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## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

#### New School Website (reminder)

I am pleased to notify parents/ carers of school that the new school website has been launched.

The new site has been designed to improve accessibility and functionality for parents/ carers and children who are accessing the site so that information can be more easily located.

Many thanks to Mrs Shields for her support with the redesign and build of the new school website.

Remember to keep checking the website for updates, important diary dates and information about what is going on in school and across each Team. Every week, staff from each Team will update their Team pages with a summary of all the exciting and fun learning activities which have been completed during the week.

The new website will continue to be updated and reviewed on a regular basis and can be found by following this link:

<http://stanleycrook.durham.sch.uk> or by scanning the QR Code at the bottom of the page.

#### Happy Easter!

It has been another successful term in school! I cannot quite believe that we are now 2/3 of the way through this academic year—where does the time go?

All of the children in school can be extremely proud of their efforts and achievements over the course of the spring term and I know that each of them will continue to go from strength to strength as we head into summer.

Many thanks to Mrs Botterill for bringing 'Easter Chicks' into school today! The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit!!!

A reminder that school reopens for teaching purposes on Monday 15th April.

#### Year 6 SATs Parent/ Child Meetings

Many thanks to Miss Williams and parents/ children in Year 6 on attending SATs meetings over the last couple of weeks. These meetings are extremely valuable for parents (with their child) to meet with Miss Williams to discuss progress across the year and to review bespoke revision packs, prepared by Miss Williams for each child following most recent teacher assessments.

Again, attendance at these meetings has been excellent, with feedback from parents/ carers and their children being extremely positive in supporting preparations for SATs in May. Year 6 children have worked exceptionally well this year, providing excellent support and encouragement to one another and I am entirely confident that they will each achieve their best outcomes!

#### Attendance

Thank you to parents/ carers for their continued support with ensuring that their child attends school regularly and achieves good attendance.

Current school attendance is 94.4%, which is around national averages.

This academic year has proven challenging for lots of children and their families with many, many colds, coughs and bugs flying around. This was particularly true during the Autumn term. I am hopeful that, as we enter the warmer weather, trends in numbers of children being absent from school due to illness begin to reduce.

Thank you to those parents/ carers who received a contact from me last week for getting back in touch. School is always here to help and provide support, wherever and whenever possible.

#### Termly Progress Reports—Spring term

Reports for the Spring term have gone home with children this afternoon.

These reports detail a child's progress and attainment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics—along with information on behaviour, effort in class and attendance.

Teacher/ Parent Consultation meetings are planned for Tuesday 16th April (face to face in school) and Thursday 18th April (telephone appointments only) and these reports can inform discussions with your child's class teacher during these meetings.

Every child can be proud of their efforts in school this term!

#### Fun Competition Time!

To celebrate the Easter break, there have been 10 different Easter themed images 'hidden' within this week's newsletter—can you find them all? Good luck!

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely Easter with family and friends and see you on the 15th April!

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!



## TEACHER/ PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Appointments to meet with your child's class teacher are now available via the Arbor App.

Dates for consultations are:

### FACE TO FACE

Tuesday 16th April

2:00–5:30pm

### TELEPHONE

Thursday 18th April

2:00pm–5:30pm



## Weekly T.E.A.M.

### Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	99.6%
Team Dahl	99.1%
Team Cowell	99.5%
Team Walliams	98%
Team Morpurgo	90%

Congratulations to

### TEAM DONALDSON

This week's attendance trophy winners!



## LEARNING IS FUN AT STANLEY



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

Together Everyone Achieves More'



## WHAT PARENTS/ CARERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DISNEY+

In 2019, media titan Disney launched its own streaming platform intending to challenge the likes of Netflix and Amazon Prime. Giving (often exclusive) access to shows and movies – such as the legendary studio's animated classics and the revered Star Wars back catalogue – Disney+ has been a colossal success, proving popular with viewers of all ages.

Despite Disney's reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, however, there's far more material available on their platform – some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company's general image. Our guide this week (see below) has useful tips to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+ has to offer.



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

## LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

## BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

## PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

## ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

## ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

### TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

### ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

### ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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