



STANLEY CROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

This week, our outstanding school has been involved in a wide variety of superb learning activities linked to a range of curriculum and extra-curricular objectives. Pupils have demonstrated their superb attitude and positive approach in developing new knowledge and skills and have completed many, many examples of work to an extremely high standard!

On Tuesday, pupils and staff from Team 5 visited Hartlepool Nuclear Power Station as part of EDF Energy's educational outreach programme. The visit also coincided with Team 5's current 'Topic' and reinforced much of their learning in class. Prior to the visit, as a result of their class-based learning and having a knowledge of the news surrounding the plans for the development of a nuclear power plant at Hinkley Point in Somerset, pupils were keen to extend their knowledge and understanding in this area. Tour guides commented to staff on the outstanding understanding our pupils had around nuclear power during the visit. Well done Team 5!

Pupils in Team 1 and Team 2 have welcomed a very special visitor into school today. As part of their English unit work, pupils have been studying, 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by author, Judith Kerr. Having enjoyed the book so much, staff and pupils thought it would be a great idea to send an invitation to the Tiger for him to visit Stanley Crook Primary School. Pupils were overjoyed when they received a reply from the Tiger accepting their invite and quickly got to work baking cakes and making ham and cheese sandwiches for the Tiger's tea. I hear that, although the Tiger tried to pinch some cakes, he had a thoroughly enjoyable tea in school and ate quite a few sandwiches!

Yesterday, we had the pleasure of welcoming the Barnabas in Schools charity into school. Pupils throughout the school enjoyed a variety of fun and interactive workshops provided by Mr. Hudson. The overall aim of the charity is to enable schools to explore Christianity creatively. They do this by resourcing the teaching of Christianity and the Bible within RE and Collective Worship. The work of Barnabas in Schools supports our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) aims and objectives and the provision of Religious Education, Personal Social and Emotional education and Spiritual Moral Social and Cultural development in our school.

Team 3 and Team 4 have enjoyed an enriching educational visit to Vindolanda Roman Fort and Museum today. This visit supported learning around the pupils' current topic in class and provided a valuable opportunity for them to experience the practical side of history around the fabulous central section of Hadrian's Wall. Pupils explored the life of a Roman soldier, viewed the 'Edge of Empire' 3D film and reviewed the displays of artefacts. Great work everyone!

Next week, Key Stage 2 pupils will be visiting the National Centre for Children's Books to participate in their current exhibition, 'Michael Morpurgo—A lifetime in stories'. Within our English work in school, reading is central to developing all of the skills necessary to become skilled across all areas of literacy. I am sure all pupils will enjoy discovering more about the works of this famous author! Key Stage 1 will be visiting the centre on 18th October.

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:

<http://www.stanleycrook.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to be taken straight to our school website!



E-Safety Learning Showcase Event—Safeguarding

I am pleased to announce the date for our E-Safety Learning Showcase Event. On Friday 4th November, parents will be invited into school to watch Team presentations of pupil work around e-safety. This area of safeguarding is extremely important and pupils carry out a range learning activities in school to develop their awareness and skills of how to stay safe online. More details will follow next week.

Christmas Performances 2016

Apologies for noting this is our newsletter at such an early stage! However, I have spoken to many parents already regarding planned dates for our KS1 and KS2 Christmas Performances. This year, our performances will be as follows:

- **06.12.16—KS2 Performance 1:30pm and KS1 Performance 5:00pm**
- **07.12.16—KS1 Performance 5:00pm and KS2 Performance 1:30pm**

More details will follow nearer the time. Thank you.

Children's Achievements in School

Every week, staff 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 this week for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

Diary Dates:

04.10.16 Michael Morpurgo—Literacy Day (KS2)
07.10.16 Storytelling—Crook Library (Team 3)
10.10.16 Harvest Festival (Church of St. Thomas)
11.10.16 'Brain Blaster' Activity Day (Whole School)
12.10.16 A morning with David Baddiel (Team 5)
17.10.16 Scouted Session "It's a Wonderful World"
18.10.16 Rhyme Around the World Exhibition (KS1)
19.10.16 Tag Rugby Competition
19.10.16 Autumn Disco (change of date)

21.10.16 School closes—October Half-Term
31.10.16 SCHOOL CLOSED—Staff training
01.11.16 School Re-opens for teaching purposes
04.11.16 E-safety Showcase
08.11.16 'Pack Up Your Troubles' - Theatre Production
11.11.16 Bags2School
14.11.16 BBC Children in Need 'Spotacular' Week
02.12.16 Beamish Santa Visit (Team 1 and Team 2)
06/07.12.16 Christmas Performance (All pupils)
13.12.16 Christmas Panto—Gala Theatre Durham

