



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

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

"Thank you!"

I would like to express my thanks to parents/ carers and the wider school community for your kind words of support and encouragement upon reading of my decision to move on from Stanley Crook Primary School at the end of this academic year. I have received many, many messages, which have all been extremely lovely to read and have truly meant the world to me.

When July does eventually arrive, I will be extremely sad to leaving Stanley Crook. This school has been a huge part of my life over the past 13 years—leaving and breathing the school every day—and I will dearly miss the children, staff, governors and parents/ carers, as I move onto pastures new.

However, I am excited at the new challenge which now lies ahead of me in my new role, which I will begin in September—and I know that governors, with the support of the Local Authority, will ensure that the recruitment and appointment of my successor enables the school, under the leadership of a new Headteacher, to develop, improve and continue to provide only the highest quality of education to the children of Stanley Crook.

Governors and I will keep parents/ carers updated on the recruitment of my successor, as information becomes available and decisions on appointment are made.

Thank you all for your continued support over the last eight years that I have been Headteacher, and I look forward to leading the school into the summer term and to the end of this academic year, with lots of exciting and fun learning opportunities planned for the children.

World Book Day 2024

Children and staff across our school have enjoyed a fun day of learning in school today, as part of World Book Day 2024 celebrations.

As always, the children at school have risen to the occasion, arriving dressed as their favourite book characters, ready to share and discuss their favourite books.

Thank you to the support of parents/ carers with the day, which reinforces the importance of literacy and reading to the children as the cornerstone of learning, the acquisition of new knowledge and enjoyment.

Scholastic Book Fair

As part of World Book Day, school will be welcoming Scholastic publishers into school to hold a special Book Fair—please see letter on Class Dojo for more information.

The Book Fair will be in school from Thursday 14th March until Monday 18th March, with children across all Teams being given an opportunity to look at the books available and to create a 'wish list' with their teachers of books which they would like to read.

These 'wish lists' will then be sent home with each child so that parents/ carers/ families can decide if they wish to purchase a book. There is absolutely NO OBLIGATION for parents/ carers to make a purchase.

However, for those wishing to purchase a book for their child, a £1 book voucher will be provided to each child to redeem against the cost of any chosen book and payments can be made in cash, or online at the Scholastic website. More information will be available on the 'wish list'. All money raised with the support of parents/ carers will go towards the plans to establish a reading cabin at school, which will provide children with a fun outdoor space to read their favourite books! Thank you for your support.

Sustrans BIG WALK AND WHEEL 2024 (11th-22nd March)

Join us at school for the 15th year celebration of the UK's biggest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school competition, which begins on Monday!!!

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. On each day of the challenge, schools across the country compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. Our school's best five days will determine our final position, but children will log their journeys on all ten days of the competition.

How many active journeys will the children at Stanley Crook be able to make? Come on TEAM Stanley Crook!

Spring Term Teacher/ Parent Consultations

Due to this short half-term, consultations will be held immediately after the Easter break. Once again, consultations will be bookable for either face-to-face or telephone appointments, to support those families who may find it difficult to attend school due to work or other commitments.

Tuesday 16th April (face-to-face)

Thursday 18th April (telephone)

The booking system will go 'live' on Friday 22nd March so that parents/ carers can book appointments.

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!



Spring Term—Termly Progress Reports

Children across school have worked exceptionally well this term and can be proud of their efforts and achievements.

Termly Progress Reports for each child, which detail outcomes in Reading, Writing, Maths—and achievements in Effort, Behaviour and Attendance—will be sent home to parents/carers on **Thursday 28th March**.

Well done, T.E.A.M. Stanley Crook!

Weekly T.E.A.M. Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	93.7%
Team Dahl	98.0%
Team Cowell	94.7%
Team Walliams	93.3%
Team Morpurgo	89.3%

Congratulations to
TEAM DAHL

This week's attendance trophy winners!



Durham Police and Crime Commissioner Challenge



Huge congratulations to Year 4 and Year 5 pupils who have recently taken part in 'The Durham Police and Crime Commissioner's Challenge.'

The aim of the PCC challenge is to allow children and young people in schools to give a little extra to help their local area become even more safe, stronger and resilient to crime and anti-social behaviour.

Congratulations to all of our pupils for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

'Together Everyone Achieves More'

LOOKING AFTER YOUR WELLBEING ONLINE

The online world and digital technology has become such a significant part of our lives – and integral to so many aspects of our daily routine – that we shouldn't be surprised at the degree of influence it can wield over what we think and how we feel. Many experiences that young people have on the internet are hugely positive and uplifting ... but sadly, that's not always the case.

Negative incidents online – such as disagreements with other users, stumbling across upsetting content or feeling left out by friends – can be intensely damaging to a child's emotional state. This week's guide (below) has some useful tips for young people and trusted adults on how even small, simple actions can help to protect our wellbeing when we're on the internet.



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Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



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LOOK FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITIES