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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

### **Year 6 Adventures at Robinwood**

Year 6 have been away on their residential visit this week, spending an amazing three days at Robinwood in Alston, Cumbria. They have had such an incredible time and haven't had a moment of rest since they stepped off the bus on Wednesday morning. The children have thrown themselves into their activities. So many of them have pushed themselves to their limits when trying new and adventurous activities. There has been caving and climbing, zip wire and trapeze, the famous Robinwood 'Piranha Pool' and many, many more. As always, our children have been a credit to our school. What's most pleasing has been the way they have looked after, encouraged and congratulated each other throughout the activities. It's been a real pleasure to see this group enjoying themselves and demonstrating some of our core school values of resilience, and cooperation as well as showing a 'have-a-go' attitude when taking part in new things. Well done Year 6!

### **Spooks and Sparkles Disco**

Our Spooks and Sparkles disco will be held on Thursday next week from 4pm until 5.30pm. Refreshments, such as hotdogs, juice, sweets and biscuits will be on sale in the dining hall at pocket money prices and the disco will be set up in the main hall. Pupils are invited to dress as fun, freaky, spooky or sparkly as they like, and entry will be £2 payable on the door. Please note that this is a 'pupil only' event, unfortunately parents are not invited to stay behind with their children.

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

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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## 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.

## Out of School Club

A reminder for all parents and carers that the staff of Crookhill Early Years provide excellent before and after school care in the nursery building and extensive outdoor play area. A healthy breakfast is on offer in the morning and a light tea/snack is provided during the afterschool session.

Prices are: -

*Breakfast Club from 7.30am - £4.50*

*Afterschool until 4.15pm - £4.50*

*Afterschool until 5.15pm - £7.00*

If you have any queries or would like to book a session, please contact the team on 4137473 or by email at [crookhillearlyyears@gmail.com](mailto:crookhillearlyyears@gmail.com)

## 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**

**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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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## Poppy Appeal

From Monday next week we will be selling poppies, wristbands and slapbands in aid of the Poppy Appeal. All proceeds will go towards the amazing work that the Royal British Legion do to support our armed forces and their families past and present. Items will be on sale every morning break from the school office.

Remember to check our Facebook page for pictures of all the exciting activities your children have been doing this term, have a great weekend, we'll see you on Monday for the last week of Autumn 1.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack  
Head Teacher

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