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

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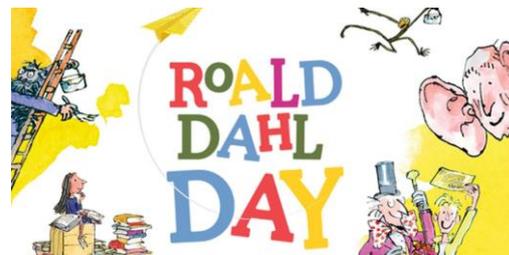
Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenges

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

- Jake M (Year 6) who made a disgusting looking Snozzycumber (however mum said that it tasted delicious!)
- Elliot B (Year 2) made a cookie of The Enormous Crocodile, although mum did think it looked more like a fish. I thought it was excellent!
- Matthew R (Year 1) was inspired to play out Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach and Danny the Champion of the World with the giant gym balls whilst enjoying a healthy bounce around Treetop Nets.
- Faith G (Year 5) combined some blackberry picking with a healthy walk to the spoon sculpture in Cramlington.
- Eva HP (Year 6) worked really hard to plan, prepare and decorate a very special cake for a family friend's new baby.



Well done for all the baking and healthy activities which children took part in last weekend.

Northumbria Vikings Cycle Speedway

Northumbria Vikings Cycle Speedway is hosting a beginners' race for riders under 16 on the Bicycle Speedway track at Cramlington Learning Village this Sunday at 3pm. They have bikes and helmets for you to borrow or riders 8 and under can bring their own. It's only £3 for coaching and races. For more information contact vikings@northumbriacsc.org or see the Northumbria Vikings website for more information.

Macmillan Coffee Morning-A Message from Mrs Cant

On Friday 27th 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 27th. Children are invited to bring a small donation to school to buy a cake. All money raised will be donated to Macmillan.



Cragside Construction Play Area



Thank you very much for the offers of help towards the construction and 'mining' area on the perimeter of our woods. We are very grateful for all the offers of help with this. We are still looking for items such as large wooden or thick plastic building blocks, wheelbarrows, spades, rakes, brooms and hard hats. Please would you be able to let me know if you might be able to help with any of these.

Thank you- A Message from the Reception Team

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers of school and nursery pupils who volunteered their time to paint fences in the Early Years court yard this week. It has made a huge difference and brightened it such a lot. Thank you so much to everyone who helped.

Reception news-A Message from the Reception Team



We are so proud of all our Reception super stars. You are all loving school. Thank you so much to all the children's parents and carers who came along to our Early Years Reading, Writing and Numeracy meeting. It's lovely to see lots of parents now using Tapestry and Twitter. Keep logging on! Fantastic to see so many parents and carers 'staying and playing' too. Everyone had lots of fun! If you didn't manage to come along to the afternoon, please contact us and one of the EYFS staff will relay the information from the meeting to you. This week, the Reception children loved their first afternoon of 'Forest School', looking for signs of autumn and toasting marshmallows. Well done Reception, we're proud of you!

SUPER CLASS

A big well done to the Explorers and Discoverers who earned their SUPER CLASS treat this week. The Explorers celebrated by having a teddy bears' picnic in the forest and the Discoverers had some popcorn and some fun on the big climbing equipment on Friday afternoon. Well done Reception!

Well done to 2RC who have earned SUPERCLASS and enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Picnic.

Family Worship

It was lovely to see our Year 6 families this week at our Year 6 Family Worship. We loved the children's singing and the story of the rainbow people. On **Thursday 26th September** we are looking forward to seeing our Year 4 families for Year 4's Family Worship which starts at 9.00am. The week after this we have Year 5's Family Worship on Thursday 3rd October.



Year 6 Residential to Robinwood 23rd - 25th September-A Message from Mrs Bilton



We're so excited to be heading off to Robinwood on Monday! We would like to remind you that the children should be dropped off at the usual time- 8.30-8.50 on Monday the 23rd of September at the main entrance. We would then encourage parents to head off as usual, unless you have medication to leave with myself and Mrs Nesbit. If you do, please help us by putting medication in a named bag or container, and ensure that you explain any specific requirements to Mrs Nesbit and I. We will be leaving Robinwood on Wednesday the 25th of September at 2.20pm, we hope to be back to school for 4pm approximately. This will of course depend on the traffic, we'll keep you updated by text.

Cragside Languages Day

On Thursday 26th September we are looking forward to thinking about languages as we celebrate European Day of Languages. Children throughout the school will be doing some activities linked to the French language. We are looking forward to having the opportunity to enjoy some croissants and hot chocolate during the day.

School Admissions-Year 6 to Year 7



Northumberland's portal for school admissions from Year 6 to Year 7 has now opened. To apply, parents need to log onto the portal via the Northumberland website and apply before 31st October. Applications received after 31st October will be classed as 'late' and will not be processed until all 'on time' applications have been allocated. The following link will provide further information and guidance:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>. If you are currently living in North Tyneside then you would apply via the North Tyneside admissions portal which can be found at

https://schooladmissions.northtyneside.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries about admissions from Year 6 to Year 7. The admissions portal for parents who have children in Nursery and are applying for a place in our Reception for September 2020 becomes available on **1st November 2019**. To help with this we have an Open Morning and Open Evening on Wednesday 23rd October 2019

NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe-A Message from Mrs Parker

The NSPCC's *Speak out and Stay safe* programme visited our school today to talk to our children in KS1 and KS2 assemblies. They have presented these same talks to primary aged children throughout the UK and Channel Isles. They brought their friendly mascot Buddy. The NSPCC's work in schools aims to help encourage conversations about staying safe. The NSPCC have a number of child-friendly materials to help families carry on the conversation afterwards. You might have seen some of these on adverts on the television. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe



Calendar

Attached to the newsletter is an overview of key dates for this year. We will add these onto the school Google calendar so that you have an overview of the whole year. We will keep parents informed of additional dates once they are added throughout the year and will seek to keep the calendar on the website updated.

Weekend Challenges

The Rugby World Cup starts today in Japan. It also looks like the weather is going to be kind to us again this weekend. Our challenges have a Japanese and healthy feel to them.

- To celebrate the start of the rugby world cup in Japan, please send in pictures of you helping an adult to prepare some traditional Japanese food. This might include trying some sushi!
- Now that the bushes are filled with fruits such as plums and blackberries, go on a blackberry picking adventure and then use the blackberries or other seasonal fruits to make a crumble, pie or a super healthy dessert for the family.

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

Congratulations to all our children who have worked so hard this week. It has been a real joy to be in all the classes to see the enthusiasm to learn and the real care and kindness shown to one another. I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby
Headteacher