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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

Welcome back to Crookhill Primary everyone. We hope you all had a good summer break and enjoyed lots of family time. The children have returned full of energy, happy to see their friends again and their eagerness to learn is wonderful. The new Reception Class have settled well and are getting to grips with 'big school' life. The slightly longer school day is working well, with gates opening at 8.40am and 3.15pm. The term ahead is filled with events and activities, please refer to the list of Autumn Term Diary Dates.

### Flu Immunisation Programme

This year the flu immunisation day is on Wednesday 13<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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## Healthy Eating and Good Oral Hygiene

Total Produce keep school well stocked with a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables for pupils to enjoy at morning break. Cereal bars, biscuits and other snacks should not be brought into school. If parents still prefer to send children with their own snack from home, please be advised that this can only be fruit or vegetables. We also politely request that parents don't send in birthday cakes and sweet treats for their child's class. This is in line with our healthy school policy and we have a number of children in school with allergies and special dietary requirements.

## Homework and Class Information

Your child's class teacher will be sending a homework and information booklet home with your child. Please keep this safe to refer to throughout the year. The information will also be available on the school website at [www.crookhillprimary.org](http://www.crookhillprimary.org) in each class section.

## Admissions to School September 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 and you live in Gateshead, you can apply for your child to start reception class in September 2025 from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

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

On-line applications must be submitted by 15 January 2025. 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.

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2025 you can apply for a secondary school place from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. **Apply on-line at: [www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

On-line applications must be submitted by 31 October 2024. If you do not submit your form by this date, you will reduce your chances of gaining a place at one of your chosen schools.

You should list three school preferences on your application, applying for only one school **does not** improve your chances of gaining a place at this school.

It is important that you look at the information in the 'Admission to Primary School' booklet and relevant school admission policies before you submit your application. This booklet is available on the council's website [www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

## School Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their new uniforms. Please check with class teachers which days your child needs to wear their PE kit and ensure all children have removed their earrings before school. We already have a few items of lost property. Can we remind parents to put their children's names in jumpers, cardigans, hoodies and coats please, this is a great help to staff when trying to find missing uniform.

PE Days are:-

- Monday – Year 3 and Year 4
- Tuesday – Year 1 and Year 3
- Wednesday – Year 5 (Swimming), Year 6 and Year 1
- Thursday – Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6
- Friday – Reception, Year 2 and Year 5

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## Parent Open Afternoons-Meet the Teacher

I would like to invite parents and carers to an open afternoon where you will be able to meet your child's new class teacher and visit their classroom. At the session, staff will share information about what the children will be learning this year and the importance of reading. There will also be the opportunity for you and your child to read and complete some activities together.

The open afternoons start at **2.30pm** on the following dates:

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 and Year 6
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Reception

I do hope you will be able to join us for this important afternoon.

## Football Training

Years 5 and 6 are invited to join Mrs Kelly and Miss Brown for football training on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, after school until 4.15pm.

A reminder also that Year 6 should arrive at school at 8.30am from Monday, a separate letter has been sent home with Year 6 with full details.

Can we remind parents that if they must drive to school for drop off and pickups, please park with care and consideration for our neighbours.

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack  
Head Teacher

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