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

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Newsletter 5: 4th October 2019

Weekend Challenges

Thank you for all the pictures that were sent in for our European and healthy weekend challenges. Some of these pictures included:

- Alexander J-G (Reception) who made a wonderful Duplo model of the Alhambra, in Spain.
- Jake M (Year 6) made a delicious French apple cake for European language day.
- Elliot B (Year 2) made a fabulous model of Big Ben out of cereal boxes and brown paper.
- Congratulations to Lucy R (Year 3) who plays for Cramlington United U8 she-pumas football team. She was awarded the opposition's player of the match in her football match.

Celebrating World Space Week at Cragside

Next week, we are celebrating Space Week and thinking about the wonder of space. We look forward to working with some of the astro physics team from Durham University and taking part in some space themed experiments. Each class is also researching a different planet and doing some space inspired writing. We are really excited about learning all about space-maybe you might see if your child could do a little bit of space research over the weekend or throughout next week to build on our Space Week.



World Mental Health Day



Thursday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. We will be thinking about things we can do to help ourselves and others as we think about good mental health.

Eco Messy Church at Newcastle Cathedral

Newcastle cathedral are holding an environment themed messy church session on 19th October between 4pm and 5.30pm. If you would like your child to take part, the contact is Revd Rachel Scheffer who can be contacted on 01661 886853 or r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org



Parents' Evenings

It was lovely to see so many families at our Parents' Evenings this week. If you were unable to attend, please would it be possible to speak with your child's teacher to arrange a possible meeting.

Community News

The 2nd Cramlington Scout Group are holding their Macmillan coffee morning at Scout HQ which is at Ann Welfare, Saturday 5th October, 10am-12pm. All are very welcome to attend to support this Macmillan event.



Reception News

Reception

Brilliant work this week Reception. You have really enjoyed listening to the favourite stories of Lenny G and Cohen L-G and learning about dinosaurs and cars. In Literacy, the children have been using the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' to sequence the story and attempt to write simple sentences. Thank you to all of the children for working hard in their phonics sessions- keep spotting those sounds on page 104 of your reading diaries at home! The children have also really enjoyed a session of Forest School, searching for dinosaurs and making pizzas. Well done Explorers and Discoverers!

Harvest Festival



We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations. Our service times are:
Year 1 and 2 at St Nicholas' Church starting at **9.30am** on Thursday 17th October.
Year 3 and 4 at St Nicholas' Church starting at **11.00am** on Thursday 17th October.
Year 5 and 6 at St Nicholas' Church starting at **1.30pm** on Thursday 17th October.
Reception in our school hall starting at **9.00am** on Friday 18th October.

We would really appreciate any donations of food which will be donated to our local foodbank at the Hope Centre. Thank you for any donations which you can send into school in the run up to the Harvest Festival. All donations should be sealed rather than fresh or frozen. Suggested donations include, cereal, soup, rice, tinned veg & fruit, lentils, tinned meat & fish, UHT milk, jar and packet sauces, biscuits, crisps etc. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance and Punctuality-A Message from Mrs Parker

ATTENDANCE AND Punctuality

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring attendance is as good as possible at Cragside, we will be continuing to monitor punctuality and attendance on a weekly basis so that any early intervention and support can be provided as quickly as possible.

More formal monitoring of attendance is completed with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) every half term. This process aims to ensure all children with attendance which is under 92% are identified and support those at risk of dropping below 90%, which is classed as persistent absenteeism by the Department for Education. At this point, you may receive a letter of concern from the EWO relating to your child's attendance

This process will enable us to identify any children who may need support, in a variety of forms, to hopefully improve their attendance at school. We appreciate fully that sometimes children need to be absent from school if they are unwell. We are very grateful to our families for helping us to promote good attendance which supports children's learning and social and emotional development. Our monitoring process is designed to support families and to explore ways in which we can support both parents and children in their personal situations.

We understand that during the year there will be a wide range of valid reasons for a child to be absent from school and our monitoring process is designed to take these into consideration. Where we know there are medical reasons or other exceptional reasons for absence, these will be acknowledged and respected. As part of this process we must advise that we cannot authorise holidays during school term-time. Please do bear in mind that your child may also be absent due to sickness at some point during the year, so that absence, combined with an unauthorised absence will adversely affect their overall attendance. Please also try, where possible, to arrange medical and dental appointments outside of school hours. We are extremely proud of all that our children do and can achieve; therefore by encouraging high levels of attendance we are determined to work together with parents to ensure that every child can achieve their potential by being present in school for as much time as possible.

Cragside 7 - 2 Shanklea-Match Report from Mr Beck



defence.

Cragside followed up their season opening win against Bothal with another emphatic win against Shanklea on Thursday afternoon. The boys dominated the match from start to finish. The boys scored 5 goals in the first half with Olly L, Lucas W, Luke W, Lewis N and Will C all getting on the score sheet whilst Olly Q, who helpfully volunteered to cover in goals for Cragside, remained unchallenged thanks to great play from Olly A, Lucas W and Jim N in

In the second half Cragside made a few changes with Enes P making his school debut. Riley M, Lucas M and Harrison C also came on and continued to control the game for Cragside. Jim N made it 6-0 just after half time before Shanklea came to life and began to challenge Cragside's goal. Shea, who took over in goal at half time made a couple of good saves before Shanklea managed to score 2 goals. Cragside finished the scoring with a well taken finish from Olly Q. Well done to everyone involved and a special thank you to Olly Q and Shea H for volunteering to play as goalkeeper and Adam for volunteering to referee.

Family Worship

Thank you to all our Year 5 parents and carers who were able to come to our Year 5 Family Worship this week. Year 5's worship was inspired by Michael Morpurgo's book about the UK during wartime. The children sang some traditional wartime songs that the soldiers would have sung and also a lovely rendition of Make me a Channel of your Peace. Our harvest services are on **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th October** which you are very warmly invited to. Our next family worship will be led by **Year 3** on **Thursday 24th October**.



Open Morning and Open Evening

Families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2020 are welcome to attend our Open Morning and Open Evening. Our Open Evening starts at **5.00pm on Wednesday 23rd 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 starts at **9.30am on Wednesday 23rd October**. Again, this is for families with children who are due to start Reception in September 2020. To book a place on our Open Morning, families should email admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk or telephone 01670 714200. If this date is inconvenient we can arrange an alternative.

If you know any families who might be interested in applying for a place at our school, please would you mention the Open Evening to them and ask them to register interest in attending with the school office. The Online Portal for admissions to Reception for a September 2020 start will open on the 1 November 2019.

A reminder that the Online Portal for **secondary school** places closes on **31st October 2019**. This is for families who have a child in Year 6. Admissions information can be found at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>.

Weekend Challenges

With our celebration of World Space Week, our weekend challenges are 'out of this world'...

- Please send star, planet alien or space themed cakes, biscuits or cupcakes.
- Please send in any pictures of space inspired models. These might be rockets, planets or anything at all with a space theme.

Please send in any pictures of these or other healthy challenges to admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk.



I hope that you have a lovely weekend. Sadly, the weather looks a little wet on Sunday! We look forward to seeing all our children on Monday ready to start our exciting learning during our Space Week.

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby
Headteacher