



FRIDAY LETTER

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Recycle Week at Crookhill

All classes have been learning about the importance of recycling waste materials. The theme of the campaign is 'Rescue Me, Recycle' so that's exactly what Year six did when they 'rescued' some t-shirts that they'd outgrown or no longer wanted. A few clever cuts and a bit of creativity and they were transformed into something new - a coaster! Other classes created posters and pledged to find ways to cut down waste. Great to see everyone at Crookhill caring for our environment!



Fun in Reception Class

Reception are settling into school life at Crookhill. They've been so busy over the last few weeks. A highlight of last week was making their very own apple crumble. It looked (and tasted) delicious! Well done Reception - what will be on the menu next?



Reception children enjoying a sunny day in the outdoor area

Harvest Festival

A reminder that our Harvest Festival takes place on Wednesday 8th October at 9.15am and again at 2.30pm. 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 week.

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.



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Vacancies at Crookhill Early Years

Due to the increasing success of our nursery and Out of School Clubs, we need some additional enthusiastic staff to help us provide this excellent service to our nursery and school children. This is a great opportunity to work in a happy and thriving environment during term time between Mondays and Fridays.

There are three posts -

- Nursery practitioner Level 3 - approx. 15 hours each week
- Breakfast club practitioner 7.45am - 9am
- After school club practitioner 3pm-5.30pm

Some of these hours can be shared or combined into one job if preferred. Level 3 Early Years or Teaching Assistant qualifications along with experience of working with children are preferred, but training can be provided. DBS clearance and references will be sought for the successful candidates.

Please call us on 0191 4137473, email on crookhillearlyyears@gmail.com or call in to our nursery building for an informal chat in the first instance.



Who Are School Governors and what do School Governors do?

School governors are volunteers who help to decide on the direction, focus and ethos of the school. Governors work closely with the headteacher, school staff and representatives from the local authority (LA). Governors are actively involved in the decision making process. They support and challenge the leadership team and other staff to ensure the best possible outcomes for Crookhill children.

A school governing body has a strategic role in the development of the school but does not become involved in the day-to-day management issues - that is the role of the Head Teacher.



Mrs Debra Ryan – Co-opted Governor, Chair
Mr Jon Innerdale – Co-opted Governor, Vice – Chair
Mrs Kelly Murray – Co-opted Member
Mrs Julie Wilkinson – Parent Governor
Mrs Amy Davies – Parent Governor
Mrs Jennifer Brown – Co-opted Member
Mrs Carolyn Willoughby – Co-opted Governor
Councillor Freda Geddes – LA Appointed
Mrs Debra Kelly – Staff Governor
Miss Kristine McCormack – Head Teacher Governor
Mrs Emma Smith – Associate Governor
Miss Anna Lucas – Associate Governor
Gabrielle Mains – Clerk to the Governors (Dryden PDC Evistones Road Gateshead NE9 5UR)

Coming up at Crookhill...

- 2.10.25 - National Poetry Day
- 8.10.25 - Harvest Festival (9:15am and 2:30pm)
- 9.10.25 - Year 5/6 Football @ Ryton Federation (4pm)
- 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 4,5 and 6
- 21.10.25 - Year 6 parents meeting (Residential) 3.30pm
- 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

Next week...



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

Working together, we succeed