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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Time

The Harvest Festival has always been a favourite event in the Crookhill calendar. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, harvest celebrations will look very different this year. Children will learn all about harvesting and where our food comes from in class and of course we will still be collecting donations for The People's Kitchen and the local food bank. We will place donation boxes by the school exits, anything you can afford to give will be gratefully received by both of these excellent facilities. Suggested items are:-

Sugar

Instant coffee

Tea bags

Breakfast cereals

Soup (tinned or packet)

Tinned fruit

Tinned vegetables

Custard (powder or tinned)

Toothbrushes/toothpaste/showergel

Biscuits

Tinned meat, stew, curry, chilli

Sauces (tomato ketchup, salad cream, brown sauce, gravy)

Hot Chocolate

Plain and self-raising flour

Evaporated, condensed and dried milk

Long Life Milk

Tinned rice pudding

Squash/fruit juice

The centres currently have high volumes of pasta and baked beans, so these items are not needed at present.

National Healthy Child Programme

As part of the National Healthy Child Programme, the Gateshead 0-19 Growing Healthy Team offers parents and carers an opportunity to complete a reception/year 6 health questionnaire. Each year a Healthy Child Questionnaire is distributed to school for parents/carers to complete. However, as a result of Covid 19 restrictions, we believe that this year, the safest way to complete this questionnaire is by telephone.

The Gateshead School Health Screening Team will contact parents of reception and year 6 children over the coming weeks and months by telephone.

The health information they gather enables the team to provide the appropriate public health support required to promote children's health and wellbeing. This also gives families the opportunity to discuss any concerns or health issues with a member of the school nursing team.

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Hello Yellow

On Friday 9th October we will be celebrating Hello Yellow Day. This is centred around young minds and we will be focusing on taking care of our mental health, mindfulness and the importance of exercise on our general well-being. We ask that children come into school in casual clothes, suitable for PE and exercise with an item that is yellow if possible. (Everyone in Crookhill House could wear their PE top). We are not asking for donations for this charity but the just giving link is attached if you would like to donate anything.

Go to [#HelloYellow JustGiving](#)

Information from Network Rail

Over the past 8 weeks there have been reports of reports of young people of school age putting themselves in significant danger by trespassing on the railway in your area and misusing level crossings, particularly – Peth Lane at Ryton.

This is alarming and both Network Rail and the British Transport Police are extremely concerned about the welfare of local children.

Key Messages:

- Trespass can lead to **catastrophic incidents & Fatality**.
- Trains **were still running** during lockdown (although these may have been at different times, which highlights the fact that no-one should presume they know when the next train will pass).
- It is against the law to trespass on the Railway and anyone aged 10 and over **can be arrested and prosecuted** which could lead to a **criminal record** and can also result in a **fine of at least £1000**.
- A criminal record will have a negative impact on a child's future career opportunities
- Network Rail work closely with the British Transport Police to help reduce trespass, vandalism & fatality across our network. Should you wish to report any non-emergency crime or incidents on the Railway then you can text the British Transport Police on **61016**, in the event of an emergency please always dial **999**.

We will be passing safety messages onto our children at school but parents can access Ofsted approved educational resources on rail safety via this website at:

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community>

For younger children aged 4-7, Network Rail created our 'Stay safe with Thomas' story book which you can download for free on www.networkrail.co.uk/Thomas

For children over the age of 10, the link to our hard-hitting anti-trespass campaign is www.youstrain.co.uk

Would you like to become a School Governor?

The role of a school governor is vital to the effective development of a school.

An effective school governor is someone who:

- cares about improving children's educational achievement;
- wants to work as part of a team and can value the contribution made by different people;
- is willing to listen, learn, be supportive and ask questions;
- has a feel for what is important to people and as a parent yourself be understanding of other parents' concerns;
- has an awareness of parents' needs;
- has enthusiasm & can commit their time and energy to the governing body and attend relevant training.

If you feel you have a lot to offer to the role and have an interest in becoming a school governor, please ring the school office on 0191 4334066.

Yours sincerely,

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