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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Park and Stride / WOW Initiative

Crookhill has chosen to be part of an exciting nationwide challenge to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the year-round walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel sustainably, (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. This target will vary over the year. As you may be aware, the school is working very hard to try to reduce congestion at the school gates. We hope that by doing this, the school gates will be a safer place, thus enabling more parents to walk their children to school.

We understand that not all children are able to walk the whole way to school, due to distance, parental work commitments or a variety of other reasons. One way in which we hope to help you is by setting up a Park and Stride scheme. This is a simple initiative, where parents/carers are encouraged to park their car a little walk away from school and then walk the rest of the way with their children.

We are therefore asking parents to park in the Runhead carpark and walk the rest of the way to school. The Runhead are happy for you to do this. If for some reason this is not a suitable parking place we encourage you to choose another suitable place 10 minutes away from the school gates and walk the rest of the way.

If you have any queries regarding the Park and Stride parking point, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs O'Shaughnessy.

Uniform Orders

Any parents wishing to buy new uniform for September are able to place an order at any time. The form can be found on our website www.crookhillprimary.org under Our School – Information Bank, or you can collect a form from the school office. Payment can be made in cash, cheque made payable to Crookhill School Fund or via your SIMs Pay account. Remember you can now buy a Crookhill hoodie in your child's house colour for PE days, and black joggers are also available.

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Diary Dates

Friday 14th May – Pyjamarama – a day devoted to reading, enjoying and sharing stories in the comfort of pyjamas.

W/c 7th June – Parent Consultations- more information to follow

Wednesday 9th June –Team GB & Team England decathlete Matt Lee to visit Crookhill Primary

Thursday 10th June – World Empathy day – more details to follow

Friday 25th June – INSET day – school closed to pupils

Thursday 8th July – Class swap day – children visit their new classroom for September and spend time with their new teacher

W/C 12th July – annual reports go home

W/C 19th July – Creativity Week

School breaks up for the summer holidays on **Thursday 22nd July**.

As restrictions are lifted in line with the Government's roadmap and guidance from public health, it may be possible to hold other events in school. We will keep parents and carers up to date via text, Facebook and the Friday letter.

Please remember it is a Bank Holiday weekend, so school is closed on Monday.

Stay safe, have a lovely time and we'll see you all again on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack
Head Teacher

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