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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

### **Big Garden Birdwatch**

On Monday we welcomed Amanda Bell, Conservation Officer from the Durham Wildlife Trust to Crookhill Primary. Years 2, 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their sessions of bird spotting with their binoculars and identifying the various breeds of garden birds within the school grounds. Amanda has given the classes lots of ingredients to make tasty bird feeders next week to encourage even more of our feathered friends to visit us. Why not check out the pictures of our adventures on our Facebook page and be inspired to join in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend.

### **Brilliant Basketball!**

Our Year 5/6 Basketball Team went along the Thorp Academy on Wednesday to take part in the Ryton Cluster Mini Basketball Tournament. Two Crookhill teams played in the round robin event, both displaying excellent sportsmanship and great commitment throughout with Team 1 coming first and bringing home the trophy!! Huge well done to everyone who took part and good luck for the Gateshead finals on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Gong Hei Fat Choy (恭喜發財)**

Many of our classes looked at the traditions surrounding the Lunar New Year or Chinese New Year today, 2023 is the year of the rabbit. Pupils made some beautiful lanterns and dragons, and sampled noodles, prawn crackers and fortune cookies, wishing our friends prosperity and good fortune. There are lots of pictures of our day on our Facebook page, why not take a look.

### **Year 6 SATs Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who came along to one of the Year 6 SATs sessions last night, we had a great turnout, and it was lovely to see you all. If you were unable to attend, all of the information is on the Year 6 page of the school website.

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## Spring Term Diary Dates

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5/6 Mini Basketball Finals, Whickham School

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 6 Parent Consultations 2pm-5pm

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Feb –Safer Internet Day

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Online Safety Workshops for Reception, Years 1 & 2

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Internet Safety Workshop for Key Stage 2 parents, time TBC

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 6 Parent Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Feb- Year 2 Open Afternoon for parents 2pm

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – **Break up for Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Inset day, pupils return to school on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Year 5 Hoops for Health Tournament

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – World Book Day – More details to follow

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 5/6 Hockey event at Whickham School

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 4 Trip to Segedunam

W/C 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Science Week

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 3 & 4 Hockey event at Whickham School

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

W/C 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – last week for afterschool clubs

W/C 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Creativity Week

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parent Consultations for Rec to Year 5

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Mar - Gateshead School Dance Festival, Years 3 and 4 taking part. More details to follow.

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parent Consultations for Rec to Year 5

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – Easter Egg Competition and **break up for Easter Holiday – pupils return on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Have a good weekend and we'll see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

**Kristine McCormack**

**Head Teacher**

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