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School Motto:
**“Let Your Light
Shine”**



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Newsletter 3: 21st September 2018

Weekend Challenge

Thank you for the emails and photographs linked to the weekend challenge which was linked to the national Beach Clean campaign. Some of the pictures included:

- Kayleigh C (Year 3) who thought about kindness and made some lovely cakes for her classmates to share.
- Amorie A (Reception) went to Blyth Beach on Saturday afternoon. She was happy that there was not much litter at all but she did manage to fill a bag and even found a Nike trainer! She helped find seaweed to make a happy octopus!
- Charlotte I and Libby I (Year 3) took part in the beach clean survey for the Marine Conservation Society at Collywell Bay on Sunday. They had to record all litter they found as part of the survey and this included 21 pieces of discarded fishing line and 2 pairs of underpants!
- Jake M (Year 5) was down at Blyth Beach on Saturday, doing a beach clean-up/litter pick with his grandad. They had soup and cake as a treat, after all the hard work!

Congratulations to all our beach cleaners and all the work that so many children are doing to reduce their use of single use plastics which are causing so much damage to marine life.



Outdoors Learning in our Wood

We are really blessed to have our own forest area at school which the children really enjoy learning in. To maximise our use of this we need to get a new metal shed to store the equipment that we use. If any parents know of anyone who might have a good quality metal shed that they no longer need, please would you ask them to contact school. Thank you for your help with this.



Y5 Digital Leaders-A Message from Mr Davison

Last week, Year 5 were invited to apply for the role of Digital Leader and were asked to submit an application form if they were interested. After being inundated with applications, the Year 6 Digital Leaders were tasked with choosing just two children from each Year 5 class. It was an incredibly difficult job, such was the high standard of applications, but after much deliberation the four Year 5 Digital Leaders chosen were: Lucas C (5KH), Oliver H (5KH), Shona E (5RD) and Daisy A (5RD). Well done to Lucas, Oliver, Shona and Daisy who will join our current Year 6 children - Isla, Paige, James and Alex - as Digital Leaders. We look forward to all of the exciting ideas we know they will bring in their role as computing experts at Cragside.



Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thank you for the flu vaccination forms that have been returned for children in Reception and Y1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The nasal vaccinations are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 28th November 2018 by a team of nurses who will visit our school.



Parents' Evenings

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year are on Tuesday 2nd October and Wednesday 3rd October 2018. Both evenings start at 3.30pm and finish at 6pm. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher. As many of you are aware, we use an online booking system for Parents' Evenings. Once the appointment booking system is available you will receive a text from the company and instructions about how to book your appointment. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school. If the dates are inconvenient with you, please would it be possible to contact your child's teacher to make an alternative appointment.

Admissions-Secondary Schools

Northumberland's County Council's online admission for places for secondary schools for September 2019 opened on Wednesday 12th September 2018 and closes on Wednesday 31st October 2018. We have updated our school website's admissions page with the secondary school admissions handbook for parents. Families who live in Northumberland should apply through Northumberland County Council and families who live in North Tyneside should apply through North Tyneside Council. Further information can be found on the council websites: <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions> or <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/129/school-admissions> Cramlington Learning Village have an information evening on Wednesday 3rd October starting at 6.30pm which parents and children are welcome to attend. Year 6 children have been given a letter about this with a reply slip. Please would it be possible to return this to Mrs Bilton or Miss Rennison as soon as possible so we can inform Cramlington Learning Village of attendance.

Open Morning and Evening-Cragside

The Online Portal for admissions to Reception for a September 2019 start will open from the 1 November 2018 until 15 January 2019. We will be holding an Open Morning and Open Evening on Wednesday 24th October 2018. If you know parents who are looking for a Reception place for 2019, please would you let them know about these sessions which start at 9.30am and 6.00pm.



Families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2019 are welcome to attend our Open Morning and Open Evening. Our Open Evening starts at **6.00pm on Wednesday 24th October** with a short talk followed by the opportunity to look around school. No booking is required for this and children are welcome to attend with families.



