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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

Harvest Celebration

We would like to invite parents to our Harvest Celebration, a great favourite in the Crookhill calendar! This will take place on Tuesday 3rd October at 9.15am and again at 2.15pm. **We must ask that parents only come to one of the performances and due to the size of our hall, and Health and Safety restrictions, we can only invite 2 guests per family.** If possible, we ask that babies and toddlers do not attend this event, as small voices can often get lost in the noise of a packed hall.

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.

Suggested items are:-

<i>Sugar</i>	<i>Biscuits and sweets</i>
<i>Instant coffee</i>	<i>Tinned meat, stew, curry, chilli</i>
<i>Sauces (ketchup, salad cream, brown sauce, gravy)</i>	
<i>Hot Chocolate</i>	
<i>Soup (tinned or packet)</i>	<i>Plain and self-raising flour</i>
<i>Tinned fruit</i>	<i>Evaporated, condensed and dried milk</i>
<i>Tinned vegetables</i>	<i>Long Life Milk</i>
<i>Custard (powder or tinned)</i>	<i>Tinned rice pudding</i>
<i>Toothbrushes/toothpaste/showergel</i>	<i>Squash/fruit juice</i>
<i>Pet Food</i>	

The generosity of the Crookhill Community is always astonishing; however we understand that in the current climate asking for donations can be tricky. Please only ever give what you can afford.

Viking Invasion

The children in Year 5 took part in a workshop called 'Preparing for a Viking Raid' led by Imagining History yesterday. The afternoon started with a recap of how the Vikings came to England, and the children created a life action time line to show the main events from the time of the Vikings. They then focused on why Vikings travelled and created scenes to show Erik the Red settling in Greenland, Erik Leifson exploring and trading in Vinland and then a raiding party invading France. They were able to spend some time looking at and using

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replica Viking artefacts and were astonished to learn that a Sun Stone was a real Viking artefact! Finally, the children were given a specific set of criteria needed for building effective longboats and they had to 'build' their own using their bodies. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the variety of activities and taking part in the different drama tasks.

Fantastic Football!

Last night saw the opening games of the 2023-24 Football Season for our 7-a-side team. The rain earlier in the week looked like it was going to put the fixtures in doubt but thankfully the sun shone and it was a perfect night for football. The season openers saw the team competing in the preliminary round of the County Cup. With only three players returning to the squad from last year's team, there were several new additions making their Crookhill debuts and everyone was keen to get off to a good start. The opening game saw a narrow 1-0 victory over Lobley Hill with Ethan R popping up to score his first ever Crookhill goal. Surely more will follow! The next game against Washingwell saw the experienced Crookhill striker Reo B secure a 2-1 victory with two great goals. Next up, newcomers to the league, Riverside Academy, who proved to be solid in defence and it looked like this one was going to end in stalemate until Joe W let rip with a rocket of a shot from just past the half-way line that found its way into the top corner. Three victories were enough to seal a place in the finals on Monday night and defeat to rivals Ryton in the final game couldn't take the shine off a very enjoyable and entertaining evening of football. As always, excellent sporting behaviour on the pitch and super support from our cheer squad on the sidelines.

School Meals and Packed Lunches

Having a healthy diet and having the right nutrients can help a child's mood, their health and their ability to concentrate in lessons. School meals are freshly-cooked and exceed national standards for school lunches. Primary School menus are carefully developed to appeal to children and provide the perfect balance of essential nutrients - and to offer them the chance to try a few dishes they may not have tried before.

If your child prefers a packed lunch, then we encourage parents to provide a healthy packed lunch. Items such as fizzy pop and chocolate bars should not be sent in packed lunches. Due to some pupils having nut allergies, we ask that parents do not send nuts into school and any grapes should be cut in half. The NHS website has some excellent ideas for healthy packed lunches <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Growing Healthy Gateshead

The Growing Healthy Gateshead 0-19 service is an integrated service for families, expectant mothers, children and young people that offers interventions from the pre-natal stage up to the age of 19.

A School Nurse is available Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm and you can find the local Gateshead Team page on Facebook, where they share information and general health advice.

www.facebook.com/GrowingHealthyGateshead

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Afterschool Clubs

As always there has been a fantastic take up for our new Afterschool Clubs. These start next week and all have a 4.15pm finish. Apologies if your child did not manage to get a place in their 1st choice of activity, however there is a few spaces left in a couple of clubs.

Homework Schedule

A Homework Schedule has been sent home today with each child. Please take the time to read this and save for future reference and of course, if you have any queries or concerns let school know.

Coffee Morning

If you fancy popping out for a coffee on Saturday there is a coffee morning at Holy Cross Church Hall at 10am until 12.30. This is a fundraiser led by ex Crookhill Primary pupil, Chloe Percival to raise funds for her forthcoming Tanzanian Challenge. We wish her well.

Have a good weekend everyone and we'll see you all again on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

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