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

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Newsletter 16-12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Happy New Year! I hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and a wonderful start to 2018. Well done to all our children for making such a positive start to this Spring Term.

### Christmas Challenges

Thank you for the photographs and information that have been sent in for the Christmas challenges. These included:

- Isabelle Hendrie (6CB) made some profiteroles for Christmas Day dessert and enjoyed a healthy family walk whilst playing in the snow.
- Owen Robertson (4JH) and Lucy Robertson (1LU) made a gingerbread house and cookies for Christmas Day treats.

It has been lovely to see lots of the pictures and items that Year 3 have been bringing in linked to their Greek research. Well done for all this exciting home learning and research.

### Cramlington School Clothing Scheme-A Message from Mrs Freema Chambers (Parent)

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The clothing scheme has been busier than ever as we move into another year. Last week we handed out over 30 items, 20 of which were coats. Thank you-this is amazing! This week we look set to hand out more than that with 22 items already gifted. The scheme is thriving and being used by many and for many reasons. We are just so thankful for the support. If you would like to join us we are looking for volunteers to pledge an hour or so a week to help out with stock taking or social networking. Please get in touch with me, Freema, either via the school or our Facebook page. We are so very grateful for the continued flow of donations. Without passing on our pre-loved items of shoes, coats and uniform the scheme wouldn't work. Please keep them coming. Many thanks, Freema.

### Chess Puzzle-A Challenge from Mr Harries-Wood

Our chess club has been a wonderful success with lots of children (and families) enjoying chess. I will add some chess puzzles to newsletters throughout the year for anyone to try and solve. Please either Tweet a picture of you and your child solving the puzzle or ask your child to write down the solution and deliver it to Mr Harries-Wood



**Checkmate in one move!**

White to move... where should white move to

## Messy Church-A Message from St Nicholas' Church

The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30am at St Nicholas' Church (registration opens at 10.20am) with plenty of crafts, activities and games to take part in. Families are invited to come along and join in with lunch afterwards in the church hall. Entry is free, we typically have a wide age range present and we look forward to welcoming those coming for their first time. This month the theme is 'miracles.'



### Shining Stars

Please see the names below for those children whose efforts have been rewarded with a Certificate of Achievement this week. Well done to our first shining stars for 2018 and to all our children who have worked so hard this week.

Reception Discoverers: Cassie Earle for improvements with writing and segmenting words- Well done.  
Reception Discoverers: Eden Carr- For always being a shining example and caring for others. Thank you.  
Reception Explorers: Ruby Hewett for always being a kind friend and super tidying up! Thank you.  
Reception Explorers: Oliver Pye for super shape identification and descriptions. Well done!  
Year 1SG: Meili Morris for writing a fabulous description of the Evil Queen from Snow White.  
Year 1SG: Luke Summerill for super work on adding and taking away 2 in Maths.  
Year 1LU: Elliot Edwards for oodles of reading at home!  
Year 1LU: Lottie Fellows for excellent handwriting.  
Year 2JP: Jay Balmain for working super hard to improve his handwriting.  
Year 2JP: Jordana Marchbanks for always being a ray of sunshine in our classroom.  
Year 2EA: Alissa Black for always taking her time to produce very high quality work.  
Year 2EA: Oliver Smith for always being enthusiastic and having a great imagination.  
Year 3RC: Riley Money for an amazing effort with his Greek homework.  
Year 3RC: Zac Rowell for maintaining a positive, hardworking attitude towards school.  
Year 3AD: Owen Wall for creating a beautiful Greek pie.  
Year 3AD: Rio Riches for working really hard in class and being a shining example.  
Year 4ER: Jack Lee for a fabulous 'can do' attitude.  
Year 4ER: Oliver Reed for working really hard on presentation.  
Year 4JHW: Daisy Anderson for her wonderful effort and determination in maths.  
Year 4JHW: Yulia Yablonskikh for excellent work engaging in our topic about 'The Romans'.  
Year 5HC: Daniel Wilks has recently shown great progress and maturity.  
Year 5HC: Alexander Tall has been hooked by our survival story and wrote a wonderful diary entry.  
Year 5JB: Jack Atkinson for sharing jokes and making his classmates smile.  
Year 5JB: Leland Cochrane for excellent work in maths, multiplying and dividing up to 6-digit numbers.  
Year 6 CB: Marley Urwin for making the best possible start to the spring term.  
Year 6 CB: Harry Chapman for a wonderful piece of WOW writing.  
Year 6RD: James Gleave for his fantastic work on prepositions and conjunctions in English.  
Year 6RD: Laila Wallace for her excellent work ordering and rounding 7-digit numbers in Maths.

