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Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Welcome Back to School!

I begin the first newsletter of this academic year by bidding a very warm welcome to each and every member of our school community for the start of the 2023/24 school year!

I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely summer and that each of you managed at least some time to rest, relax and recharge with family and friends. Although the weather and our British summer could have been a little better, it is always so valuable to spend time with family and friends and recharge our batteries!

As we begin this new school year, there is much to look forward to!

Last year was one of the most successful that I known since starting as a teacher at Stanley Crook Primary School back in 2011. The Quality of Education provided by my staff team was truly exceptional and these high standards were never more clearly reflected than in the achievements of the children during their end of year assessments. Stanley Crook Primary School is one of only a handful of school's nationally to achieve 100% of children in Year 6 meeting (or exceeding) national standards!

A review of the school curriculum in the summer has resulted in some minor changes and adjustments to progression and sequencing of subject plans and content, and I am sure that these changes will lead to further improvements and enhancements to the educational experience of all children in school.

New Reception Cohort –Well Done!!!

Along with Mr Teasdale and the Team Donaldson staff team, everyone in school has been extremely impressed in the ways which our new Reception children have started their school careers! The confidence of the children in Reception, as they begin school for the very first time, never fails to amaze me!

Each and everyone of our new starters (and indeed every child in school!) can feel extremely proud of their achievements this week!

Young Writers Competition—Class of 2023 WINNERS!

Many, many congratulations to Miss Williams and her outstanding 'Team Morpurgo Class of '23' of last academic year on being chosen as winners in the national Young Writers Competition!

This creative writing competition is aimed at showcasing young writers' work through publishing the very best and most creative pieces of writing.

Children were invited to write a diary entry of 100 words inspired by a real or imaginary event. From their idols or favourite day to a person from history or an object's point of view, the children in the Team Morpurgo 'Class of '23' excelled at the opportunity to take part in this competition.

The 'Class of '23' will now be able to say with great pride that they are published authors!

Children will be presented with a special certificate and letter from Young Writers, with children in last year's Year 6 - who are now in Year 7 at their new secondary schools - being contacted by Miss Williams to receive their awards.

****PLANNED ROADWORKS AROUND STANLEY CROOK (B6299) SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER FOR 9 DAYS****

From Saturday 9th September, Durham County Council will be resurfacing the B6299 through Stanley Crook Front Street. Working hours will be 9:00am - 3:00pm (Monday to Friday) and 7:00am - 7:00pm (Saturday and Sunday). The works are expected to last 9 days. These roadworks will cause disruption to local residents and our school - particularly for collection at the end of the school day.

The safety of the children at school is our number one priority - as is the safety of parents/ carers and members of our local community. I have spoken with the Project Manager for the works and he has assured me that the road closures will not come into effect until 9:00am Monday-Friday next week. Therefore, drop off of children for the beginning of school should not be affected.

However, I wish to avoid a build up of vehicles around the perimeter of the village, as parents/ carers await for the roads to be reopened so that they can park at school to collect their children. I also wish to avoid any rush parents/ carers may feel in having to quickly get to school to collect their children at 3:15pm. Such circumstances could lead to accidents and place children and families at risk around our school.

Therefore, and in order to provide parents/ carers with more time to arrive and park at school to collect their children safely at the end of the school day, **school will remain open for all children until 3:30pm next week (Monday 11th - Friday 15th)**. It is my hope that this will enable parents/ carers to have a little more time to arrive at school, once the roads are reopened at 3:00pm, and reduce the need for parents/ carers to feel under any time pressure, once the roads have reopened, to get to school to collect their children.

Children who are booked into after-school clubs or any part of our after-school wraparound provision will transfer to these settings at 3:15pm, as normal. All other children will remain in their Teams and be released by their Class Teacher at their usual Team exit points at 3:30pm, rather than the normal time of 3:15pm.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr C.

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

This week's T.E.A.M of the Week is Team Donaldson!

WOW! Well done, Team Donaldson!

You have each enjoyed an outstanding start to the school year this week, and I have been extremely impressed with your confidence and attitudes in class.

Whether in Reception, or in Year 1, you have all been **superstars** and I am sure that each of you will enjoy lots of fun with your friends during your learning in Team Donaldson this year!

Well done, TEAM Donaldson!

Be proud!

Mr C



Weekly T.E.A.M.

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	99.5%
Team Dahl	100%
Team Cowell	96.1%
Team Walliams	100%
Team Morpurgo	98%



Congratulations to

TEAM DAHL & 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 outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

'Together Everyone Achieves More'

ONLINE SAFETY

WHAT PARENTS/ CARERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Like a lot of digital services, live streaming really found its niche during the pandemic – think of Joe Wicks' at-home fitness classes, Billie Eilish's virtual gigs and Miley Cyrus' chat show, for example.

Real-time broadcasting of video content over the internet isn't solely the province of celebrities, however: anyone with a device and something to say (or show) can take part.

With platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, TikTok and Twitch all offering routes to a vast online audience, young people have enthusiastically taken up the baton – streaming on subjects from gaming to sports to live shopping (yes, really!). Potentially having strangers among one's viewers, though, is just one of many concerns. Our guide (below) has lots of key information.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
16+ 18+
Age varies by platform

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on StreamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

Meet Our Expert

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