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Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Comic Relief 2023

Everyone in school has enjoyed a fun-filled day today, as part of this year's Comic Relief!

We all believe that a just world, free from poverty is possible and Comic Relief provides much needed funds to those organisations closest to the issues so that they can plan and deliver the best solutions. That is why by raising as much as we can in school to support this charity, we will also be supporting with amazing projects that are working to tackle some of the biggest challenges society faces today.

As always, the support of our school community in ensuring that school plays its part in supporting the work of this charity has been fantastic. School has raised over £150! Great work, TEAM Stanley Crook!



Weekly School Values—TRUST

In school this week, we have been focusing on the value, TRUST.

This week, it was the turn of Mrs Kyle to host our Monday morning 'Values Assembly' in which she provided the children with opportunities to explore the value of trust, why this value is so important and how we can demonstrate it in our day-to-day lives.

In each Team, one child received a nomination from their teachers. This nomination was based on a child who has best demonstrated the value of trust in class and around school during the week. The overall School Values Champion for 'Trust' was chosen as Lucy G!

As school was closed last Friday due to heavy snow, we have also chosen a pupil who best demonstrated last week's value of 'Manners'. The values champion for 'Manner' was chosen as Euan!

Well done to all children for demonstrating so many examples of good manners and trust in school this week!



World Down Syndrome Day—Tuesday 21st March

I want to flag up that next Tuesday (March 21st) is World Down Syndrome Day. To coincide with this, with our support, Down Syndrome North East will be distributing their book "Look at Me", to all Durham Schools. The book is a fantastic celebration of life and the culmination of a five-year project, to promote inclusion and raise awareness of Down Syndrome in the North East Community.

*****To show our support, Down Syndrome North East are asking us all to wear odd socks next Tuesday to mark the occasion*****

The book will resonate with many of the school life experiences we have enjoyed, with these children and young people as they have progressed into adult life.

Once received in school, we will share the book with children in each Team to support our wider curriculum work and learning around the important issues of inclusion and diversity within our communities.

Down Syndrome North East (www.dsne.org.uk), will be posting lots of photos on their social media, of people handing over the book to schools, so keep an eye out for our school!

Year 6 SATs Parent/ Child Meetings

Thank you to parents/ carers and children in Year 6 for attending their personalised SATs meetings with Miss Williams this week. Meetings will continue next week, and I hope that these have been useful and informative for parents/ carers in the lead up to SATs in May.



The Coronation of HM King Charles III—Saturday 6th May

To celebrate the first Coronation of a British Monarch since 1953, school is planning a special day of celebrations on Friday 5th May. Children will be able to participate in a range of fun learning opportunities linked to the Coronation of HM King Charles III.

Mrs Liddle is planning a very special 'street party' style lunch for the children! Menus for lunch choices will follow.

Medication found in the lane at school

Thank you to a parent for alerting school that some prescription medication was found in the lane to school on Thursday. The medication found would have been extremely dangerous, if found by a child. Can I please ask all parents/ carers to be vigilant in the areas around our school and report any issues directly to school.

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 had an excellent week in school and I have been particularly impressed with your positive attitudes to learning.

Whenever I have visited your Team, each of you are focused on your learning, always with smiles on your faces and a keenness to share your work with me!

Well done also for a fantastic Celebration Assembly this afternoon!

Great work, TEAM Walliams!

Be proud!

Mr C



Weekly T.E.A.M.

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	95.24%
Team Dahl	98.85%
Team Cowell	96.62%
Team Walliams	89.74%
Team Morpurgo	96.68%

Congratulations to

TEAM DAHL

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 outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

'Together Everyone Achieves More'

ONLINE SAFETY

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about iPads

When Apple unveiled the iPad in early 2010, they almost single-handedly rewrote people's idea of what of a portable computing device was capable of – and sparked a tablet revolution. There are several very respectable imitators on the market now, but the iPad remains the standard bearer for tablet computers and still routinely shifts upwards of 40 million units every year.

Their immense popularity, of course, has made the iPad a familiar companion for children and young people: an auxiliary TV; an aid for schoolwork; and a blessing on long car journeys. That said, there are still some aspects of Apple's flagship tablet that parents and carers should bear in mind to help protect their child from online risks – as our guide below explains.

This guide highlights possible hazards including the risk of age-inappropriate content, physical damage to the device and potential screen addiction.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

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