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FRIDAY LETTER

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Back in time for Year 2

This week, Year 2 were delighted to welcome parents and families to their class assembly all about the Great Fire of London. The children brought history to life through a wonderful short play and a selection of songs, sharing the dramatic events of 1666. It was a fantastic way to bring their history topic to a close and celebrate all the amazing learning they have done. We are incredibly proud of every child for their enthusiasm, confidence and brilliant performance. Well done, Year 2!

Some of the party goers at the spooks and sparkles disco on Thursday

Happy Half Term!

What a wonderful start to the academic year we have had! It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term. The weeks have flown by, and it has been lovely to see our children working so hard, embracing new challenges and making the most of every opportunity. A special mention must go to our Reception children, who have settled beautifully into school life. It has been a real pleasure to watch them grow in confidence, make new friendships and become such an important part of Team Crookhill.

We rounded off the half term in style with another fantastic Spooks and Sparkles Disco! The children had an absolutely wonderful time, dancing the night away, joining in with fun games and enjoying some delicious spooky treats. There were smiles, laughter and plenty of fabulous dance moves – what a brilliant way to end a busy half term!

A huge thank you to all our children, staff and families for making this such a positive and successful start to the school year. We wish all our families a lovely, restful half-term break, filled with fun, relaxation and time together. Enjoy every moment, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 3rd November, ready for another exciting half term!

School Council on duty

Our harvest donations were handed over to the People's Kitchen this week. Well done to school council who made sure all of the goods were packed up and delivered safely.

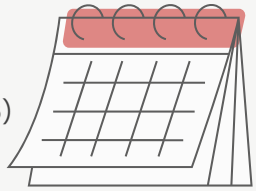
Thank you again for your kind donations - we appreciate your support of this good cause!

Annual Poppy Appeal

Our annual Poppy Appeal will begin after half term, giving pupils the opportunity to support the Royal British Legion and show their remembrance. We will have a range of items available to purchase, from 3.11.26 including traditional paper poppies, wristbands, pencils, reflective poppies and snap bands. Prices range from 50p to £2. We would be grateful for your support in helping us raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Year 5/6 pupils will join members of our local community at the annual remembrance service at Stargate on Friday 6th November from 10:45am.

Dates for your diary:



26.10.26 - 30.10.26 - HALF TERM HOLIDAY
2.11.26 - INSET day (school closed to pupils)
3.11.26 - School reopens
6.11.26 - Remembrance event at Stargate (Y5/6)
11 - 13.11.26 - Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
13.11.26 - Children in Need
16.11.26 - Anti-bullying week / Road safety week / last week for clubs
16.11.26 - Author Visit to Year 5/6 and Anti-Bullying Workshop for KS2
19.11.26 - Pedestrian Training - Year 3 (classroom session)
19.11.26 - Girls 7-a-side county cup games Blaydon Leisure Centre 3pm - 5pm (details to follow)
20.11.26 - Friendship Friday
24.11.26 - 25.11.26 - Parent Consultations
26.11.26 - Pedestrian Training - Year 3 (outdoor session)
28.11.26 - Festivals of Light Day
30.11.26 - Anti-Bullying Assembly for Parents - details to follow (PM)
2.12.26 - Flu Immunisations
3.12.26 - Pedestrian Training - Year 3 (outdoor session)
4.12.26 - Christmas Fair
14.12.26 / 15.12.26 -Reception / KS2 Nativity
16.12.26 - KS2 Carol Service at Holy Cross Church 10am / KS2 Party (pm) / KS1 party day
17.12.26 - Music Workshop
18.12.26 - Winter Jumper Day - Last Day of Term

A super performance by M&M Productions on Tuesday when children enjoyed watching Cinderella!

Pantomime fun

The children enjoyed a wonderful pantomime performance from M&M Productions, who have visited our school many times before and always put on a fantastic show! This time, they brought the magical tale of Cinderella to life, much to everyone's delight. There was plenty of laughter, singing and enthusiastic audience participation, with lots of booing, cheering and clapping along the way! It was lovely to see the children having so much fun and was a fantastic treat to round off the term. A big thank you to M&M Productions for another brilliant performance!

GATESHEAD LEISURE CENTRE · OCTOBER HALF TERM

Half Term Family Fun

Monday 26 – Friday 30 October

20% OFF family activities all week

Week-long offers

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Soft play

£4.50

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Children's swimming

£3.00

ALL WEEK

Junior day pass

£3.60 per session

ALL WEEK · BEST VALUE

Family Fun Bundle

A one-hour swim plus 90 minutes of soft play – or Halloween inflatables if you visit on Thursday 29 October.

1 adult + 1 child **£11.80**

1 adult + 2 children **£19.20**

Spooky special events

Mon 26 Oct · 10:00 – 11:30am

Family Fun Activity Morning

- Monster Mash Disco
- Spooky Sports
- Halloween Treasure Hunt

Free session

Donations welcome. We suggest £5 to help towards the running of the centre, but please give whatever you can.

Thu 29 Oct · 10:00am – 1:00pm

Halloween Dryside Inflatables

10:00 – 11:00am SEN-only session

11:00am – 1:00pm Open session

Come in costume! Themed music and on-the-spot prizes for the best dressed.

£6.50 per child

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METRO CENTRE

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

Take part in a range of FREE activities during half-term with Newcastle United Foundation.

Get an introduction to our Careers Hub and take part in fun daily family activities between 11am - 3pm.

Get involved in:

- Table tennis
- Table football
- Velcro darts
- Connect four
- Jenga
- Colouring stations

Plus more activities in partnership with Newcastle College. Activities are available during October, February, April and May half-term holidays.

Newcastle United Foundation Careers Hub, Metrocentre (Upper Green Mall), NE11 9YG

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