



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

## Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

It has been another fun week in Stanley Crook. Yet again, the pupils have demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability with the new routines and procedures in school. Thank you to parents/ carers for their support with the new measures—in particularly, the staggered start and finish times. Team 'bubbles' for Breakfast Club and After-School provision are working well and allowing us to all provide a secure Team 'bubble' for every child in school. These measures are aimed at reducing the potential spread and transmission of coronavirus within and across our school population and it has been pleasing to see the success of these new procedures in safeguarding the children, their families and the staff.

For families with children who have displayed symptoms of coronavirus, it has been an incredibly frustrating and—in some cases—upsetting week in attempting to source a testing kit and being able to return to 'normal' as quickly as possible. Along with every member of staff in school, I also share your deep frustrations. I have spoken to many parents/ carers this week who have experienced significant issues around testing and I have ensured that all of these problems have been passed onto the Health Protection Teams. As a school, we will continue to do all that we can to support families who are affected by this ongoing national issue of lack of capacity within the testing system. For these families, the need to self-isolate until (hopefully) a negative test has been returned can cause tremendous financial and personal strain. As with the period of lockdown, school has continued to maintain an emergency fund in order to be able to provide support to those families most vulnerable and most affected by this crisis. If any family does require support, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Martin. All enquires will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Despite these issues, thank you to all families who have followed government guidance and who have supported us this week!

Transition visits for our new Reception children have concluded this week! It was lovely to welcome the children to school on Tuesday and Thursday for their first visits to Team Donaldson. The children were superstars! They all came into school full of confidence and had lots of fun with their new friends!

Everyone is now looking forward to Monday, when the Reception children officially start school—and children across the rest of school start in their new Teams!

With everyone preparing to start in their new Teams on Monday, elections for School Councillor have taken place—School Councillors play an important role in leading pupil voice for improvements at school and I am looking forward to meeting our new School Councillors (albeit virtually, via MS Teams) very soon!

Thank you to the many parents/ carers who completed our school survey on aspects of returning to school. The responses have all been extremely positive and the staff and I would like to thank you for your kind words and messages of support. Positive aspects of school provision included the organisation for staggered start times, communication between home and school and the positive and welcoming staff across school!

The overwhelming area which parents/ carers would like to be improved was the meal choices and offer for school lunches. Since our return to school last week, school lunches have been in a packed lunch style and many parents—as I and the kitchen staff do—value the benefit of a fresh, hot meal for the children at lunchtime. The reasoning for the packed lunch organisation was to prioritise and evaluate the new entry and exit routines at school and the effectiveness of the Team 'bubbles' - both for wraparound provision and main element of the school day. As all of these new routines have become very quickly and effectively established in school, I am pleased to be able to now make plans for a full return of the school lunchtime menu, including hot meal choices. I am satisfied that organisation for this can be safe and effective in maintaining the security of each Team bubble, and the safety of children and staff. Therefore, hot school lunches will return on Friday 25th September with a 'Fishy Friday' event. 'Fishy Friday' is always a firm favourite with the children. This will be accompanied by a veggie choice of Mac 'n' Cheese and selection of sandwiches. Information on menu choices etc., will be sent out via Dojo on Monday.

Finally, please may I remind parents/ carers that children's water bottles should only be filled with water. There have been one or two incidents this week of children having their bottles filled with juice. 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!



### Start/ Finish Times (reminder):

Team Morpurgo: 8:55am – 2:55pm

Team Walliams: 9:05am – 3:05pm

Team Cowell : 9:15am – 3:15pm

Team Dahl: 9:25am – 3:25pm

Team Donaldson: 9:35am – 3:35pm

### 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/>

### Breakfast Club (repeat)

Due to social distancing between 'bubbles' being in operation, wraparound provision will operate differently to the previous 'norm'. Breakfast Club will operate in each Team room, so that 'bubbles' can be maintained. These Team Breakfast Clubs will be led by Team staff from each 'bubble'.

Last entry to all Team Breakfast Clubs is 8:30am. However, in order to support social distancing, we ask that – where possible - children attending Breakfast Club arrive close to the 8:00am start time.

## Parent/ Carer Survey

### A selection of comments....

*"Absolutely fantastic school and caring staff..."*

*"Lovely to have such a positive week back for all children!"*

*"Thank you for making the kids feel so welcome and making it as normal as possible."*

*"...It is very apparent that lots of thought has gone into the planning and keeping the school safe, parents views have been asked and taken into consideration and overall its lovely to be back."*

Thank you for your continued support!

## 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:

This section contains details of important dates for your diary, including special events and education visits.

01/10/20	Adam Bushnell Day	Whole School
05/10/20	NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe	Whole School
12/10/20	Flu Immunisation	Whole School
19/10/20	NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe Workshops	Year 5/6

