



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

As we find ourselves at the end of another half-term, the staff and I have begun our end of year analysis and evaluation of school performance in order to identify areas to celebrate but also areas to prioritise for improvement within the next academic year. Within meetings and discussions between staff, the first area which is celebrated across all Teams is the outstanding progress which has been made by the pupils at school this year. Your children are superstars! Everyday, they come to school with enthusiasm and a thirst for learning and it is our challenge to ensure that they are provided with an enriching and creative curriculum to meet their demands for new knowledge and understanding. I am extremely proud of our school and our T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) who provide the environment and mechanisms to enable productivity within our learning and who continue to deliver outstanding levels of achievement.

Today, pupils in Team 3 have been transported back to Tudor times by experiencing a 'Tudor Market'. Each pupil was given a 'role' and within that they had objectives to meet. Some pupils were sellers at the market and had to ensure that they secured the highest possible price for their items, while some pupils were at the market to buy goods and materials (with a set amount of money) for the cheapest price. Watching and listening to the activity, it struck me the range of learning which was occurring in one setting: Maths (in the application of calculation and number work), Speaking and Listening (in the pupils' use of negotiation and effective communication strategies), Drama (across the various 'roles' the pupils were delivering) and History (in learning about a Tudor Market), as well as many more areas were inter-connected in the learning activity. All pupils were having great fun but at the same time, learning and applying so many essential skills from the curriculum. Well done Team 3!

Team 1 have enjoyed their visit to Crook Library this morning. Pupils were able to learn about libraries and how to find and borrow books. They also enjoyed hearing a story and exploring other elements of the library.

Following on from our Parent First Aid Workshops which were held in school in March, I am pleased to announce that I have arranged for EVERY pupil in school to receive First Aid training. The training, to be held on 8th June, will be delivered by St. John's Ambulance and will cover a range of areas. Each session will be appropriately differentiated to the developmental stage of pupils in each Team and will provide valuable knowledge and skills in how to deliver effective First Aid.

I would like to congratulate our school football team for an outstanding performance in our inter-school tournament yesterday. Playing Peases West and Stanhope Barrington, our team performed exceptionally well winning 9-0 and 2-0 respectively. With these wins, we are now in a good position for a 'Champions League' position!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you all for your continued support. I hope you are all able to enjoy a fun (and relaxing) break with your wonderful children and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 7th June.

Very best wishes,

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!



## Staff training

A reminder that, due to staff training, school will re-open for teaching purposes on Tuesday 7th June.

## Maths Challenge Day—Parkside Academy

Selected pupils from Team 5 will be representing our school at Parkside Academy next term at their annual 'Maths Challenge Day'. This day is always a huge success for our pupils as it provides an excellent opportunity for them to showcase and apply their skills in a range of mathematical contexts.

## Breakfast Club

I am considering the options in beginning our Breakfast Club slightly earlier at 8:15am. Previous surveys have been returned with the majority of parents/ carers happy with the current start time of 8:30am. However, several pupils are now regularly coming to breakfast club before 8:30am. Therefore, I will send another questionnaire to parents to seek views after the half-term break.

## End of year pupil reports

Pupil reports will be sent to parents/ carers on Tuesday 5th July.

## 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:

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| 09.06.16 Guy Tansley—BugsnStuff                                    | 01.07.16 Cancer UK Race for Life—Stanley Crook Primary School                      |
| 10.06.16 Mega Friday Walk  | 04.07.16 Olympic Games Sports Village  |
| 13.06.16 Fire Engine at school! Crook Fire Station visit to school | 05.05.16 KS2 SATs Results—End of year reports sent to parents (all pupils)         |
| 13.06.16 Phonics Screening week                                    | 07.07.16 Class transition for 2016/2017  |
| 14.06.16 Bags 2 School   | 13/14.07.16 Summer term Parent Meetings (online booking)                           |
| 15.06.16 Athletics Festival  | 15.07.16 School End of Year Outing (EYFS/ KS1 Adventure Valley; KS2 South Shields) |
| 16.06.16 'New Starters' in school                                  | 20.07.16 School closes for Summer  |
| 21.06.16 Maths Puzzle Challenge Day                                |  |
| 23.06.16 Proposed Sports Day                                       |  |
| 24.06.16 Burnhill Nature Reserve—Team 2                            |  |