Our Open Morning runs between **9.30am and 10.30am on Wednesday 24th October**. Again, this is for families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2019. To book a place on our Open Morning, families should email admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk or telephone 01670 714200. If you know any families who might be interested in applying for a place, please would you mention the Open Evening and Open Morning to them.

Open Evening-Cragside Nursery

If you know of any families who might be interested in applying for a place at Cragside private Nursery please would you let them know that the Nursery are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 24th October between 5pm and 6pm. These are drop in sessions and families should use the green gate at the side of the school to access the Nursery. If you have any queries, their contact details are: 01670 737887 or cragsidenursery@hotmail.co.uk.

Mid-term Celebration Lunch

A reminder that on **Thursday 4th October**, Mrs Dunn and her catering team have planned a 'mid-term' celebration lunch. The menu is: chicken nuggets or hot dog in a bun (vegetarian option available), chips, beans, iced ring doughnut and apple or orange juice.

Reception, Y1 and Y2 are free as they are covered through Universal Free Meals. For years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the cost is £2.30 per child payable via www.schoolmoney.co.uk or cash/cheque in named envelope.

Children who normally stay for school dinners for the full week will have the cost covered in their normal £11.50 per week payment, however they will still need to return their slip.



Please can all slips to be returned no later than **Monday 24th September 2018** so we can order the correct amount of food. Our next celebration lunch will be our Christmas lunch which will be on Friday 7th December 2018.

Staffing

Thank you to Mr Renny for all his hard work in Year 4 over the last two weeks. It was lovely to see Mr Flynnwood when he popped into school this week with his new baby and look forward to seeing him back to school on Monday after his paternity leave.

Information for Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs-A Message from Mrs Parker

Northumberland Parent Carer Forum, In It Together, is working with Northumberland County Council to raise awareness of local services and support for Children and Young People with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families. Over 30 services are taking part in the Roadshows including NHS representatives, Social Care, Disabled Children's Team, Education and Training Providers, and Voluntary Organisations.

Roadshows will be drop in events and you do not need to book. They will take place from 10am to 4pm, on Monday 1 October at Ashington Hirst Welfare Centre, Alexandra Road, Ashington, NE63 9HN. The roadshows will include a range of information, advice and support that Families Children and Young People aged 0 -25 with (SEND) would find useful. Northumberland County Council is running workshops at these events to share with parents and carers the Northumberland Graduated Approach for Special Educational Needs. This Graduated Approach sets out how schools can support children and young people with SEND and what different types of support are available to match differing levels of need and how they can be accessed. Workshops will run at 10.30-11.30am, 12.00-1.00pm and 1.30-2.30pm. For further information please contact 'In It Together Parent Carer Forum', at info@in-it-together.org.uk or on 07729192909.

Reception News

We are so proud of all our Reception children as they settle into full weeks of school. Thank you so much to all the parents who attended our Early Years Reading, Writing and Number meeting which was followed by our stay and play session with the children in class. It was great to see so many parents. Thank you. The power point and photographs from the afternoon can be found on our school website- please look under the Early Years tab, followed by 'learning and achievements'. Thank you too to all the parents logging onto Tapestry, Active Learn and Mathletics. It's great to see such enthusiasm and share all the children's learning with you at home.



This week, Reception children have loved counting Gingerbread men, visiting the forest for signs of Autumn, having PE indoors and out and joining in with a Hoopstarz class. The children really are loving school and we are so proud of them. Please follow @Cragsideprimary on Twitter to find photos of what we have been up to! This week reading logs and books have been issued and staff will start to read on reading days with children from next Monday. Homework has been issued on a Thursday, to be returned by Tuesday please and Library books have been given out and are swapped each Friday- only if your child returns the previous book. We look forward to sharing lots of future learning with you all. Thank you so much for all your support so far. Our Reception classes are shining stars!

Key Stage One News



This week our Year One children have been working so hard in Maths on comparing sets of objects and numbers using the vocabulary 'greater than' and 'less than'. In English we have enjoyed reading the story 'A Necklace of Raindrops' imagining ourselves as the characters in the story and how they would be feeling. In Computing all of our children have been practising how to log on to our computers independently. We also started French this week and practised the greetings bonjour, salut and bonne nuit. We were very impressed with the children's' efforts!

Year 2 have had an excellent week learning how to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s from 0 and then from other, trickier numbers. They have completed investigations for counting in different numbers and looked out for patterns they could see when completing the investigation. In English this week, Year 2 began to use commas in a list independently and were able to use these to describe monsters they created. Each child designed a monster with a variety of exciting features and used commas in a sentence to describe their appearance and personality. In History, Year 2 have been looking at the different types of jobs people did during the Tudor era and discussed how jobs are very different for people today.

Year 5 Family Worship

On Thursday the 27th of September, Year 5 will be leading our Family Collective Worship. We would like to invite all of our families with children in Year 5 to join us. We look forward to seeing you at 9am in the school hall.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On **Friday 28th September** Cragside are planning to take part in the Macmillan Coffee morning. We would really appreciate any donations of cakes, which can be homemade or shop bought, to be brought in on the 28th. Children can all bring a small donation to school to buy a cake. All money raised will be donated to Macmillan.



News from Lower Key Stage 2



This week Year 3 have been working on using paragraphs in English. First we organised information into paragraphs based on our non-fiction text about Tutankhamun. Next the children planned and wrote their own explanation using paragraphs. In maths the children have been ordering and comparing numbers. They placed numbers on a number line then used the $<$ $>$ and $=$ symbols to compare them. In Science the children have been learning about being healthy. This week they found out about the amounts of nutrition needed by humans and other animals and compared different diets. They found out about different types of fat and sorted foods into those high in saturated and unsaturated fats.

Year 4 have been researching their own famous person and writing a fabulous biography of their life. The class have chosen a wonderful range of people from different backgrounds and experiences. In Numeracy, Year 4 have been problem solving with place value, enriching their knowledge and understanding. In Science, we have been classifying animals in different ways and learning about invertebrates and vertebrates. The Roman Wall is almost complete so look out for it at parent's evening!

News from Upper Key Stage 2



I am delighted to say that we have had another focused, hard-working week in Upper Key Stage 2. In Year 6, we have worked on written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication. We have 'polished' our formal written methods for each calculation and used them to solve a range of problems. In English, we have finished our beautiful and moving novel 'The Eye of the Wolf'. The children have produced written pieces from this novel, to such a high standard. In science, we have continued to think about Living Things and their Habitats and in art we have painted pieces which show perspective. Alongside all of this hard work, we have rehearsed for our Family Collective Worship, which I'm sure you will agree was a great success. Thank you to all of our families who were able to join us. It was such a pleasure to share our singing and stories with you.

Well done to Year 5, who have had another hard-working week in Upper Key Stage 2. In our English lessons, we have continued reading Michael Morpurgo's Friend or Foe. Based on the book, we have written a diary entry in role as David the main character, analysed two sides of a debate and looked for evidence from the text. In Maths, we have ordered and compared 5-digit numbers and explored negative numbers. In our History lessons, we have continued learning about the Anglo Saxons and what life was like in an Anglo Saxon village. Also, in Science we have continued looking at forces and used our knowledge of balanced forces to see who could build a boat out of plasticine that would hold the most marbles! Another busy week in the life of a Year 5!

Cragside 5 - 3 Shanklea-A Message from Mr Beck and Mr Davison

Cragside enjoyed a victory in their warm up game on Thursday afternoon. The game got off to a tricky start for Cragside as the visitors managed to score two early goals from a free kick on the edge of the box and a tap in soon after. The boys were soon level though when James N scored a great strike into the roof of the net from the edge of the box and Lewis N drove a fine shot into the bottom corner before half time.



Despite going two goals behind, Cragside had been solid at the back and continued to be in the second half with Ollie A, Leland C and Josh S keeping Shanklea quiet. When called upon, Ben S was solid as a rock in nets. Cragside went 3 - 2 up early in the second half with a goal from Lewis then were pegged back with 10 minutes to go. At 3-3 the match was very tense but some led by captain Jake W Cragside always looked like scoring. With two minutes to go they managed to score a fourth, again from Lewis before a late goal from Tyler sealed a hard earned victory. Well done to all involved and good luck for the next game against Ponteland on Monday 1st October.

Robinwood-A Message from Mrs Bilton



Year 6 are so excited about their residential visit to Robinwood next week. We've sent another kit list home just in case you need a reminder! We will be leaving just after 9am so please drop your child off at the main entrance between 8.40 and 8.50. If your child has medication which we need to administer during our stay, please make sure you leave it with Mrs Nesbit, on the morning of our departure. We will keep in touch via Twitter, with updates of photos each of the days we are away. We aim to be back to school by 4.30 approximately on Wednesday. If there are any traffic delays, we will keep parents informed by text.

Safety Week

Next week (starting Monday 24th September) we will be focusing on safety and e-safety in some of our lessons. We are looking forward to visits from Northumbria Police and the Fire Service as we think about how we can keep ourselves safe at home and at school.

Attendance

Well done to our classes with the highest attendance last week. Our top attendance classes were:

- Early Years- Reception Discoverers (Miss Westgarth's class) with an excellent 99%.
- Key Stage 1-1SG (Miss Grice's class) with 97%. Well to 1SG-twice in a row now!
- Key Stage 2-6CB (Mrs Bilton's class) with an outstanding 100%.



Family Worship Dates for this Term

Autumn term has been updated on our Google calendar and Spring/Summer dates will be added next week. A reminder of some key dates for this term:

- Thursday 27th September at 9am-Year 5 Family Worship
- Tuesday 2nd October between 3.30pm and 6pm-Parent Meetings with teacher
- Wednesday 3rd October between 3.30pm and 6pm-Parents' Evenings
- **Wednesday 3rd October at 6.30pm-Cramlington Learning Village Open Evening (Year 6)**
- Thursday 4th October at 9am-Year 3 Family Worship
- Monday 15th October at 9.15am-Reception Harvest Service in school
- Tuesday 16th October-Y1/2 Harvest (9.30am); Y3/4 Harvest (11.00am); Y5/6 Harvest (1.30pm) at Church
- **Wednesday 24th October Open Morning (9.30am) and Open Evening (6.00pm) for Parents (Reception 2019 intake)**
- Thursday 25th October at 9am-Year 4 Family Worship
- **Thursday 25th October-end of Autumn Term (1)-Friday 26th October is a Training Day.**
- **Monday 5th November-start of Autumn (2)**
- Thursday 15th November at 9am-Year 2 Family Worship
- Thursday 22nd November at 9am-Year 1 Family Worship
- Friday 7th December at 9.15am-Reception Christmas Performance
- Monday 10th December at 9.15am-Reception Christmas Performance
- Monday 10th December at 2.00pm-Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 11th December at 9.15am-Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 11th December at 2.00pm-Year 3/4 Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 12th December at 9.15am-Year 3/4 Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 12th December at 2.00pm-Year 5/6 Christmas Performance
- Thursday 13th December at 9.15am-Year 5/6 Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 18th December- Rec/Y1/2 Christmas (9.30am); Y3/4 Christmas (11.00am); Y5/6 Christmas (1.30pm) at Church
- **Friday 21st December-end of Autumn (2)-Spring Term (1) starts on Tuesday 8th January 2019**



Weekend House Point Challenge

Our weekend challenge this week is:

- Send in a picture of your child making a healthy snack using at least three vegetables or different types of fruit.
- Paint or draw a positive message or picture on a stone from the beach. Please bring them into school for our main entrance.
- Please send in a picture of an early autumn walk in the woods or on the beach-Saturday looks like it should be a sunny day!

Please send in photographs and information to our school admin email address: admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk

Well done to all our children for working so hard this week. We look forward to seeing them all on Monday and hope the Year 6 children and staff get lots of rest before their fun filled three day residential at Robinwood which starts on Monday!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby
Headteacher