### Holiday Reading Challenge-Balloon Winners-A Message from Mrs Bilton

We are absolutely delighted that so much reading took place over the holidays! Lots of children were particularly pleased that Santa Claus realised how much they loved reading and left some lovely books under their Christmas trees! Well done to all our children who have read so much over Christmas and to our balloon winners that were chosen by each teacher. Well done and please **keeeep reading!**

Reception Jasmin Stewart	Reception Ruby Stewart	1LU Jacob Braithwaite	1SG James Cox
2EA Charlie Magee	2JP Robyn Turner	3AD Sofia Robinson	3RC Daniel Ruffell
4JH Yulia Yablonskikh	4ER Connor Young	5JB Seth Townsley	5HC Michael Reeve
6RD Aaron Wilson	6CB Carlie Downs	Overall Harrison Carr (3RC)	

### Calendar of Dates

A calendar with some of the key dates for this term is attached to the newsletter. Dates are added to the Google calendar each week which is on the website. The Google calendar can be downloaded to your own devices.

## Reception News



It is fantastic to see all our Reception children back to school and full of excitement after the Christmas holidays. In Literacy this week we have been retelling tales of favourite presents and writing thank you letters to our parents for such wonderful Christmases. We are looking forward to posting these home on Friday afternoon, with a walk. In Numeracy this week we have been identifying and describing the properties of 2D shape.

This term in Reception we are beginning some new Numeracy challenges using Tapestry. Each week we will assign a numeracy challenge related to what we have been learning in Numeracy that week. Please can you discuss the challenge with your child at home and record it using a Tapestry observation. It will be great to see lots of Numeracy discussion at home. In addition to this, please keep reading school reading books with your child at least four times weekly and complete writing homework. This will really support your child's development and progress. Thank you.

A reminder all children should now have full PE kits on their pegs for PE. These will be returned before each holiday for washing. Thank you very much for all your support.

## Key Stage 1 News

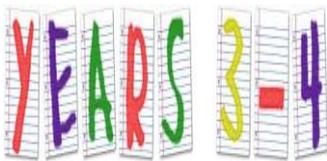


Welcome back and Happy New Year! We are delighted with how well the children have settled back into their routines. There is a real buzz in Key Stage One with children starting their new topics and showing excitement for their learning. It is also fantastic to see all of the holiday reading which has taken place of the Christmas.

In Year 1 the children have been exploring different fairy-tales. Thank you to those children who have contributed their own stories from home. The children enjoyed describing the wicked queen from Snow White using different adjectives in their WOW Writing Books. We have also started our Materials topic where the children collected 'treasure' from around the classroom using a given criteria, such as shiny objects, hard objects, rough or smooth objects. Next week we are going to carry out an investigation to find out the best material for making a bib for a baby.

What a fabulous start to 2018 Year 2 have had! The children have come back well rested and raring to go. This week we have been exploring fairy tales and common features that they have. We have also looked at The Gruffalo and We're Going on a Bear Hunt in Reading and enjoyed lots of creative activities linked to the books. We have been on a bear hunt in our Forest School, drawn out story maps, completed thought bubbles of what the Gruffalo and the Bear were really thinking as well as making comic strips to retell the stories. In maths we have enjoyed learning new quick tricks to help us to add and subtract mentally using what we know about place value. We have started our new History topic looking at explorers. Ask your child about Ibn Battuta to find out about his many adventures. In RE we looked at a Torah and a Qu'ran and talked about what it means for something to be sacred. Well done for a super start to the year Year 2!

## Lower Key Stage 2 News



Year 3 and 4 have settled in well already to our new term. The children have come back to school with a great attitude and ready to learn.

