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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers,

### **Anti-Bullying**

It has been anti-bullying week this week - an important part of the Crookhill calendar. Our week started with a special assembly about Anti-Bullying Week and this year's theme: 'Reach out'. On Monday it was Odd Socks Day celebrating differences and how everyone is unique and special. Throughout the week, classes read the story of Mud Boy which tells Sam's story and how it is important to be kind and what to do if others are being unkind. Children have also been reminded about what bullying is and how to 'reach out' to others. On Thursday, Key Stage 2 enjoyed an assembly with Hannah from Big Foot Arts and Y4 and Y5 participated in drama workshops all focused on the theme of 'What would you do?' if someone is being bullied. We ended the week with Friendship Friday thinking about how to be a good friend.

The children have worked so hard all week and have explored the themes positively and sensitively. More information can be found in our Anti-Bullying Policy which is on the school website.

### **Family Tree**

You may have noticed a beautiful sculpture carved from a tree stump in Ryton, the tree having blown down last year during a storm. The children in current Year 6 were asked to create a vision for the stump and choose a name for the finished piece. The carving is called Family Tree and the children and staff attended a naming ceremony this morning, with members of Brighton Ryton, local councillors and MP Liz Twist. Check out pictures of the sculpture and today's event on our Facebook and website.

### **BBC Children in Need**

We raised £125.72 by selling cupcakes and sweet treats for Children in Need today. A huge thank you to everyone for getting involved. Every penny raised by this super charity goes directly towards making a real difference to the lives of disadvantaged children across the United Kingdom.

### **Christmas Dates**

Just to remind you of the many events and exciting activities over the next few weeks. Please keep this list safe to refer to:-

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Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov - Festivals of Light and Non uniform day, could we ask children to bring in the following treats for the Christmas Faye tombola please.

**Reception** – Any chocolate or sweet treat

**Year 1** – Any toiletry gift, such as bubble bath

**Year 2** - Any toiletry gift, such as bubble bath

**Year 3**- Any chocolate or sweet treat

**Year 4**- A bottle for the bottle tombola, this could be juice, pop or perfume for example, however any alcohol must be brought to school by parents please.

**Year 5**- A bottle for the bottle tombola, this could be juice, pop or perfume for example, however any alcohol must be brought to school by parents please.

**Year 6** – Bottle for the bottle tombola – see info above

Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Tree Lighting in Ryton – more info to follow

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Dinner Day

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec-Reception/Key Stage One Nativity 1.45pm

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Dec- Reception/Key Stage One Nativity 9.30am

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Dec- KS1 Christmas Party afternoon

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec-Key Stage Two Carol Service at Holy Cross Church 10am

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec-KS2 Christmas Party afternoon

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec- Christmas Music Workshop

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec- Winter Jumper Day for Save the Children

Break up for the end of term holidays

Return to school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Christmas Fayre

It is our Christmas Fayre on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December with doors opening at 3.30pm.

Santa Claus will be in his grotto and there will be lots of stalls in the main hall including tombola, raffle, face painting, crafts and cakes. Please let school know if you would like a stall of your own for a small donation.

Next Friday is a non-uniform day and children are asked to bring a small donation to the tombola stall, please see the list above.

### Governing Body Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please let us know if you are interested and we will send you the relevant paperwork.

An effective school governor is someone who:

- cares about improving children’s educational achievement
- wants to work as part of a team and can value the contribution made by different people
- is willing to listen, learn, be supportive and ask questions
- has a feel for what is important to people and as a parent, be understanding of other parents’ concerns
- has enthusiasm and can commit time and energy to the governing body and attend relevant meetings

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## Parent Consultations - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Our Parents' Evenings will take place next week on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The meetings will be in person in school. All appointments have now been made or allocated. If you cannot attend for any reason please get in touch.

## Photograph Orders

Any orders from the recent photography session must be back in school with payment by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This will ensure you have your orders returned to you in good time for Christmas.

## Car Parking

Can we ask that parents park with consideration for local residents whilst dropping off or picking up from school. Please be courteous to our neighbours and show respect at all times. No one should be parking on the chevrons outside of school, only use the bays available in the car park and never reverse out on the road. Please avoid parking across someone's drive and remember that you can use the car park at the Runhead, or the Castle and walk to school.

We have a shortage of spare shoes and socks which are useful to have in school during wet weather. If anyone has any outgrown shoes, or socks that you would be willing to donate we would be very grateful.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack  
Head Teacher

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