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Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenge

Thank you for all the pictures and information about last week's Remembrance challenge. Some of these included:

- Alex I (Year 5) and Will I (Year 1) attended the Remembrance service in Cramlington Village.
- Oliver A (Year 5), Lucas C (Year 5) and James and Lewis N (Year 5) took part in 1 minute silence on Remembrance Sunday before their Cramlington Town U10s against Ponteland.
- Emilia B (Reception Explorers) attended the Newbiggin by the Sea Remembrance service where she listened to the band and watched the parade.
- Charlotte and Libby I (Year 3), Alex I (Year 5) and Will I (Year 1) represented 2nd Cramlington Scouts at the Remembrance service in Cramlington.
- Anya Watson (Reception Explorers) helped her nana make a poppy wreath.
- Matthew R (Reception Explorers) sat quietly on Sunday to watch the remembrance service at the cenotaph with his family and remembered those we've lost and talked about tolerance and understanding.
- Isla J (Year 3) took part in the Remembrance service with 3rd and 5th Cramlington Scout Group.
- Jake M (Year 5) attended the Remembrance service in Cramlington Village.
- Xavier C (Reception Discoverers) attended a service at St Mary's in Fawdon and helped decorate some metal poppies for their remembrance garden display. He also attended the remembrance service at the Cenotaph in Cramlington with his family.
- Paige C (Reception Discoverers) made her own display at home and decorated the staircase with poppies that she helped make.
- As a wonderful act of kindness, Ben S (Year 6) decided that he would like to donate ten advent calendars to the NUFC Fans' Food Bank.



Cragside 7 - 1 Central-Match Report from Mr Beck

Cragside played their final league game before the winter break last Thursday afternoon in Ashington. The boys took an early lead through a well-placed finish from Kye. The home side equalised a few minutes later and it looked as though the game might be very tight. The Cragside boys had other ideas; Jake and Lewis both scoring shortly before half time. The second half was quite relaxed for the Cragside boys as they added 4 more goals from Lucas, James, Max and Callum to secure a comprehensive win. Cragside also defended brilliantly with Olly, Josh and Ben proving very difficult to beat. Well done everyone!



Library-A Message from Mrs Bilton

Next week, we will welcome the School Library Service to update our library. They will be restocking the shelves with lots of exciting new fiction and non-fiction books. When your child borrows a book from the library, they will sign a class form and will be able to return the book within one week. I am very grateful to all of our families for their support to return books as soon as children are finished reading them. If you have any library books at home, which you've come across recently, please return them to school. Thank you again for your support with this.



Basketball Tournament-A Message from Mr Beck



Last Friday evening, Cragside sent two teams to the annual Thunder in the Valley basketball tournament at the Sports Centre at Northumbria University.

Cragside Red (Kye, Jack, Milly and Chloe) were drawn in a Group C and recorded 2 draws and 2 defeats to finish 3rd in their group. They all played very well and were unlucky not to score a couple more points which would have given them victories in their games. They dominated most of their games but we're unfortunate to see many of their shots hitting the rim of the hoop.

Cragside Black (Jake, Leland, Sadie, Isla and Molly) were in Group B and secured their place in the semi-finals by winning 3 of their group games and drawing the other. They played amazingly well and managed to score the most points of any Group B team. Cragside Black were drawn against group A winners Whytrig in the semi-finals with the winner playing in the final during half time of the Newcastle Eagles game. Unfortunately for Cragside Whytrig were able to make their shots count in an otherwise even contest. Congratulations to Whytrig who then went on to beat Northburn in the final.

Well done to everyone for playing so well and representing the school with maturity and respectful attitudes. Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported the team and made the Eagles game such an enjoyable evening.

Free School Meals-Changes to Eligibility

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have the opportunity of a free meal each day through the Universal Free Meals Scheme for all children in England. For children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, the eligibility criteria for free school meals changed earlier this year as a result of the introduction of Universal Credit.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals you can [complete the online application form](#) or telephone 01670 623592.



Friendship Week and Odd Socks Day

Thank you for supporting our 'Odd socks day' on Monday. The children have really enjoyed thinking about Friendship week and deepening their knowledge about what it means to have respect for others. The children have taken part in various activities across the school; using dictionaries to search for synonymous and antonyms for respect, writing caring messages to each other in mathematical codes, talking about how we are each unique and appreciating that fact, making friendship bracelets. In addition every class has made a friendship tree which includes the pledge: **"We pledge to do everything we can to ensure that our school is filled with love, kindness, respect and care."** We can't wait to see all the unique trees in our Friendship Forest display.



Year 1 Family Worship



Congratulations to our Year 2 children for their Family Worship this week. It was lovely to hear their wonderful singing and clear voices. Next week (Thursday 22nd November) we welcome our Year 1 families for our Year 1 Family Worship.

Children in Need Day



Thank you for the support for our Children in Need Day today. It was lovely to see the children look so bright and colourful on this day. The children enjoyed seeing Pudsey Bear who made a special trip just to come to our school to meet the children. Once all the donations have been counted, we will send them to Children in Need to support the wonderful work that they do supporting families and children throughout our country.

