



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

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Well Done, Year 2—be proud!

A big, big 'well done' to our Year 2 children!

This week children in Year 2 have been completing their national statutory assessments in Reading and Maths.

In school, it has been wonderful to see how positively the children have engaged with their assessments!

Mrs Martin and Mrs Shields continue to provide children in Team Dahl with a calm, nurturing and supporting learning environment so that learning is fun and free from a fear of failure. As the children in Team Dahl always say, 'Teamwork makes the dream work!' - and this ethos and approach has clearly been evident in class this week.

Thank you to Mrs Martin and Mrs Shields for delivering these assessments so seamlessly as part of normal classroom practice, and in a way that encourages and supports each child to try their best.

Their efforts every day in school—along with every member of my outstanding staff team—should not go unrecognised, nor be taken for granted, as they put the best interests and needs of the children in school at the forefront of all that they do.

When I have visited Team Dahl this week to 'check in' with the Year 2 children, I have been amazed at their positive attitudes and behaviours, with many children greeting me with BIG smiles on their faces, which could not be represented more clearly than on the class photos posted on Dojo this week. In fact, the children have been more keen to talk to me about their DT Food project and their delicious desserts, which each of them made yesterday, than talk to me about their assessments!

Where Mrs Martin has been made aware of children being upset, distressed or anxious at home this week, additional support has immediately been put in place for those specific children.

We are SO, SO proud of each of the children in Year 2—and indeed of ALL children in school!

These assessments will support Mrs Martin and Mrs Shields in their own teacher assessment judgements of children's attainment and progress in Year 2 for end of year reports, which parents/ carers will receive in July.



School Attendance

Regular school attendance is the most important factor in a child's academic and personal development. In school, attendance is strong, with current whole-school attendance at 95.1% (compared to 93.7% nationally). This places our school in the top 20% of schools nationally for best attendance.

School has a minimum attendance target for each child of 95%, with an aspirational target for each child of 98%. Where attendance drops below 95%, school will begin contact with families to explore any possible underlying issues and to offer our support. Where contact is received by school regarding concerns over your child's attendance, I encourage families to engage with us. As a school, we are able to offer a wide range of support and advice.

Each week, the Team with the best attendance wins the T.E.A.M. Attendance trophy. This is presented during Celebration Assembly each Friday afternoon and has become one of the most hotly contested parts of the week between both children and staff from each Team!

Team Dahl are T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions for both the Autumn and Spring term, and today children in Team Dahl enjoyed their Spring term Attendance Champions Award by opting for a Forest School Day! This also served as a double reward for children in Year 2 to recognise their efforts during the week in completing their assessments.

Which Team will win the Attendance Champion Award for the summer term? Will Team Dahl make it a 'clean sweep' for the year, winning all three terms?

National Numeracy Day 2023

Children in each Team enjoyed taking part in National Numeracy Day on Wednesday. The theme for this year is 'Building brighter futures through confidence with numbers' and children enjoyed logging into live virtual lessons and completing many fun learning tasks in class! Great work, everyone!

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 Dahl!

WOW! Well done, Team Dahl!

You have enjoyed an excellent week in school and I have been extremely impressed with your attitudes to learning. Nowhere was this more clear than in the positive attitudes and approaches of the Year 2 children during their assessments! I have been so impressed with how well each of you have supported one another and completed the assessments with big smiles on your faces!

Well done also to Year 1 in Team Dahl for you have also worked extremely well this week, with a range of staff, while your friends have completed their assessments in class.

Great work, Team Dahl!

Be proud!

Mr C



Weekly T.E.A.M.

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	89.6%
Team Dahl	94.5%
Team Cowell	93.9%
Team Walliams	86.5%
Team Morpurgo	90.3%



Congratulations to

TEAM DAHL

This week's attendance trophy winners!



WELL DONE, Year 2! You are all SUPERSTARS!



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

'Together Everyone Achieves More'

ONLINE SAFETY

Looking After Your Wellbeing Online

The online world and digital technology has become such a significant part of our lives – and integral to so many aspects of our daily routine – that we shouldn't be surprised at the degree of influence it can wield over what we think and how we feel. Many experiences that young people have on the internet are hugely positive and uplifting ... but sadly, that's not always the case.

Negative incidents online – such as disagreements with other users, stumbling across upsetting content or feeling left out by friends – can be intensely damaging to a child's emotional state. Our online safety guide (below) this week has some useful tips for young people and trusted adults on how even small, simple actions can help to protect our wellbeing when we're on the internet.



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Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

