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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

District 7-a-side Cup Finals

It was straight back into action for our Year 5/6 footballers on Monday evening, as they played in the final group stage of the District 7-a-side cup. It was a great night, and the standard of football was particularly high. Crookhill got off to a great start with a narrow victory over Dunston Hill (a fantastic left-footed strike from Josh Barker sealing the win) then followed up with a tight 0-0 draw against Clover Hill. Three defeats followed as we just ran out of steam after giving it all in those first two games. The boys can hold their heads high knowing they've competed with the best from the district, and we look forward to the first round of league fixtures in a few weeks time. Congratulations to Whickham St. Mary's who progress to the county finals of this competition.

Hoops 4 Health Roadshow – Year 5/6

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed their annual visit from the Newcastle Eagles players who came along to deliver their Hoops4Health Roadshow on Tuesday. The players made sure there was plenty of fun and games on offer as well as sharing some important messages about health and fitness. It was a fantastic afternoon which was perfect motivation for our Gateshead Champions who are heading to the Eagles Arena next Friday, where they will take on the other regional winners in the Champion of Champions competition. Good luck to the team from everyone at Crookhill.

The Tiger who Came to Tea

Mrs Smith and Year 2 went along to the fabulous Theatre Royal in Newcastle on Wednesday afternoon, to see the stage show of The Tiger Who Came to Tea. The children of Year 2 were so excited, even going on a coach trip with their friends was thrilling, so the wonderful show was the icing on the cake. Thankfully the tiger was quite full and didn't eat any of the pupils and they came back to school with tales of their adventures.

Girls 5-a-side

There was hardly time to get the Crookhill kits washed before they were back in use as the Year 5/6 girls took to the field in their first outing of the season at the five-a-side festival hosted by Gateshead SSP at Dunston Power League. The girls put in some very respectable performances with two wins and a draw in their group fixtures. Sadie Lowery was on form, scoring six goals across their four games and there was also a penalty save

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from Olivia Hailes. Well done girls, we look forward to getting back to action when the 7-a-side season starts later in the year.

Harvest Celebration

We are delighted to announce the return of the Harvest Celebration, a great favourite in the Crookhill calendar! This will take place on Tuesday 4th October at 9.15am and again at 2.15pm. **We must ask that parents only come to one of the performances and due to the size of our hall, and Health and Safety restrictions, we can only invite 2 guests per family.** If possible, we ask that babies and toddlers do not attend this event, as small voices can often get lost in the noise of a packed hall.

Could we ask pupils to bring in various store cupboard staples, all will be very gratefully received. Once again, our donations will be collected by The People's Kitchen the day after our celebration.

Suggested items are:-

<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Biscuits and sweets</i>
<i>Instant coffee</i>	<i>Tinned meat, stew, curry, chilli</i>
<i>Sauces (ketchup, salad cream, brown sauce, gravy)</i>	
<i>Hot Chocolate</i>	
<i>Soup (tinned or packet)</i>	<i>Plain and self-raising flour</i>
<i>Tinned fruit</i>	<i>Evaporated, condensed and dried milk</i>
<i>Tinned vegetables</i>	<i>Long Life Milk</i>
<i>Custard (powder or tinned)</i>	<i>Tinned rice pudding</i>
<i>Toothbrushes/toothpaste/showergel</i>	<i>Squash/fruit juice</i>

The centres currently have high volumes of pasta, cereals and tea bags, so these items are not needed at present.

The generosity of the Crookhill Community is always astonishing; however we understand that in the current climate asking for donations can be tricky. Please only ever give what you can afford.

Information Systems

We are in the middle of changing the provider of our Information Systems and this will interrupt the use of text messaging and online payments. Our new system will hopefully be up and running very soon but in the meantime, could payment for school meals, uniforms etc be made either by cheque or cash. School can be contacted by email at crookhillprimary@gateshead.gov.uk or on 4334066.

Year 6 Secondary Applications

The closing date for secondary school applications for current Year 6 pupils is 31st October 2022, which is the Inset Day after half term. Can those parents that are yet to apply please submit their form online as soon as possible please. Secondary school places are extremely limited across Gateshead, and it is essential that parents apply before the closing date. **Apply on-line at: www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions**

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Lost Property

We're only four weeks into the new term and our lost property bin is already full again. Please call into the main entrance to check for missing items and remember to write your child's name on the label.

Have a good weekend,

yours sincerely,

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