

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

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

150th Anniversary Celebrations!

In September 2023, our school celebrates its 150th anniversary—and we plan to mark the occasion in style!

Built to serve the children of the local mining community of Stanley Pit (later Wooley Colliery), the school opened in 1873 as Stanley County Mixed School and during the next 150 years has certainly been witness to many, many changes.

For the celebrations, we hope to invite into school past pupils, parents, staff, governors and the local community to share in this remarkable milestone in the history of our school.

I hope to engage the support of all past members of our school to provide on loan for the event any photos, documents and memorabilia from their time at Stanley (Crook) School so that these can be shared on display for everyone to enjoy.

I also hope to be able to have on display the old school registers—some dating back to the 1870s—as well as copies of the school 'Corporal Punishment Book', with one version spanning from 1921 up to 1985!

Examples of 'Nature of offence' range from 'Using a pea-shooter in school after a warning', 'Smoking at dinnertime in the W.C.s', to 'Disobedience and insolent behaviour', 'Stealing a turnip from the school garden' and 'Untidy and careless work'!

I am currently working with staff and governors to establish a plan for the 150th anniversary celebrations. If any member of our school community (past or present) has any suggestions, or would like to offer their support, please feel free to contact me on 01388762858 or email me via stanleycrook@durhamlearning.net with the subject '150th Celebrations'.

Watch this space in the new year for more information on our plans!

Thank you for your continued support.

Autumn Term Teacher/ Parent Consultations

A big thank you to parents/ carers for their support during the autumn term teacher/ parent consultations this week! Whether parents/ carers met with their child's class teacher during a telephone appointment on Monday, or face-to-face on Wednesday, it was wonderful to see so many parents/ carers making appointments to speak with teachers and to discuss the progress and achievements of their children. Over 98% of parents/ carers made appointments, which is an outstanding result. Thank you!

Breakfast Club and After-School Clubs—Spring term

Information has been posted on Class Dojo this week to book places for Breakfast Club, Wraparound and After-School Clubs from January. A reminder that places are limited, are offered on a first-come-first-served basis and must be booked in advance. Thank you.

Christmas Events 2022

Thank you to parents/ carers for their positive response to booking tickets for this year's Christmas performances. Already, many seats have been reserved for each of the Team performances, with many families also placing orders for DVDs so that the shows can be shared with family and friends at home over the festive period.

There are still some seats/ tickets available for each of the Team performances, so if you haven't already, reserve your seat as soon as possible! Tickets for each Team performance are limited to 4 per family and cost £2 each and DVD's are £3 each. Tickets and DVD's can be booked via ParentPay. Doors open at 4pm for each performance. All money raised will go towards supporting our school. Thank you.

- **Team Cowell**—Monday 12th December 2022

- **Team Donaldson**—Tuesday 13th December 2022

- **Team Walliams**—Wednesday 14th December 2022

- **Team Dahl**—Thursday 15th December 2022

- **Team Morpurgo**—Monday 19th December 2022

Everyone in school is also looking forward to visiting The Gala in Durham on Wednesday 7th December to enjoy this year's panto. 'Sleeping Beauty'. Thank you to all parents/ carers who volunteered to support us on this trip. Unfortunately, due to numbers, we were unable to accept offers of support from every parent/ carer; however, thank you to all! Children do not need any spending money for this trip.

Christmas Lunch day will be taking place on Thursday 8th December. This will be a non-uniform day for the children, when they can come dressed in their favourite Christmas jumper to enjoy a delicious festive treat prepared by Mrs Liddle and Mrs Wright!

Following the last of the Christmas performances on Monday 19th December, the children and staff will enjoy a special Christmas Party Day on Tuesday 20th December. Children can come to school dressed in their favourite party clothes and they may even get to meet a very special visitor!

It promises to be a fun-filled run up to the Christmas break! School closes for Christmas on Tuesday 20th December at normal time.

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!



Headteacher's T.E.A.M. of the Week!

Team of the Week this week is...Team Cowell!

WOW! Well done, Team Cowell!

You have all had a fantastic week in Team Cowell, and I continue to be amazed by your positive attitudes to learning in class!

I have been very impressed by your work in Maths, with many of you now already onto your second maths book!

Many of you are also making excellent progress in your reading and it has been fantastic to hear that some of you have achieved your 'Pen Licence'!

Well done, Team Cowell—You are all SUPERSTARS!!!

Mr C



Weekly T.E.A.M.

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	74.3%
Team Dahl	92.8%
Team Cowell	96.1%
Team Walliams	94.6%
Team Morpurgo	99.3%

Congratulations to

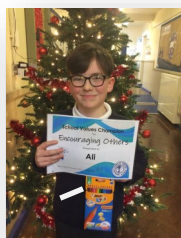
TEAM MORPURGO

This week's attendance trophy winners!



Children's Achievements in School!

Each week, one child is chosen as 'Headteacher's Star of the Week', 'School Values Champion' and 'Attendance Champion'. Staff also 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 for their effort and outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

'Together Everyone Achieves More'

Online Safety - TOP TIPS

Learn your way around

Most devices have controls to ensure that children can't access content you don't want them to. Make sure your "in-app" purchases are disabled to avoid nasty surprises.

Online Safety on Tablets

Tablets are really popular with younger children, and the market has several which are geared specifically towards delivering child friendly content.

When it comes to using them, start slowly: only download games and apps you have checked out carefully and steer your children towards age targeted content such as BBC iPlayer Kids or YouTube Kids.

Sites like www.net-aware.org.uk and or www.commonssensemedia.org also provide useful advice.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of practical guides to support parents/ carers keep their children safe online:

Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre



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