



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

## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Despite the dreadful weather this week, the efforts of the children in their learning has certainly brought much light into school!

The new, revised elements of the school curriculum are delivering significantly improved learning outcomes for the children, particularly within foundation subjects such as Art, DT and Music. These changes to the curriculum were designed and implemented following a thorough evaluation into the effectiveness of the Curriculum Recovery Strategy during the period of COVID. The changes have taken into consideration the successful outcomes of the wider strategy around curriculum recovery in mitigating the adverse impact of the pandemic and builds on the already strong academic performance of children at school. I am extremely satisfied with the immediate progress and impact these changes are having in providing children with an effective and broad curriculum offer, acknowledging the learning needs of the children post-COVID and in providing all children with opportunities to excel and achieve their best outcomes.

### Children In Need 2022

Thank you to parents/ carers for their generous support of this year's Children in Need appeal. Today, children across all Teams have had much fun with learning activities in class, linked to the work of this charity and have also explored the support which is provided to vulnerable and disadvantaged children across the UK.

Children have come to school today in non-uniform and wearing something 'spotty' for Children in Need for a £1 'fine'. In total, school has raised over £200 to be donated to the charity! Great work, TEAM Stanley Crook!

### Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week in school, with the theme of 'Reach Out'. On Monday, I led a special assembly with children and staff to introduce Anti-Bullying Week and I was extremely impressed with the attitudes of the children around this very important issue and in their willingness and desire to support one another to ensure that bullying stops for good. If we challenge it, we can change it!

In each Team this week, the children have participated in learning activities focused on Anti-Bullying and it has been wonderful to see such high levels of engagement and enthusiasm as the children unite to tackle bullying!

### Autumn Term Teacher/ Parent Consultations

A reminder of consultation meetings for the autumn term will be held towards the end of this month. Almost all parents/ carers have now booked appointments with their child's class teacher, which is an amazing result! Thank you.

If you still need to book an appointment, please see the text from school or contact the school office on 01388762858.

Consultation dates:

Monday 28th November 2:00pm—5:30pm (telephone appointments)

Wednesday 30th November 2:00pm—5:30pm (face-to-face appointments in school)

### Christmas Performances 2022!

Everyone in school is very excited to be preparing and rehearsing their Team Christmas productions! These performances stand as a highlight of the school year at Stanley Crook, and this year again promises to be outstanding!

Letters have been posted on Class Dojo this afternoon, providing more information on each performance and how to book tickets.

Tickets for each Team performance are limited to 4 per family and cost £2 each. DVDs of each performance will also be available so that the productions can be shared with family and friends at home over the festive period. DVD's are £3 each. Tickets and DVD's can be booked via ParentPay, and the system will open this afternoon to take bookings. All money raised will go towards supporting our school. Thank you.

- **Team Cowell**—Monday 12th December 2022
- **Team Donaldson**—Tuesday 13th December 2022
- **Team Walliams**—Wednesday 14th December 2022
- **Team Dahl**—Thursday 15th December 2022
- **Team Morpurgo**—Monday 19th December 2022

Doors open at 4pm.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

On behalf of everyone at school, I would like to send our warmest congratulations to Mrs Graham, and her husband Adam, at the happy news that they are expecting their second child! Mrs Graham and baby are doing well and our best wishes are with Mrs Graham and her family for a happy and healthy pregnancy.

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 all had a fantastic week in Team Dahl, and I continue to be amazed by your positive attitudes towards learning!

Each and every day your classroom buzzes with energy and positivity, and it is wonderful to see you all demonstrating our school values in the way you challenge yourselves to achieve your targets - and in the ways in which you support your friends and teammates to achieve theirs.

In particular, your outstanding artwork this week certainly impressed. Your completed art was quite simply amazing!

You can all be extremely proud of your efforts!

Well done, Team Dahl!—You are all SUPERSTARS!!!

Mr C



## Weekly T.E.A.M.

### Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	97%
Team Dahl	96.9%
Team Cowell	98.7%
Team Walliams	98.9%
Team Morpurgo	92%

Congratulations to

**TEAM WALLIAMS**

This week's attendance trophy winners!



## Children's Achievements in School!

Each week, one child is chosen as 'Headteacher's Star of the Week', 'School Values Champion' and 'Attendance 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

### START EARLY AND KEEP TALKING

Many children are given their first tablet or internet connected device before they can fully comprehend the power in their hands. Your parenting will need to change with the technology so research the latest trends and stay on top of changes/ updates.

### RESPECT AGE RATINGS

Don't lie for your child when they want to join a social network, download an app, or purchase a game. These age ratings are in place to protect your child from inappropriate content.

### SET RULES

Set up written rules for usage times and keep devices under your watchful eye as often as possible. Keep the family computer in the open (or screens facing common areas) and a central charging station for all portable devices to be parked at night.



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