



FRIDAY LETTER

3.10.2025



National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day is the biggest mass celebration of poetry in the UK. It's a chance for all of us to share in the pleasure of poetry and that's exactly what we did at Crookhill. All classes enjoyed listening to poems and some even wrote their own pieces inspired by this year's theme: play

Year One worked together to write an acrostic poem while Year 6 were inspired by the poem 'Skateboarding' by Joseph Coelho and wrote poems about a thrilling or exhilarating experience of their own!

News from the Office

Mrs Willoughby, our school business manager, will retire from her post at the end of this half-term. She has been a part of our Crookhill School family for so long, first as a parent and then as our School Business Manager, taking up her position in the office in 2006.



Mrs Willoughby is going to be a huge miss at Crookhill and we know that parents and carers will be keen to offer her all of their best wishes for her retirement before she leaves.

Mrs Willoughby is looking forward to spending more time with her two grandchildren but we know that she will remain a friend of Crookhill for a long time to come!

Harvest Festival


Hopefully everyone has managed to pick up their tickets for the Harvest Celebration in school next Wednesday. If not, there's still some available from the office for £1 each (two per family).

A reminder that our celebration is not suitable for babies and toddlers to attend.

We are also still collecting for The People's Kitchen and any store cupboard items can be brought to school next week.



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Spooks and Sparkles Disco

This is always a highlight of the year and we know that now October is here, the children will be counting down to their favourite afterschool party.

For those who are new to Crookhill, this annual highlight - a celebration of all things spooky and sparkly - will take place on Thursday 23rd October from 4pm - 5.30pm. Children are encouraged to dress up (but that's not essential) and come along for some dancing, fun and games. There will also be pocket money price toys on sale and children can buy refreshments too.

More details will be given in next week's newsletter but for now, don't forget to mark the date on the calendar!



Why is it so important to contact school to report absence?

There have been public cases in the past where other schools have not chased up the reasons as to why children are absent from school. It has then transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences, e.g. illness of a parent and a child unable to seek help.

At Crookhill Primary we will do everything we can to prevent such situations occurring; I am sure you would agree that your child's safety is paramount to us all. If your child is not going to be in school please call the school office on 4334066 or send school a text on the messaging system to report their absence. Please do this before 9.30am on the first day of the absence.

If we have not heard from you by 9.30am then we will initially send you a text, if no response we will start to call all of your contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is then we will make a home visit. If following the home visit we still haven't been able to get a response, we will report our concerns to either the police or social services, as your child will then be classed a 'missing child'.

This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is to keep school informed of reasons for absence. Please remember to keep all of your contact numbers up to date to help us maintain your child's school records.

Coming up at Crookhill...

- 8.10.25 - Harvest Festival (9:15am and 2:30pm)
- 10.10.25 - World Mental Health Day
- 13.10.25 - School Photograph Day
- 14.10.25 - Year 6 visit to Wagamama for DT workshop
- 21.10.25 - Show Racism the Red Card workshops for Years 4-6
- 23.10.25 - Spooks and Sparkles Disco (4pm - 5.30pm)
- 24.10.25 - End of Half Term
- 3.11.25 - INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
- 4.11.25 - School reopens after half term

A full list of diary dates for the Autumn term can be found on our website in the parents' section



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