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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

Professor Brainstorm

We had an exciting visitor on Monday afternoon. Professor Brainstorm performed his Science Roadshow, delivering 'Magical Science' for Key Stage One, and 'Fantastic Forces' for Key Stage Two. Covering electricity, materials, gravity, magnetism and much more, the shows brought the 'wow' into science and everyone enjoyed the experience.

Gateshead Schools Dance Festival

Year 3 and 4 took part in the Gateshead Schools Dance Festival on Wednesday and what a performance it was! Every child was absolutely incredible and the audience thought so too, giving them a rapturous applause. Their routine was dramatic and very emotive, all in black with face paints catching the stage lighting, each pupil delivered the dance perfectly and we couldn't be prouder. Performing on a massive stage in front of a large crowd is daunting to anyone, and although a bit nervous, the Crookhillers took it in their stride. A huge well done to everyone and to Mrs Bainbridge and Mrs O'Shaughnessy for their endless practice sessions and superb choreography.

Year 1 Open Afternoon

Thank you to all Year 1 parents who came along to our Open Afternoon on Wednesday. We enjoyed a session of poetry and puppet making and it was super to see parents and children working together.

Parents Consultation Evenings - Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March

As you know it is Parents Evening next week for Reception to Year 5. The booking system closed at 4pm yesterday, if you had failed to book an appointment, a slot has been booked on your behalf and the confirmation will be sent home with your child today.

I would like to thank you in advance for your attendance. Parent consultations provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and plays a key role in helping to ensure that we work in partnership with you to support your child's education.

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Easter Egg Competition

A reminder that we will be judging the Crookhill Easter Egg Competition on Thursday next week, a favourite in our school calendar! Children are invited to bring their decorated eggs into school on the morning of the 28th, there is no theme this year, but it would be super if pupils could link their entry to something they've studied in class.

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 Easter holiday. The voucher has reversed to £15 per pupil per week and is valid for up to 12 months.

Thank you to the Easter bunny who called into Reception Class to read a story this afternoon, it was wonderful to see you.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we'll see you on Monday for a 4-day week.
Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack
Head Teacher

Important Message Received from Northumbria Police

WhatsApp group encouraging self-harm in young people

CNTW NHS Trust has made us aware of a WhatsApp group called "everyone you know x" which is circulating in North Tyneside. It is aimed at Y6 students.

There are currently 500 members, and the group encourages members to self-harm.

Three young people are in hospital following overdose and they have disclosed that there is a social media trend whereby young people are being encouraged to take overdoses on a points scoring system eg, if admitted to hospital, if a liver specialist has been contacted etc.

We have been asked to make parent/carers aware of this trend .

The NSPCC website has information about helping children who may have been affected by such content
[Content promoting self-harm, suicide and eating disorders | NSPCC](#)

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