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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

### **Year 4 Making Headlines**

On Monday, Mrs O'Shaughnessy and Year 4 started the award-winning news literacy sessions from the Guardian Foundation, NewsWise. Some news stories can be upsetting or worrying for children, these sessions with their resources and activities help children to understand how the news affects us all, whilst discussing topics safely in the classroom. One of the subjects the children looked at was the decision by Nike, not to produce the replica goalkeeper shirt as worn by Lioness Mary Earps. Following public criticism, lots of news coverage and complaints from fans, Nike did a U-turn and changed their mind, such is the power of a news article. The NewsWise unit of work culminates in pupils producing their own broadcast news reports, keep reading our weekly newsletter to see how they get on!

### **Nurse Wendy in Reception Class**

The children in Reception Class had a very special visitor today. Nurse Wendy from the children's ward in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Gateshead, came into class to talk about all the different people who work in a hospital. She showed the children lots of exciting equipment, and they practised their own first aid bandaging each other up and listening to their heart beats. The children were all dressed in brightly coloured scrubs and a medical station was set up in the role play area of the classroom. It was a fun morning, and a great way to allay any worries that pupils may have of doctors or hospital trips with everyone dressing up and learning lots.

### **Afterschool Clubs**

The Spring Term After School Clubs start next week and once again there has been a massive take up on the range of activities on offer. Apologies to anyone who didn't get a place in their chosen club, there is a waiting list for those clubs which are over-subscribed.

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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