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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Olympian Visit

We are really excited for Matt Lee’s visit to Crookhill. Unfortunately, his visit has been postponed until Wednesday 16th June but we can’t wait to welcome him to our school. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of sponsorship raised so far, thank you. If you still have sponsor money, please can you return this to school along with the sponsor form on Monday 7th June.

World Empathy Day

On Thursday 10th June, we are celebrating World Empathy Day. The pandemic has shown how important it is that we understand what other people are going through, and how powerful it is when we look out for each other. On World Empathy Day, we will focus on other people’s feelings and perspectives, and putting ourselves in someone else’s shoes by exploring a range of stories and activities.

#EMPATHY DAY
10 June 2021
empathylab.uk

Walk in someone else's shoes

ABOUT EMPATHY DAY
Empathy Day focuses on understanding and listening to each other, and using books to step into someone else's shoes.

WHAT IS EMPATHY, ANYWAY?
Empathy is imagining and sharing someone else's feelings.

WHAT TO DO ON EMPATHY DAY
Read: Share ideas for empathy-boosting books
#ReadForEmpathy @EmpathyLabUK
Connect: Go on an Empathy Walk
empathylab.uk/empathy-walk
Act: Make an Empathy Resolution
empathylab.uk/empathy-resolutions

EMPATHY CAN BE LEARNT
We're not born with a fixed quantity of empathy. Scientists say 98% of us can improve this skill at any point in our lives.

GO ON AN EMPATHY WALK
Understand your community better by going an Empathy Walk.
empathylab.uk/empathy-walk

ONLINE
EmpathyLab.uk
#ReadforEmpathy
#EmpathyDay
@EmpathyLabUK

A WORLD WITH MORE EMPATHY
Empathy is a powerful force for good. More empathy means happier children, stronger communities, a better world.

READING IS AN EMPATHY WORKOUT!
The more you empathise with characters' feelings, the more you understand how other people work. Train your brain with stories!

“Empathy is a quality of character that can change the world.”
Barack Obama

“Reading allows us to view the world through another's eyes and to walk in their shoes for a while.”
Neil Gaiman

EMPATHY IS MADE UP OF THREE ELEMENTS

- Thinking** Where we use reason and imagination to work out how someone else feels.
- Acting** Where we are inspired to help others having experienced what they are feeling.
- Feeling** Where we resonate with other people's emotions.

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COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols during the Half Term Holiday

Unfortunately, the virus is still prevalent in the community and there remains the possibility that members of our school community will catch COVID-19 or display symptoms of COVID-19 during the holiday. I am writing to explain the procedures we will follow and the protocols we expect you to follow in any such cases.

What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19 after school on Friday 28th May, Saturday 29th May or Sunday 30th May?

As I am sure you are aware, there are three main symptoms of COVID-19 and they are;

- A high temperature
- A new and persistent cough
- A loss of taste or sense of smell

If your child displays any of these three symptoms on the evening of Friday 28th May, Saturday 29th May or Sunday 30th May it is really important that you;

Keep your child and any siblings or household members at home

- Book a test
- Notify school immediately by text or email crookhillprimary@gateshead.gov.uk

As soon as you get a test result for your child, please contact school immediately by text or email crookhillprimary@gateshead.gov.uk. This could impact on other families who may also have to isolate if your child's test returns positive.

The result might not come back until later in the week, so it is important that school is informed immediately to enable staff to contact other families.

What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID-19 during the rest of the May Half Term Holiday?

If your child displays any of the three symptoms from Monday 31st May it is still really important that you;

- o Keep your child and any siblings and members of your household at home
- o Book a test
- o Notify school via text or email crookhillprimary@gateshead.gov.uk
- o Notify school once you have received the test result via text or email

We do know these are anxious times for families and you have responded brilliantly so far; we really appreciate your understanding and cooperation. This continues to be an important time in our combined fight against COVID-19 and your part in keeping everybody safe cannot be underestimated. Working together, we hope to minimise the transmission of this virus and protect everyone in our school, and the wider community, as much as we can. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th June - Online Appointment Booking

Thank you to everyone who has booked their appointments for our Parents' Evening on Wednesday 9th June 3.30pm – 6.30 pm and Thursday 10th June 2.30pm – 5.00pm. As you know the event is taking place virtually due to COVID restrictions. If you have not yet made your appointment, the booking system will be open until 4pm on 4th June 2021. Please visit <https://crookhill.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

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Thank you

As we approach half term, I'd like to thank you for all your vital support in helping to ensure that our school has remained open to all safely. Your co-operation at the start and end of the school day continues to be greatly appreciated and we are delighted at how well the children have worked and behaved during this half term; I wish them a very restful and safe half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,
Miss K McCormack
Head Teacher

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