



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

## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

Everyone has enjoyed a fun-filled day in school today during Roald Dahl Day 2019! Throughout the school, pupils and staff have been dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character and have enjoyed learning more about the author's stories! Thank you to all parents/ carers for their support with their children's costumes today—these days in school provide opportunities for our pupils where learning really does 'come alive' and serves to compliment and enhance learning from class! Great work, T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) Stanley Crook!

Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed a busy start to their time in Team Morpurgo with a range of learning opportunities and experiences. This week pupils have begun their primary scheme of experience work with Parkside Academy and have also started work with Wolsingham Secondary School around transition workshops and activities. These partnerships with two of our main secondary feeder school are extremely important for our Year 6 pupils as they provide valuable experiences of life in secondary school and the increased expectations which pupils face as they move into Year 7.

To support the increased expectations and standards at secondary school—and to prepare our Year 6 pupils for this transition—Miss Williams and Miss Rowcroft work closely with secondary school staff in beginning to implement similar strategies and expectations for our pupils in Year 6. Remembering to bring to school homework diaries, completing and submitting homework on time, wearing the correct uniform and PE kit, as well as increasing expectations in relation to attitudes to learning and conduct around school, are all crucial in ensuring our Year 6 pupils are adequately prepared for their transition to secondary school—and in providing them with the best possible opportunities for success at the start of their secondary school careers.

The staff and I were overjoyed this week to welcome back some of last year's Year 6 pupils (as well as some ex-pupils who left Stanley Crook Primary School in 2018) back to school. Calling in after the end of a busy day at Wolsingham Secondary School, it was wonderful to hear how settled our ex-pupils were in their new school and how well they were adapting to their new routines and managing their workload. It is always a great pleasure to see our ex-pupils back in our school and their visit this week filled everyone with pride!

To provide information to parents of pupils in all Teams, staff will be hosting Team Induction Meetings in a couple of weeks. Beginning with Team Dahl on Monday 23rd September, these meetings provide parents/ carers with an opportunity to meet Team staff, learn more about the curriculum in their child's team and to ask any questions regarding the school year. Further information has been sent to parents/ carers of pupils in each team, this week—if you require any additional information prior to the meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me. Dates for the Team Induction Meetings for other Teams can be found in the Diary Dates section of this newsletter. All meetings begin at 3:30pm and will last approximately 30 minutes.

School photographs have been booked for Thursday 26th and Friday 27th September. Ritchie Coatsworth Photography will once again be taking pupil photos this year with individual/ sibling portraits being available. Please contact the school office for more information.

After-School provision has proved to be popular once again as we begin the new school year. This year, while continuing to operate our Discovery Club, I have organised for several external providers to visit school to deliver a range of specific, curriculum-focused clubs. On Tuesdays, we welcome Joanna from LingoTots for Spanish Club; Wednesday is Sports Club and on Thursdays we host a Martial Arts Club—beginning with Key Stage 2 Karate. For any parent wishing to book their child onto any of our after-school provision, please contact the office for more information.

This week, school has once again begun its partnership work with Durham Constabulary through their Durham Constabulary Junior Education Programme. Pupils in Year 6 with work with the Police, other emergency services and council officials as they learn more about preventing anti-social behaviour, protecting their community and the work of the emergency services.

Thank you for your continued support.

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!



### School Uniform

For orders of school uniform, embroidered with the school logo and pupil's name, please order direct from our supplier, Emblematic at:

<https://studentuniform.co.uk/scps2132/>

Plain black shoes/ trainers are a compulsory part of school uniform policy.

### After-School Clubs (repeat)

To compliment existing Discovery Club and Wrap Around provision, various additional after-school clubs (delivered via external providers) will operate from this school year. The clubs, all with a specific focus, will provide our pupils with greater choice in terms of activities and their personal interests.

These clubs will operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays alongside our existing Discovery Club/ Wrap Around provision and will include a Spanish Club, Sports Club and a Martial Arts Club.

Please contact the school office for booking advice.

### Be-Safe

Pupils across school will once again be working with David Burn on his Be-Safe programme. This year, pupils in Key Stage 2 will work together to learn more about staying safe online and the potential dangers of online communication.

This work compliments wider work on e-safety in school.



### Weekly T.E.A.M.

(Together Everyone Achieves More)

### Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	96%
<b>Team Dahl</b>	<b>99%</b>
Team Rowling	98%
Team Walliams	98%
Team Morpurgo	98%

Congratulations to

**TEAM Dahl**

This week's attendance trophy winners!

### 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 and a special award is presented in our Attendance Raffle! 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:

Monday afternoons—Swimming (Year 6)

10.09.19—22.10.19 Primary Link—Wolsingham Secondary (Year 6)

Tuesdays after-school—Spanish MFL After-School Club

Wednesdays after-school—Sports After-School Club

12.09.19—24.10.19—Primary Link—Parkside Academy (Year 6)

Thursdays after-school—Karate After-School Club

Friday afternoons—Durham Constabulary Junior Education Programme (Year 6)

23.09.19—01.10.19—Team/ Parent Induction Meetings

26.09.19—27.09.19—School Photographs

30.09.19—BE SAFE Pupil Workshops

04.10.19—Adam Bushnell—Author Visit

21.10.19—Harvest Festival

23.10.19—Halloween Disco

24.10.19—School Closes for Half-term

