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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers,

Out and About

Year 5 and 6 went along to Gateshead Library on Tuesday for a 'Meet the Author' event. As part of the 40th annual Northern Children's Book Festival, pupils met author Steve Skidmore, whose titles include Galaxy Warriors and Killer Custard! The children bought signed copies of Steve's latest books and thoroughly enjoyed their morning.

Hoops4Health Roadshow

Following their morning at the library, years 5 and 6 had an energetic afternoon with the Newcastle Eagles. Four members of the basketball team came along to Crookhill to deliver the Hoops4Health Roadshow, talking to the children about their physical health and the importance of a good diet and regular exercise. Working in groups the pupils practised their basketball skills alongside the professionals, we hope they picked up lots of top tips for the Year 5 tournament in the New Year.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

It is the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Ryton, near Coffee Johnny's, on Thursday 30th November at 4.30pm. This is later than usual, but we are hopeful that children from Crookhill Primary can attend, along with other local schools, councillors and residents to celebrate this event.

Staff will be at the tree from 4.20pm and parents and children are welcome to meet us there.

Christmas Fayre

It is our Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December with doors opening at the earlier time of 2.30pm. Santa Claus will be in his grotto and there will be lots of stalls including tombola, raffle, face painting, crafts and cakes. Parents are asked to collect their children at **2.15pm**, in the usual way and then come around to the main entrance for the fayre. Please let school know if you would like a stall of your own for a small donation. Friday 1st December is a non-uniform day and children are asked to bring a small donation to the tombola stall, please see the class list for suggestions.

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Parents Consultation Evenings

As you know it is our Parents' Consultation Evenings next week, on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November. The meetings are in person in school. The booking system has now closed, if you have yet to make an appointment please get in touch with school. We will be trying something a little different this year, with all teachers in the main hall. I would like to thank you in advance for your attendance at this important evening, which provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress this year and plays a key role in helping to ensure that we work in partnership with you to support your child's education.

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:-

Thu 30th Nov - Tree Lighting in Ryton 4.30pm near Coffee Johnny's.

Fri 1st Dec - 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

Fri 8th Dec- Christmas Fayre – 2.30-4.30pm (Parents to collect children at 2.15pm)

Tue 12th Dec- Christmas Dinner Day

Mon 18th Dec-Reception/Key Stage One Nativity 1.45pm

Tue 19th Dec- Reception/Key Stage One Nativity 11am

Tue 19th Dec- KS1 Christmas Party afternoon

Wed 20th Dec- Key Stage Two Carol Service at Holy Cross Church 10am

Wed 20th Dec-KS2 Christmas Party afternoon

Thu 21st Dec- Christmas Music Workshop

Fri 22nd Dec- Winter Jumper Day for Save the Children

Break up for the end of term holidays - Return to school on Monday 8th January 2024

A reminder that there are no more afterschool clubs this term.

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack

Head Teacher

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