

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

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices



It has been another successful week in school, with all children doing remarkably well across the curriculum.

In all Teams, the children can be extremely proud of their efforts and achievements, as they work towards their individual and collective targets.

On visiting each Team this week, it has been noticeable just how focused and determined the children are across school—whether that be in their Performance Poetry, non-chronological report writing or Dance PE unit...in preparation for Stanley Crook Does Strictly Come Dancing in a few weeks time!

Whatever learning is going on in class, the positive attitudes of the children and their polite and well-mannered approaches around school are a delight to see. Everyday this week, I have had children ask me about my day and enquire as to how my Christmas break was! We certainly have outstanding children at Stanley Crook!

Primary School Admissions—Reception 2024

A reminder that the deadline for primary school admissions for Reception 2024 in September, is Monday 15th January.

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent or carer for your child. If your child's birthday falls between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 your child will start Reception at an infant or primary school in September 2024.

Please see the Durham County Council Admission website for more information:

[Primary school places - Durham County Council](https://www.durham.gov.uk/primary-school-places)

Sports Leadership Programme

Selected children in Year 5 and Year 6 have completed their first session of Sports Leadership training this week. This programme develops key leadership skills, and knowledge of planning and delivering a range of sports games, so that children can confidently lead games during break and lunchtime.

The Sports Leader coach was extremely impressed by the attitude and skill of the children and is confident that each child will be able to very quickly become an effective Sports Leader. The programme continues for three more sessions. Well done, everyone!



History Outreach Programme—Durham University

On Monday, representatives from Durham University History department will be visiting school to deliver a full day of exciting and educational sessions to children in Team Walliams and Team Morpurgo.

These 'outreach' sessions provide an important part of the school's wider strategy for curriculum provision and delivery, and enable pupils to engage with subject experts and a range of specialist resources to compliment and enhance learning from class. The sessions on Monday will focus on each Team's current History unit for Spring term—Ancient Greece.

Attendance and Punctuality (reminder)



Children who have attendance below 90% are classed as 'persistently absent' and school will make contact with parents/ carers of these children to offer support and to explore any underlying issues, which may be causing poor school attendance. Good school attendance is closely linked to good academic outcomes, with children who have attendance above 95% being far more likely to achieve age-related outcomes and enjoy a positive school experience.

A reminder also that teaching begins at 8:45am each morning, with children being collected from the yard from 8:40am so that they are ready to learn in class with their friends at the start of the school day. There are many important aspects of learning which take place across all Teams from 8:45am, and simply being 10 minutes late each day can have a significant impact of a child's progress through them missing key teaching input or support programmes. Being 10 minutes late each day results in a child missing almost one full week of school each academic year!

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 Dahl

WOW! Well done, Team Dahl!

You have all so very clearly worked well as a team this week on your Performance Poetry! On visiting your Team this morning, I was so proud of you all in the exceptional standard of your performance.

Your positive attitudes, teamwork and ability to perform with appropriate intonation and rhythm resulted in an outstanding performance and you should all be extremely proud of your effort and achievements.

You have also demonstrated outstanding teamwork in the ways in which you have welcomed two new friends to Team Dahl—you are all SUPER-STARS!

T.E.A.M.—Together Everyone Achieves More!

Well done, TEAM Dahl. Be proud.

Mr C

Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	93.4%
Team Dahl	94.8%
Team Cowell	97.3%
Team Walliams	99.5%
Team Morpurgo	88.5%



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 Guide on how to set up Parental Controls for Android Apps

Most smartphones allow parents and carers to choose which apps and features appear on their child's device and which ones don't – also preventing young people from buying and downloading anything that's unsuitable for their age. Our guide (below) to parental controls for managing apps on Androids will help you to reduce the chance of your child using a game or app that might not be appropriate for their age.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of tips such as how to block app downloads, how to stop auto-updates and how to restrict apps.

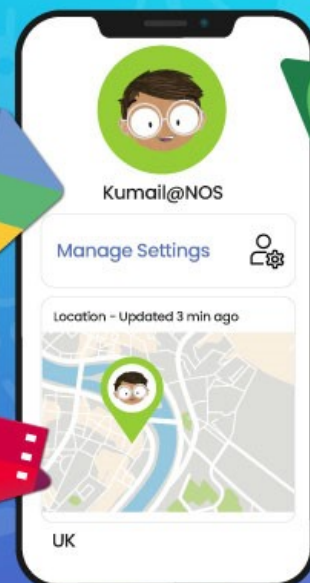
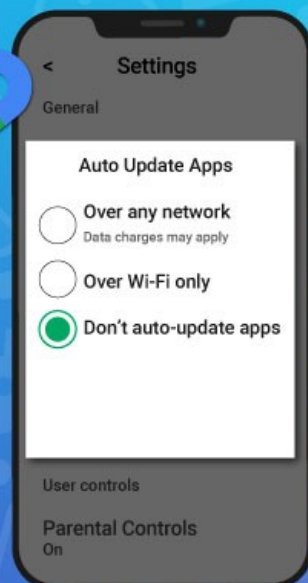
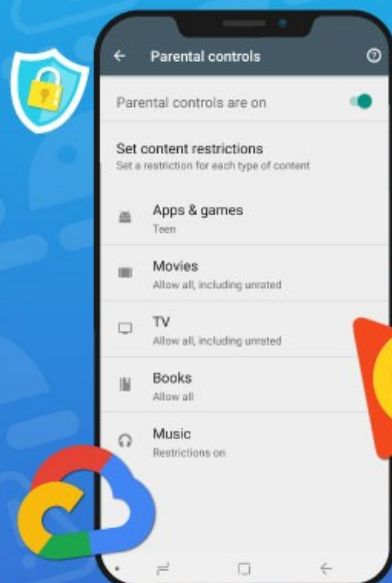


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How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set

