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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear parents and carers.

Reception at the Seaside

On Monday Mrs Jordan and Mrs Allinson took the Reception Class children for a grand day out at the seaside! They visited the beach first, and armed with buckets and spades, bats and balls they dug, ran, played and laughed! Then it was off to the Sealife Centre to visit the creatures of the deep and watch the seal show. Everyone had a wonderful time and came back full of stories about their adventures.

Wellbeing Week Worry Wizard Visit

On Tuesday, we welcomed Rebecca from the Big Foot Arts Team to Crookhill. Rebecca delivered a 'Worries to Wellbeing' assembly and then worked with years 2 to 5 in class workshops. The Worry Wizard Programme helps children explore what 'wellbeing' is, talks about sharing their worries and how to look after our own mental health.

Year 1 Open Afternoon

Miss Brown welcomed parents and family members into the classroom yesterday for the Year 1 Open Afternoon. It was a hive of activity, with marshmallow catapult building, parachute making, breathless balloons and mini beast hunts. Well done to everyone for getting so involved, it was wonderful to see so many parents and pupils enjoying working together.

House Captains

It was a very busy assembly this morning, discussing house points, presenting pen licences and star of the week awards. We also announced the new House Captains and Vice House Captains who will take over from September. The votes had been counted and verified and the results were in, everyone was on the edge of their seat.

Our House Team Captains and Vice Captains are:-

Stargate: Captain: **Daisy H** & Vice: **Jack W**

Crookhill: Captain: **Finlay H** & Vice: **Ellie W**

Runhead: Captain: **Reo B** & Vice: **Finley BL**

Hedgefield: Captain: **Lexie D** & Vice: **Matthew M**

Well done to all, we're sure you'll do an amazing job of leading your teams in the new academic year.

Year 6 Transition

Most of our Year 6 pupils were at Thorp Academy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, as part of their transition to secondary school. They came back today full of enthusiasm after a great few days of exciting science lessons, athletics, food tech, stamp designing art projects and lots more. The children transferring to other secondary schools have been a superb help in school this week, assisting the younger children in PE, playtimes and supporting staff in classrooms.

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Please keep an eye on what is in the diary for the last 3 weeks of term, we will let you know of any changes or amendments.

Summer Term Two 2023 – Diary Dates

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| Tue 4.7.23 | Year 4 Healthy Minds Workshop |
| Wed 5.7.23 | Cancelled - Year 4 Countdown Cricket at Whickham Cricket Club - Cancelled |
| W/C 10.7.23 | Health and Sports Week |
| Tue 11.7.23 | Year 5/6 Girls Football Team at Footie Festival at Gateshead Powerleague |
| Wed 12.7.23 | Orienteering for Years 1 and 3 |
| Fri 14.7.23 | Year 2 Trip to Safety Works Celebration Afternoon |
| Mon 17.7.23 | Sports Day |
| Wed 19.7.23 | House Team Cup Winners Trip to Saltwell Park Year 6 Prom – Tyneside Golf Club 7-9pm |
| Thu 20.7.23 | Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am |
| Fri 21.7.23 | Occasional Day – School Closed |

Industrial Action

In relation to the potential strike days scheduled, Crookhill Primary School is planning to close to the following classes and their pupils:

- **Year 3 on Wednesday 5th July**
- **Year 4 and Year 6 on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July**

We know this decision will be disappointing for families and will cause challenges for childcare, but we will attempt to work together to manage the impact in the most appropriate way possible. All other classes will be open and children should attend as normal.

Industrial action is not undertaken lightly, and decisions can alter over time even in the hours before a strike day. However, we will keep families updated whenever we have relevant information, to ensure there is clear planning to support our children. Thank you for your continued understanding in this matter.

Sad Goodbyes

We said farewell to Mrs Fahy today as she leaves us for pastures new. We wish her every happiness and success for the future. Mrs O’Shaughnessy returns to Year 4 next week.

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and we will see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

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