

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

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

School Office and Administration System

We are excited to announce that we will be moving our School Office Administration Systems to Arbor later this month.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system, including payment for school visits/ lunches, Breakfast Club / Wraparound bookings, messaging school office and much more!

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Getting-started-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App>

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found here.

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register on Monday 9th October by email - please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are!

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Higginbotham in the school office.

Smoking and Vaping on the School Site

Following several reports by parents of other parents/ carers smoking and/ or vaping on the school site, I remind all members of our school community that smoking or vaping is NOT permitted in any area of school, including the school yard or school field.

Thank you for your cooperation.



COVID-19

It has been a challenging period in school, with a large proportion of staff members being absent from work due to illness as a result of contracting COVID-19. This has placed increased pressure on the staff team, while other valued members take time to recover at home. It may be the case that direct messages via Class Dojo are taking longer to respond to, and that children are coming home talking of different staff members being in their Team. Hopefully, this current trend of COVID illness passes quickly, so that school can return to full staffing. Thank you to my outstanding team for their collective support and individual efforts at school over the last few weeks.

Team Parent/ Carer Meetings

Due to high levels of COVID-19 among staff in school—and a range of other factors, including large numbers of families working full time and low turnout at last year's introductory Team meetings—this year, teachers will be releasing Team presentations via Class Dojo. These presentations will contain information on organisation of each Team, curriculum design and other useful information. I hope that this format enables parents/ carers with more opportunity to view the information and find out about what will be happening in their child's Team this year. Parents/ carers are encouraged to contact their child's teacher, if they require any additional information—or have further questions. Presentations will be released on Class Dojo week beginning 16th October.

Change of School Lunch Menu

The new Autumn lunch menu is included below. This will take effect from Monday 6th November. School lunches at Stanley Crook are DELICIOUS! To find out more, or to move your child onto warm, delicious and nutritious school lunches for the winter, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Christie

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 Donaldson

WOW! Well done, Team Donaldson

You have epitomised the meaning of teamwork this week by supporting Miss B and Mrs RH, while Mr T has been unwell and recovering at home.

You have all supported one another, been great friends and shown wonderful determination in continuing with your learning and I have been extremely impressed with the range of work which has been completed in Team Donaldson.

Be proud!

Mr C



Weekly T.E.A.M.

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	93.1%
Team Dahl	97.1%
Team Cowell	98.9%
Team Walliams	99%
Team Morpurgo	85.2%

Congratulations to

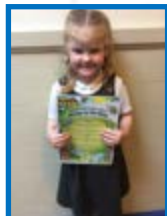
TEAM WALLIAMS

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 outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

Together Everyone Achieves More'

ONLINE SAFETY

What Parents/ Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

In the guide below, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people: compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

Lunch Menu Week 1				
Winter 2023/2024 - Week Commencing: 6/11, 13/11, 18/11, 19/11, 5/12, 4/1, 25/1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meatless Bells in Tomato Sauce with Wholemeal Pasta	All Day Bacon Breakfast with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges	Roast Pork with Yorkshire Pudding, New Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Korma with Wholegrain Rice	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes
Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizzas with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges	All Day Vegetarian Sausage Breakfast with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges	Stir-Fried Vegetable Rice	Cheese and Onion Pasty with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sippers with Chipped Potatoes
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Freshly Prepared Salad Served Daily				
Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Carrots	Carrots Peas	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Baked Beans Peas
Lemon Sponge with Custard	Strawberry Jolly with Fruit Slices	Flapjack with Custard	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding

Lunch Menu Week 2				
Winter 2023/2024 - Week Commencing: 13/11, 4/12, 1/1, 22/1, 11/2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta	Chicken Tikka Masala with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Minced Beef Pie with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Goujons with Chipped Potatoes
Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizzas with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges	Tomato Pasta	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian Sippers with Chipped Potatoes
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Freshly Prepared Salad Served Daily				
Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Broccoli Carrots	Cabbage Carrots	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
Orange Griddle Cake with Custard	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Cornflake Tart with Custard	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit with Fruit	Flapjack with Fruit Slices

Lunch Menu Week 3				
Winter 2023/2024 - Week Commencing: 20/11, 11/12, 8/1, 20/1, 26/2, 18/3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta	Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding, New Potatoes and Gravy	Minced Beef Coddles with Mashed Potatoes	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes
Macaroni Cheese	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizzas with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges	Queen Roast with Yorkshire Pudding, New Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Mexican Taco Pots with Wholemeal Rice
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Freshly Made Sandwiches/Wraps	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Freshly Prepared Salad Served Daily				
Green Beans Carrots	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Peas
Oat Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Vanilla Cake with Custard	Reathered Jam Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit Slices