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## **FRIDAY LETTER**

Dear Parents and carers,

### **Attendance Policy**

At Crookhill Primary School, we promote excellent attendance and punctuality. Good attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils. It ensures that children get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.

Following new guidance, from September 2024, every child who has 10 sessions, (5 days) or more unauthorised absence in any 10-week period will be referred to the Legal Intervention Team and a Penalty Notice will be issued. This may incur a fine.

Unauthorised absence includes family holidays, shopping trips, day trips, birthdays, or absence to look after someone else. It also includes sessions where a child has arrived after registers have closed at 9.15am.

Of course, we recognise that many factors (in school and externally), can influence a pupil's attendance and we will always work in partnership with parents and other relevant agencies to resolve any issues.

We will let you know when the new Attendance Policy is agreed and has been uploaded onto the school website. We ask that you take time to read the policy and familiarise yourself with the new regulations.

### **Year 6 Cricketers**

A team of Year 6 cricketers went along to Wickham School on Wednesday to take part in the Countdown Cricket Competition. The team played astonishingly well, showing excellent team spirit and sportsmanship throughout, winning 2 of their matches and losing one. Their scores didn't take them into the next round but huge credit to James, Jack, Reo, Finlay, Shayan, Joe, Matthew, Jayden, Ollie and Daniel for an excellent day of well-played cricket.

### **National Sports Week**

This week has been National Sports Week. Our week started on Monday with an assembly all about the Euros. On Thursday Mrs Kelly hosted a Euros quiz where house teams competed against each other. Children have been competing in football games all week in PE lessons, at playtime and at lunchtime. They have also been designing football kits and the winners were announced in our Celebration Assembly today:

#### Top designers were:

Year 1- Scarlett	Year 4- Cayden
Year 2- Zak	Year 5- Imogen
Year 3- Luke	Year 6- Isla

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## The Olympics

Today we have been learning all about The Olympics – what they are, when they take place, different sports and the Olympic and Paralympic values. In Reception the children watched a clip of past winners and the London 2012 Olympics. They sang the National Anthem and saw footage of Paralympians and learnt how with hard work, we can all achieve our goals. Year 2 pupils discovered how the Olympics began in Athens, and tried their hand at traditional events like the javelin. Year 3 have been putting together a book of Olympic values and learning the 5 tips of a fair play attitude. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed their day and we're all looking forward to the games getting underway.

## Olympic Torch Relay

Gateshead schools are participating in a torch relay this month in celebration of The Olympics. The torch will be arriving at Crookhill on Monday and this week, the children have been applying to be torch bearers. In their applications, they have had to say why they would make a good torch bearer and how they show the Olympic and Paralympic values of:

**FRIENDSHIP RESPECT**  
**COURAGE INSPIRATION**  
**DETERMINATION**  
EQUALITY **EXCELLENCE**

Our torch bearers were announced in assembly this morning and they all received a special England Football Association notebook and pen, kindly donated by NUFC. Each Torch Bearer will have some very important jobs to do to support the torch relay including: leading their class in our torch relay in school, encouraging other children to be physically active and displaying and promoting the Olympic & Paralympic values.

Our Torch Bearers are:

- Reception: Oskar H
- Year 1: Jack O
- Year 2: Levi B
- Year 3: Emilia W
- Year 4: Henry D
- Year 5: Ollie T
- Year 6: Ava A

Hopefully this fine weather will continue, can we remind you that children need suncream applied in the morning at home, and some to keep in their tray for reapplying. All children should wear a hat during the summer months.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss K McCormack  
Head Teacher

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