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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

### **Sporting Events**

Year 6 went along to Gateshead Stadium yesterday to take part in the Gateshead Schools Athletics Festival. The children had a brilliant morning competing against peers from other primaries in this multi-skills event. A team of Year 6 footballers took part in a mini football tournament at Dunston Power League this afternoon. The boys were fantastic, displaying great team work and good sportsmanship and making it through to the quarter finals!

### **Spooks and Sparkles Disco**

There was an amazing turnout for our Spooks and Sparkles disco last night and the evening was a terrific success. As always, the children looked fantastic in their fabulous and freaky costumes, there were tasty treats, fun Halloween games and lots of dancing, and a special mention to Blake for his 'Macarena' ...it was incredible!

### **Panto Time**

M and M Productions were in school today and performed the panto of Jack and the Beanstalk for the whole school. It was loud, lively and very funny and everyone had a great time, it was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a very busy and long half term.

### **Admissions to School September 2024**

A last reminder if your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024 you have until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to apply online for their place. Please don't leave this too late as some schools will be oversubscribed. If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 and you live in Gateshead, you can apply now for your child to start reception class in September 2024.

**Apply on-line at: [www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

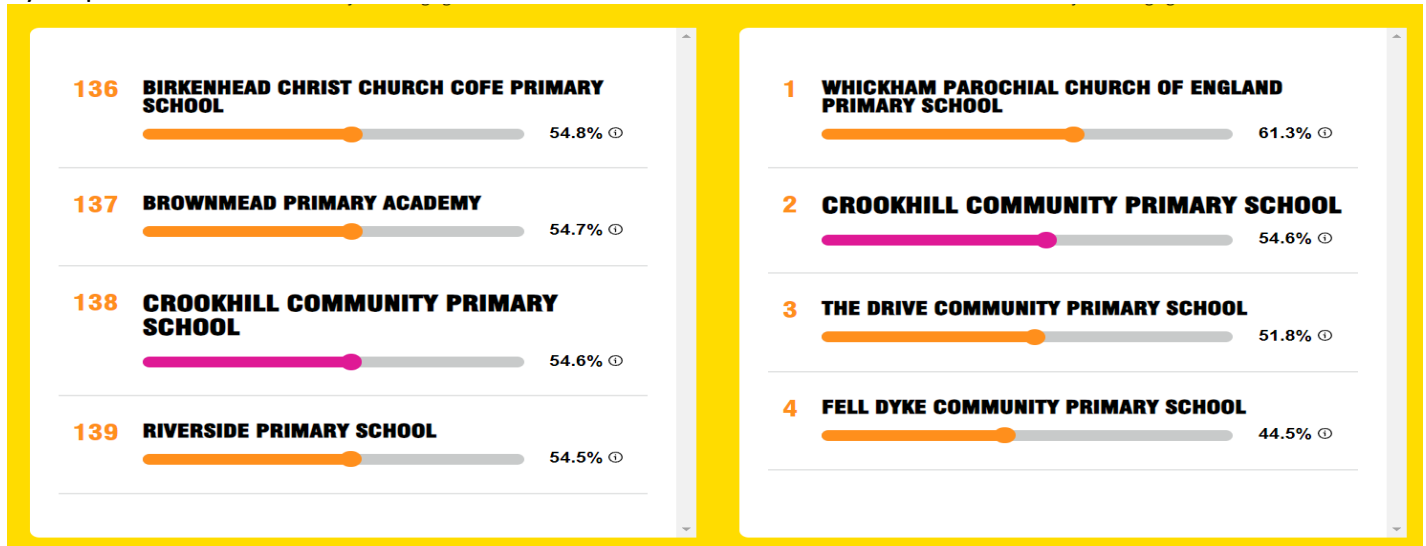
On-line applications must be submitted by 15 January 2024. If you do not submit your form by this date, you will reduce your chances of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools.

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## Walk to School Programme

Our school council have had some online training with Vikki from Living Streets and they now know how to log each journey and can use the website. They have helped give out the badges to everyone who managed to take active routes to school and know they can log in to the website and record this information alongside their teaching staff. They have lots of fabulous ideas that they would like to work on over the next academic year and the team were a really good help setting up the hall for the Halloween disco. Well done School Councillors! As you can see from the leader board, Crookhill is now 2<sup>nd</sup> across the borough and jumped up the national table by 30 places!



## Free School Meals

If your child is currently eligible for Means Tested Free School Meals, then once again you will receive your code via email for your school meal shopping voucher for the half term holiday. The voucher remains at £15 per pupil per week and is valid for up to 12 months.

## Flu Immunisation Programme

A reminder for parents who have not yet logged onto the programme. This year the flu immunisation day is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. The vaccine will help prevent them catching the flu. Vaccinating your child will also help protect vulnerable friends and family by reducing the spread of flu.

The intra-nasal flu vaccine is the most effective protection for your child against flu. The online consent can be accessed via any online device. Please click on the following link

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> which will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete using the following school code **NB108366**

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**If you decide you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccination, please complete a non consent form.**

**If in the past you have refused the intra-nasal flu due to porcine gelatin content, please complete the online IM consent form.** The IM flu vaccination can be given in one of our clinic venues.

If you have any queries regarding the online consent form or the Flu vaccine please contact the Northumbria Healthcare School Aged Immunisation Service.

**If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you have completed the on-line form, please inform the immunisation service.** For further information see: [Annual flu programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### Sharing your Views

Our school is a safe place where relationships between staff, parents and visitors demonstrates a mutual respect and recognition of shared responsibility for pupils' welfare and educational progress.

As parents of pupils at Crookhill Primary, if you have any concerns or comments, and are thinking of sharing your views on the school, its staff or its operational activities, please speak to a member of school staff rather than airing on social media. We are always ready to listen and help wherever we can.

Remember to check our Facebook page for pictures of all the exciting activities your children have been doing this term, have a super half term holiday and we will see you all on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

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