In Year 3 the children have started thinking about our topic on Greece. It has been great to see all the hard work that has gone into the children's homework projects over the past few weeks and it has been such a valuable experience for them to share their work with each other. The children have enjoyed tasting Greek food, finding out about the climate and geography and even learning a Greek dance! Thank you for all the support you have given your child with this homework, they've clearly learned a lot. In English the children have been reading a non fiction text and begun thinking about the big question, 'Where would I like to live?'. During guided reading the children are looking at the Anthony Browne book Gorilla. This week they have been focusing on the beautiful illustrations in the book. During maths sessions we have been placing numbers on number lines. The children then compared numbers using the greater than and less than symbols and ordered several 3- digit numbers.

In Year 4 we have had a wonderful first week back and the children have enjoyed starting our new topics. They found our new science topic on the human digestion system intriguing and were all amazed at how complex the organs inside our bodies are. We also started our topic on rivers thinking about the water cycle and how rivers are formed. We have certainly shown a lot of enthusiasm of learning over the week. In our guided reading sessions we have spent time focusing on Krindlekrax in 4ER and Oliver and the Seawigs in 4JHW where we have been thinking carefully about the characters in the stories and have been creating our own illustrations for the novels. In maths we have been thinking about place value and the value of digits in 4 digit numbers. The children have also spent time rehearsing some skills we've previously learned such as multiplication and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

## Upper Key Stage 2 News

# years 5 and 6

Well done to all of our children in Upper Key Stage 2 for such a positive start to 2018! It has been lovely to hear about all the books that you have been reading over the Christmas break and see your eagerness for our new topics this term.

Year 5 have been very lucky to work with the author Chloe Daykin and produce our very own museum discovery books. In mathematics, we have shown great progress in multiplying and dividing 6 digit numbers with decimals. Our passion for reading is growing in year 5 as we read some new and exciting literature. This week our survivor story inspired a diary entry and discussions over making a shelter in the forest next week.

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to 2018 and have really impressed us with how quickly and maturely they have settled back into school life. It has certainly been quite a busy first week back! We were very lucky this week to have Chloe Daykin visit us to tell us about her trip to Peru. Chloe then worked with each class to create their own museum of discoveries! The children also got to taste Inca Kola, Peru's most popular soft drink. In English, we have been looking at prepositions and conjunctions (please feel free to test your children at home :-). In Maths, we have been comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting 7-digit numbers. Finally, in Science we have begun learning about the human body and identified the features of the circulatory system. Phew! Well done, Year 6.

### Weekly Competition: Which World Cup Country Is Mr Davison 'Visiting' This Week...?

Each week, I will be 'visiting' one of the 32 countries taking part in this summer's World Cup. Keeping the name of the country a secret, I will describe it using just a few facts and a photo. If your child can identify the country being described, they will be entered into a weekly draw to win a small prize from that country. Using the clues below, which country did I 'visit' this week...?

\* This country is land-locked and shares a border with Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Italy and France.

\* The capital city of this country is Bern.

\* The currency used in this country is Francs.

Please submit your entry by providing the country and your child's name either by email: [admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk), contacting us on twitter @cragsideprimary or by using the old-fashioned answer on a piece of paper to my classroom 6RD. Three winners will be announced in next week's newsletter and will each receive a delicious chocolate bar made in this country, which I picked up on my travels (in Tesco). Good luck! Mr Davison.



### Greggs Run 2018

A reminder that the Gregg's Run is on Sunday 20 May 2018 between 9.30am and 1pm at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park. We will send out details about how to enter once the school entry system opens for us to register our school. The run is over 1, 3 or 5 miles (adults and children!). Please add the date to your diary...maybe as a goal for all the healthy New Year resolutions!

### Nearly New Books

If you are spring cleaning and have some nearly new books that are no longer needed, we would love you to consider donating them to our school library. Please bring them into school and give them to your teacher and we will ensure that they are very well used!

### Weekend Challenge

Our first weekend challenge of 2018 has a healthy theme. Please send in some pictures of your child doing some of these healthy challenges:

- Use fruit and/or vegetables to make a healthy smoothie or soup
- Take part in a new healthy activity or sport
- Enjoy a long walk in the countryside, wood or on the coast.

Well done to our children for such a positive start to 2018. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rusby  
Headteacher