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

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Dear Cragside Family

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Well done to all the children for working so hard through last week. I showed a number of families around our school during the week who were looking to move to Cragside. They were struck with how friendly our children were, how happy they looked with their learning and how well behaved everyone was when we looked around school. I was (as I am each day) so proud of all our children.

It was lovely to be able to welcome back Mrs Klottrup (Miss Westgarth as she was) last week. She will be in school each Friday working with our Reception children and Reception team.

Transition

I met with Mr Clark and Mrs Heslop from Cramlington Learning Village who have confirmed that they are planning for a Year 6 transition day where our children go over to spend some time at CLV this term. As soon as the date is confirmed (probably end of June/start of July), we will share this with our Year 6 families. On this day, we will also organise an internal ‘move up’ day where children will spend some time with the class teacher they will be with in September 2021. These events will be carefully planned within our Covid management systems. I am delighted that we will be able to do these this year as the children were unable to do these in person in 2020.

On the same day, we will invite children from Nursery into our Reception classes to help with the transition into our Early Years Unit. We are planning a meeting with Nursery parents to share information about practical matters such as uniform, start and finish times, EYFS curriculum etc.

If you know families who might be interested in joining Cragside, please would it be possible to ask them to contact school either via 01670 714200 or admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk

Christian Aid Week 2021

This week is Christian Aid week. As part of our global learning, we will be sharing some of their educational resources with the children as we learn about how climate change disproportionately impacts on the poorest people across the globe.

Reception News-A Message from our Reception Team

Wow Reception - what super astronauts you have been this week! We have loved celebrating Charlie's, Harland's and Sebastian's focus week on space and superheroes. After reading Look Up, we interviewed our friends on what we would like to be when we grow up. We're going to reach for the stars!

Remember our PE day is now Friday - please come into school in your PE kit. Forest school will continue to take place on a Monday. Thank you for wearing your school uniform on Mondays now.

Thank you for all your support at home. Remember to read your school reading books at home and keep logging onto Mathletics. We are super proud of you - well done! We would also like to say thank you to our Year One parents for their kind donations of toys and jigsaws for Reception!

World Book Day Chapter 2 and Pyjamarama Day-A Message from Miss Rennison

Friday 14th May marks Pyjamarama, a day of celebrating bedtime stories. As we promised a World Book Day Chapter 2, I thought we could combine the two and have a day of celebrating stories in school.

On Friday 14th May, we would love to invite your children to join us in school in either:

- World Book Day costume
- Pyjamas/onesie/dressing gown with trainers or shoes on feet
- Or non-uniform for those children who would prefer this.

Please would all children wear trainers as many of the classes have PE on that day. There is no need to send a separate kit for PE on Pyjamarama day. We can't wait to celebrate our favourite stories with the whole school.

School Uniform

We continue to be very minded of the financial challenges that the pandemic is having on many families. If your child's shoes do not fit or you cannot get a specific item of uniform, alternatives such as black/dark training shoes or smart, similar coloured trousers etc. will be absolutely fine during this term. Community Clothing Schemes such as the Hope Centre in Cramlington or the centre run by Freema Chambers have stock of uniform which might be of help.

During the summer term, please would parents apply sun cream to children before they come to school and send in a sunhat on days which are hot and sunny.

Robinwood-Children currently in Year 6 and Year 5

Our Year 6 children are looking forward to their residential trip to Robinwood which starts on Wednesday 19th May. It is always an exciting residential visit which the children remember for a long time. Thank you to Miss Rennison, Mrs Nesbitt and Miss Hebdon for organising this.

We have started taking bookings from families with children in Year 5 for their Robinwood residential trip in September 2021 when they will be starting Year 6. It was lovely to see so many families at our online meeting last week. If you require any extra information, please see Miss Rennison, Mrs Nesbitt, Miss Hebdon or one of the Year 5 team.

PE Days

Thank you for all your help with sending children into school in PE kits on the day(s) that they have PE. These days are the same as children had PE last week and will continue throughout this term. This is to help avoid children changing in school amidst the ongoing safety measures we have in school. On days that your child has PE, please would it be possible for him/her to wear:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain black sweatshirt or Hoody or school Cragside PE hoody or normal red school sweatshirt
- Plain black shorts/plain black tracksuit bottoms/plain black leggings
- Training shoes

Please would it be possible to avoid sweatshirts with large brand logos such as Nike, North Face or Adidas. Plain black sweatshirts or school hoodies are available from Cloud 9 or Aark clothing in Cramlington (01670 737798).

The forest school days are unchanged. Teachers will let you know if children need to bring in something extra for their forest school such as wellington boots or coats.

Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
RLP	Friday	General PE throughout the week that children don't need to get changed for.
RLP	Friday	
1EH	Tuesday	Thursday
1EO	Monday	Wednesday
2RC	Thursday	Friday
2AW	Thursday	Friday
3JF	Monday	Wednesday
3SM	Wednesday	Friday
4UC	Monday	Wednesday
4JB	Wednesday	Thursday
5HC	Tuesday	Friday
5JM	Tuesday	Friday
6ER	Thursday	Friday
6KH	Thursday	Friday

We are still planning possible sports day events for this term but are awaiting confirmation about restrictions. We will keep families updated on this. On Thursday of this week, we are playing our first football match for some time and wish the Under 11 squad all the best for this.

After hailstones and lots of rain last week, we are very much hoping for a sunnier week this week. Thank you for all your help with the safety systems in the yard which are aimed to help with our ongoing Covid management systems.

I look forward to seeing all our children on Monday morning at the start of another exciting week of learning at Cragside.

Many thanks,
Paul Rusby