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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenges

Thank you for the photographs that have been emailed in for the weekend challenges. These included:

- Charlotte Irving (2EA) and Elizabeth Irving (2JP) sent in a picture of them extreme reading on the rocks at Warkworth beach when the tide was out. They then foraged for blackberries around the caravan site which they made into a very English blackberry crumble-yum!
- Jake Miah (4ER) was inspired by our 'foods of the world challenge' to made a Greek salad which he sent in a picture of.
- Thomas Irvine (1SG) sent in a picture of him making some lovely cakes for our Macmillan cake sale.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you very much for all the delicious cakes and biscuits that came into school today for our Macmillan cake sale. The children all enjoyed choosing and eating cakes today in support of the work of such a wonderful charity who provide amazing help to families. The charity committee have starting counting the monies raised and we will send out the total next week. Thank you very much for all your support of this.



Attendance

Congratulations to the classes with the highest attendance last week. They were:
Early Years both classes achieved 99% attendance again...well done, Reception!
Key Stage 1 Mrs Archer's Class (2EA) and Miss Grice's Class (1SG) with a wonderful 100%
Key Stage 2 Mr Dickinson's Class with an excellent 100% attendance
Well done to all these classes for such excellent attendance scores last week!

Reception News-A Message from Miss Westgarth

Reception children have enjoyed their first Focus weeks. Cassie Earle has enjoyed baking, using fruits from the woods and sharing lots of stories in our school Library. Grace Tearle has been sharing her favourite book 'Angelina Ballerina' and using dance objects to count to ten. She has also loved playing dressing up with our Disney costumes too!

We loved having a visit and making lots of new friends with the children from the 'Pearl of Africa'. We had so much fun singing, playing the drums and dancing with them. We also learnt to recite a poem about autumn and Harvest for National Poetry Day. As part of Safety week Reception children loved their visit from PC Moorhead who talked about road and traffic safety and learnt the song, 'Stop', finishing off his talk by letting us all have a sit in the back of his Police car. Much fun!

Lastly, we have been very busy preparing for Harvest celebrations on Wednesday the 11th of October at 9.15am. We really look forward to seeing you all there- please put it in your diaries! Well done children for completing your first week of reading and homework. It is fantastic to see so many entries into reading diaries and lots of super homework completed. Thank you so much Reception!

Key Stage One News-A Message from Mrs Urwin

What an exciting launch to Safety Week in Key Stage One! On Monday we welcomed PC Moorhead from Northumbria Police, who reminded the children about road safety. The children learned about the Green Cross Code and about the safer places to cross with an adult. During the week the children also had the privilege to meet the Pearl of Africa, a talented choir from Uganda. The children watched and listened as the choir performed in the hall and they even had the opportunity to learn a new dance and song, as well as play some of the musical instruments. It was lovely to see so many families return to school on Tuesday evening to watch and support this amazing and talented group. Many handmade crafts were sold and donations were kindly made. Thank you for your support with this.

In Year 1 this week the children have been learning about hedgehogs. They have used sentences to sequence a short narrative about a hedgehog and they have researched some facts about hedgehogs too. Did you know that you should never feed hedgehog milk as they find it hard to digest and that this could make them poorly? They do however like cat and dog food! In Mathematics we have been learning all about symmetry. Maybe this weekend you could look for examples of symmetry found in nature. Next week in Science we will be learning about sensory plants. We will be creating a pictogram showing our favourite plants. Why not explore plants such as mint and chive this weekend?

In Year 2 this week the children have been creating their own monsters and writing character descriptions for them, thinking about their appearance and behaviour. In Mathematics we have been identifying and discussing number patterns. On Thursday the children were rewarded for their excellent behaviour and attitude to work through Superclass. The children enjoyed bringing their bikes or scooters into school. Continuing our Great Fire of London topic we created zig-zag books to recount the main historical events. In Religious Education we have been thinking about our own treasured possessions.

News from Lower Key Stage 2-A Message from Mrs Cant

Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed another exciting week in school. They all supported the MacMillan coffee morning on Friday and helped to raise lots of money for a good cause. We have continued to practise for our harvest festival, which will be on Tuesday 17th October at 11 am.

This week Year 3 have been working on organising their work into paragraphs- they read a non-fiction text during guided reading and organised the facts they found under different paragraph headings. In Maths they have been working on doubling and halving. It is great to see that so many of the children in Year 3 are keen to learn their times tables and have been practicing this at home. In art the children created some amazing leaf prints linked to our topic on autumn. During our RE lesson we have continued to think about rules, including the Ten Commandments and why they are important to our lives.

