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# Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### **Headteacher's Notices**

### Anti-Bullying Week—#makeanoiseaboutbullying

Many thanks to Steph from BigFoot Art Education for visiting school on Monday to deliver film workshops to each Team focused on learning around Anti-Bullying.

Each Team had a fantastic day, applying all of their key knowledge and skills around anti-bullying into creating a fun and engaging film 'making a noise about bullying'. I am sure that the children will all enjoy reviewing their film and we will be playing this on the screen in the school main reception area over the next few weeks so that any visitors to school can clearly see that we do not tolerate bullying in any form at Stanley Crook Primary School.



### 2022/2023 Exercise Books

Children have this afternoon brought home their English, Maths and Science books from last academic year, to keep and to share and celebrate with their family and friends. Lat year, children across all Teams made exceptional progress, and this is reflected in the evidence of learning from their exercise books. Please enjoy looking through and reviewing your child's achievements—be proud!

### **Christmas Performances**

Children across school of all looking forward to their Christmas performances. These performances promise to be—as with every year—a wonderful treat for families and an excellent end to the 'Christmas' term and festive events in school.

Dates for performances are:

- Team Donaldson—Thursday 7th December
- Team Dahl—Monday 11th December
- Team Cowell—Tuesday 12th December
- Team Walliams—Wednesday 13th December
- Team Morpurgo—Thursday 14th December

To conclude the term, I have organised for our partners at BigFoot Art Education to visit school on Friday 15th December to deliver a fun and interactive panto (more information to follow), with lots of child—and staff—participation! Following the panto, I have also organised for a very special visitor to meet with each child and deliver a small Christmas gift to each of them!

### **Autumn Term Teacher/ Parent Consultations**

Thank you to the many, many parents/ carers who have made appointments to meet with their child's class teacher for this term's Teacher/ Parent Consultations.

A reminder of dates:

Wednesday 29th November—'face to face' appointments

### Thursday 30th November—'telephone' appointments

If any parent/ carer is yet to make an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher, or contact the school office on 01388762858. Thank you.

### **School Reading Cabin Fundraising**

A big thank you to parents/ carers for their continued generosity in supporting the efforts of our School Council in raising funds for a Reading Cabin at school.

Many thanks to Mrs Buddin for supporting our efforts by donating a beautiful cake to raffle, in order to raise additional funds—the response of parents/ carers in purchasing tickets has been amazing. Thank you all.

## **End of Term**

A reminder to parents/ carers that school will close for the Christmas break on Friday 15th December.

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 is Team Donaldson

Well done, Team Donaldson.

I continue to be extremely impressed by your positive and engaging approach to your learning, and in the determination shown by each of you to achieve your goals and be your best self!

I thoroughly enjoyed visiting your Team this week to watch you rehearse one of your Christmas songs!

Great work, Team Donaldson. Be proud.

Mr C



### **Attendance Champions**

Team Donaldson	100%
Team Dahl	98%
Team Cowell	99%
Team Walliams	100%
Team Morpurgo	91%



Congratulations to

## **TEAM DONALDSON & 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!

<u>'T</u>ogether <u>E</u>veryone <u>A</u>chieves <u>M</u>ore'

# ONLINE SAFETY

# 14 ways to be kind online

Showing kindness online can mean so much to someone else. It is a choice we can all make that helps others, put people's needs before our own and which can generate feelings of empathy and compassion. Small gestures can have a large impact and often one act of kindness can lead to more, making the world a happier and more positive place. That's why we've created this guide to suggest a few simple 'acts of kindness online' that can benefit people's mental health, support their wellbeing and encourage a more positive approach to engaging online.

In the guide (below), you'll find tips such as offering to help others, share positive posts and thinking before you comment.















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If somebody you know has done something good or shown kindness themselves, thank them for it. It costs nothing and showing them that you appreciate it



Sometimes a friend or family member might post a question online or ask for help with something they can't do themselves. If you know the answer or are able to offer help, provide support and send a response. Something that may be easy for you might be difficult for someone else.

# 4. SHARE FUNNY VIDEOS OR IMAGES WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

We often come across funny videos or images online that make us laugh and then we move on. If you found it funny, your friends and family might too. It could help someone smile who may be having a bad day.

3. SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS



LIKE, LOVE & CELEBRATE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, like it, love it or celebrate it! It's a small gesture but could mean a lot.

8. SHARE POSITIVE POSTS

and help make people feel better about themselves

If you see something online that inspires you, share it with people you know. An inspirational quote, a beautiful photo or a motivational video can lift spirits, improve self-esteem

# 6. VIDEO CALL YOUR **FRIENDS & FAMILY**

It can be easy to be consumed by daily routine.

Using apps like Zoom, FaceTime or WhatsApp are great for connecting with others far away and shows you're thinking of them even though you can't physically meet them in person.

7. TELL SOMEONE YOU'RE THINKING OF THEM

We can't always tell how people are feeling online and just dropping somebody a mess to ask if they're ok or that you're thinking of them could literally make their day.

# 9. HOST AN ONLINE QUIZ

Video conferencing apps are a great way to get friends and family together. If you know someone who is feeling lonely, host an online quiz and invite them to join in. It could really cheer them up.

# 10. THINK BEFORE YOU COMMENT

X!#R Sometimes thinking before you act can be just as significant as acting in the first place. Showing thought before you comment could stop you posting something hurtful, offensive or negative. It's always better to post positively or post nothing at all.

# 11. BE COMPASSIONATE & UNDERSTANDING



# 12. CONNECT FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS

You may know two people amongst your friends and family who you trust and know well who have similar interests and likes. Introducing them can be a great way for them to make new friends but remember to always ask their permission first.



# 13. RECOMMEND SOMETHING YOU ENJOY DOING TO OTHERS

If you enjoy doing something online, such as playing a game, or if you've found a great learning resource, share it with others. Even if you've watched a good film, letting others know can be an act of generosity that brings them excitement or pleasure at a time when they might need it the most.



# Meet our expert

This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green page. green paper.





# 14. PRAISE OTHERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Sometimes your friends or family might post something online that they're proud to have done. It might be an exam they've passed, learning a new skill or just completing a task. Either way, it's always kind to recognise hard work and effort through praise and celebration.



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