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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

### Spooks and Sparkles Disco

Our Spooks and Sparkles disco will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm until 5.30pm. Refreshments, such as hotdogs, 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.

### Footie News

Last night saw the 7 a-side boys get their league season underway along at Ryton, with the first round of fixtures of the 2023-24 campaign. There's a change in the format this year, with the teams only meeting each other once in slightly longer games than the usual 7-minute frenzy! First up was our friends and rivals, Ryton – this was to be our third meeting of the season, with Ryton having come out on top in both previous cup games. The Ryton keeper pulled off a fantastic penalty save to deny Crookhill a deserved point. Never mind.....on to the next game against Sacred Heart. This one ended in a 3-1 victory for the reds with a rather impressive hat-trick for Reo B. The final game was a tough one against St Agnes of Crawcrook, who look like they could be one of the strongest teams in the group this season. The game ended in a 5-0 defeat for Crookhill.

With the season paused for the winter, Crookhill sit in a respectable mid-table position, perfectly poised to move up the table when the season resumes in March. Thanks to those who came along to support – always much appreciated.

### Say Cheese!

Our School Photography Team, Phototronics, were in school today. They took individual and sibling group photographs and proofs will be sent home as soon as received should you wish to place an order. The team will return in the new year to take class groups and hopefully any pupils who were absent today.

### Admissions to School September 2024

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If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024 you have until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to apply online for their place. Please don't leave this too late as some schools will be oversubscribed.

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 and you live in Gateshead, you can apply now for your child to start reception class in September 2024.

**Apply on-line at: [www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

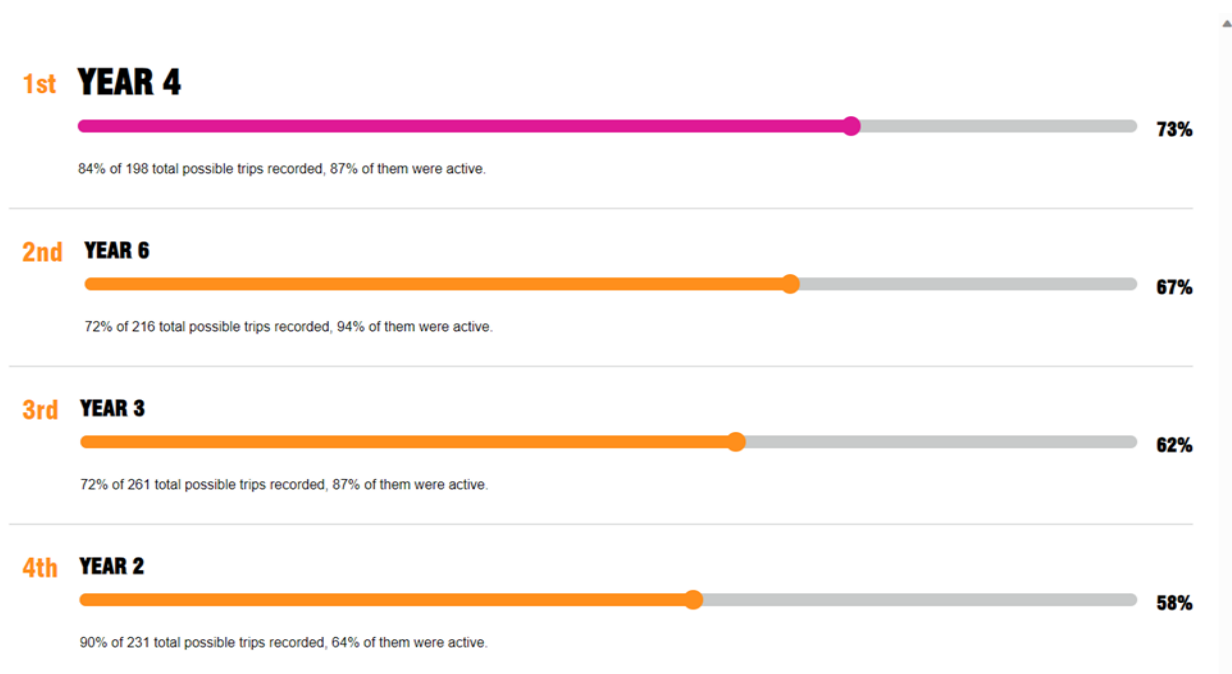
On-line applications must be submitted by 15 January 2024. If you do not submit your form by this date, you will reduce your chances of gaining a place at one of your preferred schools.

### Reminders of School Procedures

Can we remind parents that everyone should enter school at the main gate, no matter which class they are in, as we are still operating one way system. Children riding bikes and scooters to school should always wear a helmet and should dismount at the main gate, pushing their bike or scooter down to the yard. At home time, can we ask parents to wait in their year group area, until the children are dismissed by their teacher, this avoids confusion and congestion at such a busy time.

### Walk to School

Please see below the top 4 classes in our School Leaderboard, where we are still 3<sup>rd</sup> in Gateshead, but we have moved up to 163<sup>rd</sup> in the country. Keep up the scooting, cycling and walking to school everyone. Not only is it better for our health, but it helps the environment too.



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## The Gateshead West Uniform Scheme

The Gateshead West Uniform Scheme is a local charity fighting landfill and uniform poverty. They are currently a blue token charity in the Whickham and Rowlands Gill Tesco stores, and they have been chosen as a Co-op 'Good Cause'. They rely on word of mouth to boost donations of good-quality second hand school uniform (both branded and unbranded) to sell 'pay-as-you-feel' at our regular Ryton and Blaydon markets. Many local parents still don't know that this exists and are still needlessly buying new uniform. As well as school uniform they also stock coats, shoes and sportswear as well as dressing up outfits and Christmas jumpers.

They hold uniform markets every month at Ryton Scout Hut and St Cuthbert's Hall in Blaydon, full details of dates, times and where to find them, can be found on their website and Facebook page.

[www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform](http://www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform)

<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>

Remember to check our Facebook page for pictures of what we've been doing this term, have a great weekend, we'll see you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

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