

FRIDAY LETTER



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Harvest Festival: Year 3 share their beautiful 'potato print trees'



A busy week at Crookhill!

So many things to report on in our weekly round up today! The highlight, of course, being the wonderful Harvest Festival that was celebrated in school on Wednesday. Thank you to those who came along to watch. We hope you enjoyed the singing and presentations. We are so proud of the children and we hope you are too!

People's Kitchen

Thank you to those who donated to our collection for the People's Kitchen. Our donations were collected today by the volunteers from the charity. We know they were so grateful for the kindness shown by the Crookhill School community.



New Caretaker

As you will know, we have been without a permanent caretaker for a little while. This week, our new caretaker, Mr Smeatham, took up his new role, working alongside our relief caretaker, Mr Cowell until half-term. We're sure he will be feeling a warm welcome from everyone at Crookhill



Say Cheese!

A reminder that this coming Monday (13th) is school photography day and individual, family and class groups will be taken. Full uniform on Monday please.

Spooks and Sparkles Disco

Our Spooks and Sparkles disco will be held on Thursday 23rd October from 4pm until 5.30pm. Light snacks such as juice, sweets and biscuits will be on sale in the dining hall at pocket money prices and the disco will be set up in the main hall. Pupils are invited to dress as fun, freaky, spooky or sparkly as they like, and entry will be £2 payable on the door. Please note that this is a 'pupil only' event, unfortunately parents are not invited to stay behind with their children. Could we ask that all children bring their spending money in a named purse, wallet or bag please.



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Sports Report:

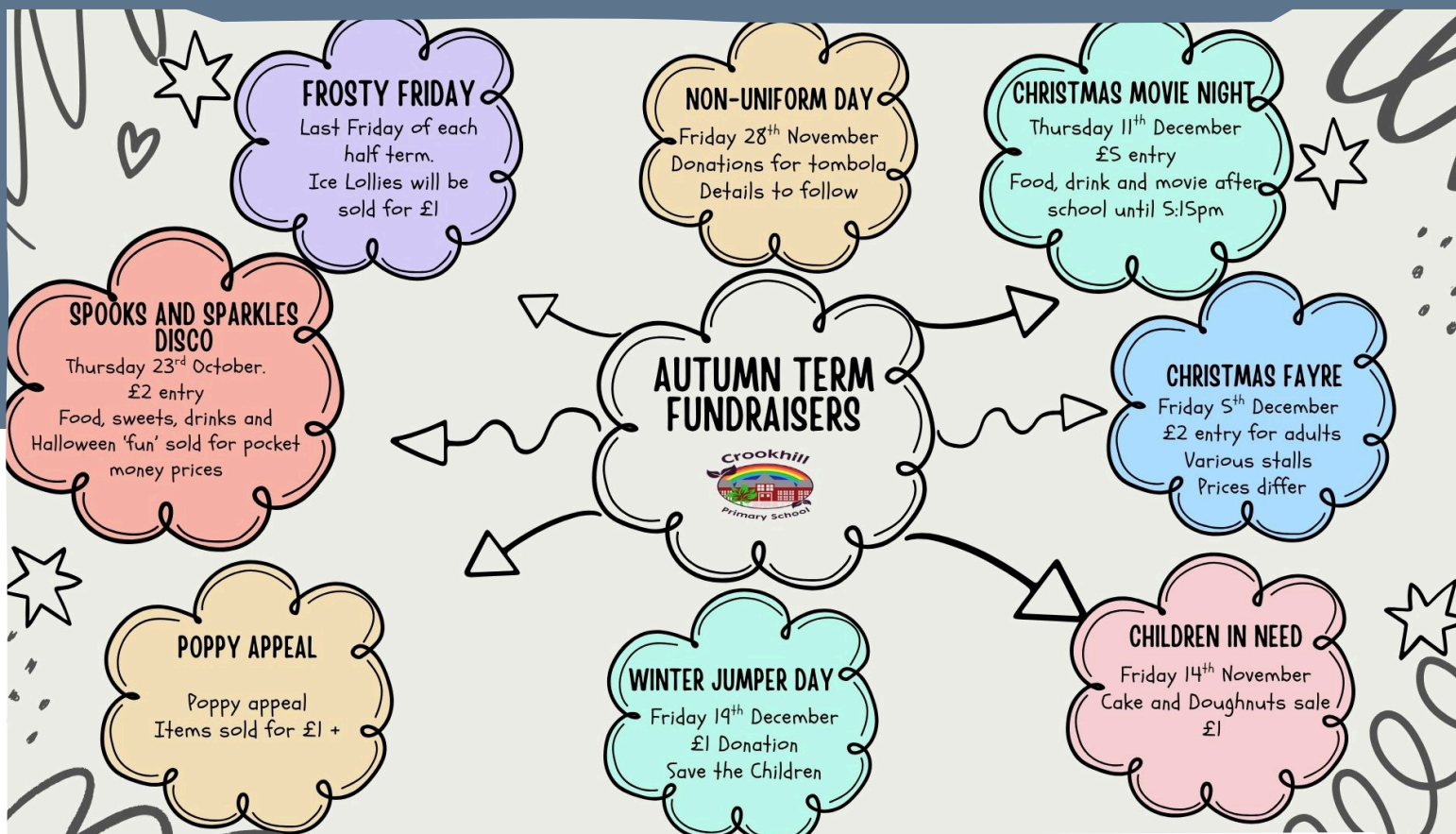
It was a blustery night along at Ryton Juniors last night for the opening round of the Blaydon & District league season. The boys have been working hard in training and they were keen to get back into action after their first outing in the cup last month. Two tricky fixtures last night, the opener against a strong St Agnes side finishing in a 2-1 defeat. It had looked like the game could have got away from us after we went 2-0 in the first half. However, with the wind in our favour in the second half, the boys dug deep and managed to pull one back courtesy of a lovely passing move that ended with Jack W sliding the ball past the St Agnes keeper. Luke B came close to his first Crookhill goal but it wasn't to be as he saw his shot go just wide. The second game against Ryton was almost entirely one-way traffic with Crookhill dominant in this game. However, the Ryton defence held strong and despite continued pressing and many good chances, we just couldn't find the back of the net and the game ended in stalemate. Lots of positives to take from the games last night - and plenty to work on before the season resumes in the spring.



Crookhill go close in their game against Ryton last night

Fundraising at Crookhill

We wanted to share some information about how we fundraise at Crookhill in order to provide additional activities and resources which are not covered by our school budget. Some of the money we raise from our fundraising goes towards our school fund, which helps to subsidise school trips or pay for other ways to enhance our curriculum such as workshops or visitors to our school. In addition to this, we have another fund which has a specific purpose or goal in mind. Over the last two years, we managed to raise (alongside school funds) over £8000 which paid for the majority of the costs of our new playground equipment. The school council is very much involved in making decisions around how this 'extra' funding is spent. Now that phase one of the playground is completed, the children have started to plan how they would like to extend the play area - so fundraising for phase 2 is now underway! See below for an outline of fundraising activities this term (those for school funds and other charity events that we support).



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