Year 4 have thought carefully this week about using fronted adverbials to vary the starts to our sentences and write using ambitious vocabulary to make our writing interesting. In maths we have been thinking about time and calculating time intervals. We have also enjoyed learning a traditional Hindu song during our topic lessons. We found it interesting learning a song in another language and used our voices beautifully.

News from Upper Key Stage 2-A Message from Mrs Bilton

Well done to all of our Upper Key Stage 2 children for another hard working week.

As part of our work in Safety Week, we welcomed a police officer to school to talk to us about e-safety. The children impressed us with their knowledge of how to share photos safely and keep safe online.

In Year 6, we have focused on algebra in maths. By the end of the week we were solving a range of algebraic equations including the use of brackets. In English, we have studied poetry and written an amazing WOW write from the animation the Dream Giver. In science, we have been very excited to study the factors which affect decay in bread. Next week, Year 6 children will begin to look at printing techniques in art so it would be very helpful if each child could bring their own art shirt to school.

Year 5 have worked extremely hard this week to create and write a new scene for our literacy focus. We worked in small groups, used role play and then wrote up the dialogue in a short narrative. We have been very fortunate to also have had a mindfulness visitor in our class and we were left with precious gifts and knowledge. In Maths we have been working with 24 hour time as well as reading timetables and solving problems based on the information given on a timetable. As many of you saw in our family worship we have also been working hard to create an Anglo-Saxon village and thoroughly enjoyed creating the buildings and base. We also welcomed our friends and family to come and see our collective worship, which was a great success! The Year 5 team would like to thank all the parents, carers, grandparents and other family members who were able to attend collective worship on Thursday. We are very proud with how well the children performed their words, songs and of course the drama!

Shining Stars

We have had a really busy week in school this week and all have our children have shone brilliantly. Please see the names below for those children whose efforts have been rewarded with a Certificate of Achievement this week.

Reception Discoverers: Stevie-Leigh Webster for being a shining example of behaviour every day.

Reception Discoverers: Alfie Smith for fantastic efforts with reading and homework this week!

Reception Explorers: Grace Tearle for her lovely positive approach every day and a fabulous focus week about dancing and gymnastics.

Reception Explorers: Kyle Nicolaou for trying so hard to write his letters in literacy this week. Well done!

Year 1SG: Molly Gregory for having the confidence to answer lots of questions during carpet time this week.

Year 1SG: James Cox for writing fabulous sentences in our phonics lesson all week.

Year 1LU: Jacob Braithwaite for creating an excellent symmetrical robot!

Year 1LU: Tyler Easton for carrying out super fieldwork in Geography.

Year 2JP: Flynn Wilson for being so kind towards others.

Year 2JP: Lexi Downes for fantastic work on number patterns in Maths.

Year 2EA: Bret Turnbull for a fantastic Wow Write and great description of a monster.

Year 2EA: Kacey Collins for always being friendly and happy with a positive attitude.

Year 3RC: Daniel Ruffel for impressive art work.

Year 3RC: Zac Rowell for always being kind and helpful and consistently working hard.

Year 3AD: David Newton for always giving 100% in every lesson.

Year 3AD: Erin Wilson for trying really hard to improve her reading.

Year 4ER: Georgina Bailey for always showing exemplary behaviour.

Year 4ER: Kenzie-Lee Frost for amazing acting in our collective worship rehearsal.

Year 4JHW: Bryn Reed for showing fantastic commitment to his reading at home.

Year 4JHW: Ella Kelk for being a committed member of the class, always yearning to learn more.

Year 5HC: Alexander Tall for participating and giving ideas during input

Year 5HC: Kutsal McIntyre for fantastic singing this week

Year 5JB: Jake Wall for an impressive debut for the under 11 football team.

Year 5JB: Jack Yule for having an excellent work ethic.

Year 6CB: Marley Urwin for writing a brilliant version of Chivvy by Michael Rosen.

Year 6CB: Lexy Ealy for confident accurate work when solving algebra problems in maths.

Year 6RD: Laila Wallace for her fantastic version of Michael Rosen's poem 'Down behind the dustbin'

Year 6RD: Luke Wilson for his excellent algebra problem solving skills in maths.

