



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

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

The Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It was with great sadness yesterday that we learned of the death of Her Majesty The Queen. For many of us, we have known only one monarch in our lifetime and The Queen represented a constant in all of our lives, providing assurance and stability in a rapidly changing and at times uncertain world. The news of The Queen's death will come as a shock to many of us and represents the end of an era for our country. Her legacy to our country and the Commonwealth will be extremely longstanding.

And despite our sadness, it is right also that we take time to reflect and celebrate the unparalleled contribution The Queen made to our country during her 70 year reign—the longest of any British monarch in history.

I am sure that everyone associated with our school will join with me in sending our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to The King, The Queen Consort and other members of the Royal Family.

Welcome Back to School!

It has been a very positive start to the new academic year in school this week. Children across all Teams have returned following the summer break with 'can do' attitudes and have settled back into the routines of school extremely well.

In particular, our new children in Reception can be very proud of their start at Stanley Crook Primary School. Mr Teasdale, Miss Brown and Mrs Ross-Hawkins have all reported lots of happy, smiling faces in Team Donaldson this week and that the children have all had a fantastic first week in school!

INSET (Staff Training Days)

School will be closed on the following dates this academic year staff training:

Monday 5th September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2023

Monday 6th June 2023

Cost of Living Crisis

School will continue to explore every option to provide support to families in our school and local community who are affected by the current cost of living crisis. School is able to offer direct financial support to families, with the support of Greggs Foundation. Grants can be awarded for the purchase of white goods, beds and bedding, clothing and supermarket vouchers. Please feel free to contact me—in the strictest of confidence—for a chat and to organise a grant award.

The School Day

Thank you to parents/ carers for adapting quickly to the new timings for the extended school day. A reminder that the school day is now: 8:45am—3:15pm.

One Way System

Thank you to parents/ carers for their support and consideration when arriving at school for drop-off or collection of their children. I have been extremely pleased with the pace at which traffic is clearing from the lane at the start and end of the school day. Thank you for supporting our school to ensure the safety of our children, their parents/ carers and other members of our local community in driving with care and consideration and for following our suggested one-way route at these busy times of day.

Several parents/ carers have contacted me this week with concerns that a small number of cars are exiting via Stanley and Jobson Terrace. I would like to again urge all parents/ carers to follow our one-way route along Wooley Terrace and exit to lane at the front road of school. Many families who live in the village use Stanley and Jobson Terrace to walk home, meaning that there are lots of children using this route also. By following our suggested one-way route, the risk to children (and their families) walking home is significantly reduced. I have attached a reminder on our suggested one-way route. Thank you all in advance.

Timetables

TEAM timetables for this term have been published on each Team's Class Story page on Class Dojo.

Tuck Shop

Tuck Shop will return next Friday 16th September. Maximum amount to bring into school, 50p per child.

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!



School Attendance

At Stanley Crook Primary School, the importance of good attendance is highly valued and school recognises that pupils with good attendance achieve better at school. As such, we have set an ambitious target of 97% attendance this year. This means all children need to be in school at least 97% of the time (a maximum of 5.5 days absence all year). Of course, some children will have unavoidably longer absences for medical reasons, so it is important that **all children aim for 100% attendance** wherever possible. The government expects no child to have attendance below 95% and any child with an attendance rate below 90% will be classed as 'persistently absent'. This may trigger involvement of the Local Authority Attendance Improvement Team and could result in court action.

School is here to help with any issues which may be impacting school attendance—please get in touch with us!

Weekly T.E.A.M.

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	97.6%
Team Dahl	92%
Team Cowell	96.4%
Team Walliams	98.1%
Team Morpurgo	97.7%

Congratulations to

TEAM WALLIAMS

This week's attendance trophy winners!



Reception 2022

Well done to our Reception children for an outstanding first week in school! The children joined the rest of the school in Celebration Assembly this afternoon, where Mr Teasdale presented each of them with their very first 'Worker of the Week' certificate! Be proud!



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)



12.09.22 Handball Festival (Year 5)
 12.09.22 Swimming (Year 3)
 22.09.22 Ready, Set, Go Programme (Team Donaldson)
 23.09.22 Netball Competition (Year 6)
 26.09.22—03.10.22 TEAM Parent Induction Meetings
 (more information to follow)
 27.09.22 School Photographs
 28.09.22 School Photographs
 03.10.22 Kurling, Bocchia Festival (Team Dahl)
 10.09.22 Team Morpurgo Learning Showcase Assembly



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