and support, where possible!

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 Walliams!

WOW! Well done, Team Walliams!

You have all had a fantastic week of learning in Team Walliams! I have been particularly impressed with your focus (and determination!) when I have visited your Team as you have been completing your writing tasks.

I have also been very, very impressed with your efforts in completing your 'Green Ship' homework project. It has been great to see how you have applied your skills from your English lessons, alongside your learning from your D&T 'Structures' unit, to complete some absolutely outstanding models!

There is clearly lots and lots of learning going on in Team Walliams—and it is fantastic to see you all learning and having FUN!

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

Be proud! Mr C



Weekly T.E.A.M.

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	96.1%
Team Dahl	99%
Team Cowell	94.4%
Team Walliams	98.4%
Team Morpurgo	93.8%

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'

Diary Dates

Some useful dates for your diary...

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays—YOGA Club (Year 1 and Year 2)
Tuesday—Multi Skills Club (Year 1 and Year 2)
Wednesday—Spanish Club (Year 2 and KS2)
Thursday—Martial Arts Club (KS2)

Discovery (Wraparound) Club

Monday—Friday
3:15pm—4:15pm or 3:15pm—5:30pm
(Please contact the School Office for more information)



10.10.22 Team Morpurgo Learning Showcase Assembly
19.10.22 Autumn 'Halloween' Disco
20.10.22 School Closes for October Half-term
31.10.22 School re-opens for teaching purposes
07.11.22 DLI Museum Workshops (Walliams/ Morpurgo)
09.11.22 Shildon Railway Museum (Donaldson/ Dahl)
21.11.22 School Nurse (Reception/ Year 6) Height & Weight
25.11.22 Flu Immunisations
28.11.22 Multi Skills Festival (Dahl)
28/30.11.22 Teacher/ Parent Consultations—Autumn term



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