Match Report-Cragside 3 - 3 Northburn-A Message from Mr Beck and Mr Dickinson

Cragside Under 11 football team had their first fixture of the season on Thursday afternoon when they hosted Northburn in a friendly. The game got off to a very quick start with Northburn taking the lead in the first minute. Cragside, however, remained focused on that task ahead and were level soon after when a lovely through ball made its way to Jake Wall who confidently slotted it home to level the score. Cragside found themselves in the lead soon after when once again Jake went through on goal, this time the 'keeper managed to parry his shot but it fell to Benji Sutton who happily smashed it into the net to give Cragside the lead. In the second half, Northburn levelled the game once more with a tremendous volley from a corner. In the final 10 minutes Cragside took the lead when Callum Lisle raced through and beat the defender to the ball before rolling it past the 'keeper and into the bottom corner. Cragside almost held firm with excellent defending from Shane Davies, Christian Robinson and Jayden Broadbent with Ben Metcalfe a commanding presence between the posts. Unfortunately for the team a late push from Northburn saw them grab a last minute equaliser in what was a thrilling and highly competitive match. Today the team hosts Gosforth Central in the County Cup and we are very hopeful of another great performance and hopefully a win in our first competitive game.

Art Visits and Workshops – A Message from Mrs Smith

There are lots of wonderful venues in the North East to explore and enjoy art! Here are some highlights from the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle over the coming weeks and months. I will keep an eye out for future events and workshops for the children to explore! The Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle, is a fantastic venue for families to visit! There is an exciting new exhibition which has just started until January 2018 featuring the paintings of Paul Nash. Paul Nash (1889 –1946) was one of the most distinctive British artists of the 20th century and was a key figure in British Surrealism. This exhibition of work comes to the Laing Art Gallery from Tate Britain, London. See the website for details and information: <https://laingartgallery.org.uk/whats-on/paul-nash>

Community News

The Second Cramlington Scout Group will be holding a MacMillan coffee morning at their HQ at Ann Welfare on Saturday September 30th from 10am-12pm. All are welcome.

Reminder-School Admissions for Secondary Schools (September 2018)

A reminder that parents and carers with children in Year 6 will need to apply for secondary school for September 2018. If you live in Northumberland, you need to apply through Northumberland County Council. The admissions portal can be found through the link on the Northumberland County Council website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/admissions. Alternatively there is a paper copy which you can collect from our school or download from the admissions section on our school website www.cragside.northumberland.sch.uk.

If you live in North Tyneside, the application portal can be found at <http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/129/school-admissions>. In previous years, Northumberland and North Tyneside have written directly to parents but this is not happening this year. The closing date for forms to be sent in is 31st October 2017. Cramlington Learning Village have an information evening on Wednesday 4th October at 6.30pm. If you have any queries about the admissions process, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Parker, Mrs Bilton or Mr Rusby and we will be only too happy to try and help. It is really important that the application is received by Northumberland or North Tyneside council by 31st October 2017 as the portal closes at midnight on 31st October.

Cramlington School Clothing Scheme-A Message from Freema Chambers

Thank you so much for all the donations of uniform to the scheme. We have been able to give clothing items to parents in Cramlington and from as far away as Blyth and Gateshead. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering their time with ironing and picking thread. We will be holding a stall at St Nicholas' church on Saturday 30th September between 11am and 1pm. You can drop off school uniform donations as well as collecting clothing. Possible donations that would help include black school shoes, outdoor coats and school uniform. Thank you for your continued support.

Pearl of Africa Choir, Drum and Dance Group

Thank you to everyone who came to the Pearl of Africa concert which we held on Tuesday evening. The choir had a wonderful day in school leading dance, singing and drumming workshops with our children as well as playing outside with the children at lunchtime. It was so wonderful to see the way that our children and the children from Uganda played and laughed together. We wish the choir all the best for the rest of their tour. I will let you know about how much was raised when the organisers inform us.

Safety Week Congratulations

We received a lovely message from PC Moorhead this week. PC Moorhead is a police officer who came into school as part of our safety week. He wrote into school to say how lovely all the children had been who he had worked with. Well done children, it is always wonderful to receive such good news from visitors to our school. We were very grateful to the mindfulness trainer and the fire officers who came into school as part of our safety week. During the week we talked to the children about areas such as fire safety. We held a planned fire drill on Thursday and all of the children evacuated the building sensibly when the fire alarm sounded.



Year 5 Family Worship

Thank you to all the families who came to our Year 5 Family Worship this week. The children talked and sang some really 'upbeat' songs to make us all feel positive and shared their learning about the Anglo Saxons, the novel they have read in English and their excitement of being part of our pupil voice committees.

On Thursday next week (5th October) we welcome our Year 4 families to our Family worship which starts at 9am.

Weekend Challenges

Our weekend challenge this week is:

- Hold your own Macmillan coffee morning this weekend for friends and family-please send in a picture of some of the bakes you have made.
- Make a scone, biscuit or cake and take it around to an elderly relative. Stay and chat and ask them about their day.
- With all the cakes and biscuits eaten, send in a picture of something healthy you have done at the weekend-a family walk up a hill, a bike ride or taking part in a healthy activity.

Thank you for all your help and support this week. I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby
Headteacher