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13th September 2024

FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

Afterschool Clubs

Our Autumn Term Afterschool Clubs start w/c 23rd September. The selection sheet will be sent home next week. Please read this carefully, payment can be made either via Arbor (under School Uniform, Clubs and Trips) or in cash, and parents will only be notified if a space is NOT available in the club they have chosen. Spaces will be limited and will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

Flu Immunisation Programme

This year the flu immunisation day is on Wednesday 13th 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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Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Celebration, a great favourite in the Crookhill calendar, will take place on Tuesday 1st October at 9.15am and again at 2.30pm. Due to the size of our hall, and Health and Safety restrictions, we can only admit 2 adults per family and ask that you only attend 1 of the performances. We ask that babies and toddlers do not attend this event, as the small voices of our children can often get lost in the noise of a packed hall. If you would like to attend one of the performances, tickets are available from the school office at £1 each. You WILL NOT be able to pay on the door on the morning of the event so please ensure you buy your tickets over the next 2 weeks.

Could we ask pupils to bring in various store cupboard staples, all will be very gratefully received. Once again, our donations will be collected by The People's Kitchen the day after our celebration.

Suggested items are:-

<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Biscuits and sweets</i>
<i>Instant coffee</i>	<i>Tinned meat, stew, curry, chilli</i>
<i>Sauces (ketchup, salad cream, brown sauce, gravy)</i>	
<i>Hot Chocolate</i>	
<i>Soup (tinned or packet)</i>	<i>Plain and self-raising flour</i>
<i>Tinned fruit</i>	<i>Evaporated, condensed and dried milk</i>
<i>Tinned vegetables</i>	<i>Long Life Milk</i>
<i>Custard (powder or tinned)</i>	<i>Tinned rice pudding</i>
<i>Toothbrushes/toothpaste/showergel</i>	<i>Squash/fruit juice</i>
<i>Pet Food</i>	

The generosity of the Crookhill Community is always astonishing; however, we understand that in the current climate asking for donations can be tricky. Please only ever give what you can afford.

Parent Open Afternoons-Meet the Teacher

Another reminder about our open afternoons, 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 16th September – Year 5 and Year 6
- Wednesday 18th September – Year 3
- Thursday 19th September – Year 1
- Tuesday 24th September – Year 2
- Wednesday 25th September – Year 4
- Friday 27th September – Reception

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

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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 9th September.

Apply on-line at: 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 9th September. **Apply on-line at: 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**.

Active Pupils

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming session on Wednesday and it was wonderful to be back at Blydon pool. Also, Jack, our NUF coach returned this week. Jack is delivering exciting PE lessons on Thursday and Fridays and it's great to have him back as one of the Crookhill Team.

Enjoy your weekend and we'll see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack
Head Teacher

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Crookhill Primary School - A Safeguarding School

Crookhill Primary School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all the children in our school. We believe that pupils have a right to learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment where everyone is respected and valued. Safeguarding is about ensuring that everyone is safe from harm – safe from all forms of bullying, safe from people who could abuse, safe from discrimination or harassment – and that we all feel safe in our environment. Staff are alert to the signs of abuse and maltreatment and will follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. Serious concerns will be passed to Children’s Services.

If you are ever concerned about the safety or well-being of someone at our school, please talk to one of the school’s Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss K McCormack (Head Teacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mrs D Kelly (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs E Smith (Assistant Head Teacher)

Safeguarding Governors – Mrs K Murray (Crookhill Early Years), Mrs A Lucas (Parent Governor)

A copy of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available on the school website or from the school office.

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