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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

Harvest Celebration

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our Harvest Festival Celebrations. It was a great turnout and wonderful to welcome families back into school for one of our favourite events in the Crookhill calendar. I'm sure you will all agree that the singing was terrific, and the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their songs with you all. As we said last week, the generosity of the Crookhill Community is always amazing, but even in these particularly tricky times, your kind donations were incredible. The goods were collected by The People's Kitchen on Wednesday, they were so very grateful and asked me to pass on their thanks. Please check our Facebook page and website for pictures of our School Council handing over the donations to the volunteers of The People's Kitchen.

Poetry Day

Yesterday was Poetry Day and Year 5 celebrated by writing their own poetry. The children read these out during assembly and very good they were too.

Childhood Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme

The Community Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 10th October to administer the nasal flu vaccine. The vaccine will only be given to pupils whose parents have given their consent by completing and signing the forms which were handed into school before the deadline.

Spooks and Sparkles Disco

Our Spooks and Sparkles disco will be held on Thursday 20th 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.

Playtime Snacks

Free fruit and vegetables are available for all children at playtime. Lots of children are bringing a range of unhealthy snacks to eat at playtime. **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.** Parents can send in fruit or vegetables for playtime snacks for children also.

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School Meals and Packed Lunches

Having a healthy diet and having the right nutrients can help a child's mood, their health and their ability to concentrate in lessons. School meals are freshly-cooked and exceed national standards for school lunches. Primary School menus are carefully developed to appeal to children and provide the perfect balance of essential nutrients - and to offer them the chance to try a few dishes they may not have tried before.

Children can choose from two main meal options provided every day, each one accompanied by a vegetable choice, and including a daily vegetarian dish. Jacket potatoes with an assortment of popular and tasty fillings are always available, too, served with an attractive side salad.

If your child prefers a packed lunch, then we encourage parents to provide a healthy packed lunch. Items such as fizzy pop and chocolate bars should not be sent in packed lunches. The NHS website has some excellent ideas for healthy packed lunches <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Information Systems

We are in the middle of changing the provider of our Information Systems and this may 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. We will be in touch very soon about our new online payment system app.

Year 6 Secondary Applications

Another reminder that 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

Champion of Champions

Following our Basketball Team's fantastic victory in April, making them the Gateshead Schools Champions, they are taking part in tonight's round robin event, the Northumberland and Tyne and Wear Champion of Champions! They have been practising all term and we are so excited to see them play, we wish them the very best of luck!

Enjoy your weekend and we'll see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

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