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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

### Spooks and Sparkles Disco

Our Spooks and Sparkles disco will be held next Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm until 5.30pm. Refreshments, such as hotdogs, juice, sweets and biscuits will be on sale in the dining hall and the disco will be set up in the main hall. Pupils are invited to dress as fun, freaky, spooky or sparkly as they like, and entry will be £2 payable on the door. Please note that this is a 'pupil only' event, unfortunately parents are not invited to stay behind with their children. Can children bring spending money and entry money in change please, in a marked purse, envelope or wallet, thank you.

### A Great Team Effort!

After a good run in the cup, it was straight into league action for our Year 5/6 footballers last night along at Ryton. Injuries have hit the squad in recent weeks and there were doubts over a few players heading into this first round of fixtures. Nevertheless, the sun was shining and the conditions were perfect for football. Crookhill got off to a shaky start against Stella. Despite having the majority of the play, it ended in a 1-0 defeat after a defensive mix-up in the last minute. These things happen. We got back to it with a narrow 1-0 victory against Greenside with Lewis D scoring a fantastic individual goal. The other fixtures against Emmaville, St Agnes and Ryton ended in stalemate. Despite plenty of shots on target with Reo B, Finlay H and Josh B, all coming close to breaking the deadlock, the ball just couldn't find its way into the net. Still all to play for in the next two rounds and we look forward to getting back into action after the winter break. As always, great team effort from Crookhill and we are proud of everyone who took part.

### Healthy Eating

Free fruit and vegetables are available for all children at playtime and from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October our **healthy tuck shop** will be in operation again. This is in response to requests from pupils and the School Council. The tuck shop will sell a range of healthy snacks at playtime and will be 'staffed' by our School Councillors. We are carefully selecting items to ensure that items are low in sugar and do not contain unhealthy fats. The maximum price is 50p and children will be allowed to purchase 1 item.

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Please note that unhealthy snacks such as crisps, biscuits, chocolate bars and sugary cereal bars (e.g. Square bars) are not in line with our policy of promoting healthy eating and good oral hygiene and are not allowed in school (see our Food in School policy on the school website).

### Water Bottles

The health benefits of drinking water are widely acknowledged. In line with the School Food Standards, every child at Crookhill has access to free fresh drinking water throughout the school day. All children receive a free water bottle on entry to our school and all children are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle to school filled with plain water. Flavoured water is not allowed unless there is a specific reason such as a medical condition.

### World Mental Health Day

On Monday it was World Mental Health Day and the theme was 'make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'. Each class focused on aspects of positive mental health and how we can make sure we look after our brains and our bodies.

### Safety First

Our Year 3 children have now completed their Pedestrian Training and it's now the turn of Year 4 to learn all about road safety and the importance of being sensible and observant when outside.

Year 4 were very attentive yesterday, paying close attention to the trainers and taking on board the very important messages of road safety.

### Crookhill Cobras

The reigning Gateshead Basketball Champions were back in action at the Eagles Arena last Friday night to take part in the Champion of Champions tournament to compete against the other regional champions and crown the overall champion of the North East. The team played fantastically against tough opposition. The games were all incredibly tight and the team earned two hard fought draws, only missing out in a tight final game shoot out.

We are all incredibly proud of their hard work and team spirit. Well done to you all!

Can I remind parents to use the visitor car park safely. Drive in and out of the car park slowly, only use the bays provided, never reverse out on to the main road and turn engines off whilst parked. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the school grounds, this includes the car park. We ask that parents do not arrive to collect children prior to 3pm as this impedes school deliveries.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack  
Head Teacher

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