Attendance

Congratulations to our classes with the highest attendance last week. These were:

In Early Years- Reception Explorers and Reception Discoverers both achieved a high 98%

In Key Stage 1-2JB (Mr Beck's Class), 2 GH (Miss Higgin's Class) and 1EH (Miss Harris' Class) all achieved 97%

In Key Stage 2-4HC (Mrs Cowie's Class) achieved an amazing 100%

Shoebox Appeal

A reminder that this Monday (Monday 19th November) is the final day for any shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box appeal which children and families are welcome to try to make at home. Each year many of our children and families enjoy making shoe boxes towards the Operation Christmas Child appeal organised by Samaritan's Purse. Once the boxes are handed in on Monday 19th November, we will arrange for them to be collected and transported abroad. Operation Christmas Child has a 4 step plan for the creation of the shoebox:



Step 1-Find a medium sized shoe box. Decorate in Christmas wrap and decide whether it will be a gift for a boy or girl.

Step 2-Fill with gifts (see the ideas on the Samaritan's Purse website)

Step 3-Add donation towards transport (either online or adding donation into an envelope in the box).

Step 4-Drop off at school

Information about what to put in shoe boxes is on the Operation Christmas Child website which can be found at:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Christmas Dinner



A reminder that this year's Christmas dinner will be on Friday 14th December. The menu is as follows:-

- Roast turkey, Roast potatoes, Creamed potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Chipolata sausages (vegetarian option is also available)
- Christmas tree biscuit OR snowman ice cream OR Christmas pudding with whipped cream
- Choice of orange or apple juice.

The Cost is £2.30 paid either by cash/cheque in a named envelope or online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk.

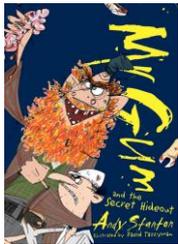
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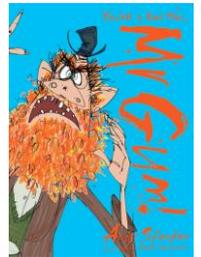
To add extra festivity to our Christmas dinner day, we will also be celebrating 'Elf Day' on Friday 14th December to raise money for Alzheimer's Society. On this day the children can bring a donation to come to school dressed as an elf, in a Christmas outfit, wearing a Christmas jumper or hat or just in non-uniform. The children will have their Christmas dinner on this day and take part in some Christmas activities.



Andy Stanton Author Visit -A Message from Mrs Bilton



Today, we had the award winning author Andy Stanton with us to talk about his very funny Mr Gum books. The children really enjoyed his presentation and then meeting him in the library. He signed the children copies of his books and spent lots of time chatting with them. I was delighted that children from Shanklea Primary were able to join us for this exciting visit. We have been really blessed to have so many authors visit us over the last year. It is wonderful to see the way that they inspire and engage our children to read. We are looking forward to letting you know about some of the authors who will be coming later in the year.



Reception News

Reception have worked really hard this week thinking about 'One less than' and counting backwards in Numeracy. In Literacy we have been reading the story of 'Super Worm' by Julia Donaldson and have loved learning facts about mini beasts. As part of 'Focus weeks' Danny C has been busy thinking about Football and making his dream football team- including a gingerbread man player! Mason S has been thinking about the moon and weather and making lots of crafts. Well done to them both! This week, both classes loved visiting the forest to search for worms and cook chocolate bananas. We have made friendship bracelets and cards as part of Friendship week and loved the visit from Pudsey for Children in need.



This week Reception have worked hard learning Nativity songs for their Christmas performance. If your child has a speaking part it will be sent home in your child's bag today. There is no need for the purchase of any nativity costumes as we have our own. If anything small is needed additionally, i.e. tights or other small items, we will let you know by text individually. We will text all parents on Monday with details of what your child's part is. We look forward to seeing you all either on Friday the 7th or Monday the 10th of December at 9am.

Key Stage One News

This week Year 1 have continued with our work on the book 'The Emperor's Egg'. We used interesting verbs to describe how penguins act and researched our own penguin facts. We then turned these into penguin fact-files, thinking about the features of a non-fiction piece of writing. In Maths we have been doing lots of practise of subtracting and finding the difference using numberlines. We have been working on problems such as 'which two numbers have a difference of 4?'. Miss Grice and Miss Harris

have been very impressed with our problem solving skills! We now know the whole of the Gunpowder Plot story and how the plan failed. This inspired us to create some amazing firework art - look out for it in our family collective worship next week! We are looking forward to sharing our learning so far in Year 1 with you on **Thursday 22nd November at 9am!**

Year 2 have had a great time exploring what makes us special and how we can be great friends during Friendship Week. We have included the theme of friendship in many of our lessons, including English, where we created our own friendship potions filled with love, respect, kindness, trust and care. We used imperative verbs to explain how the potion needed to be made so that people could recreate our special friendship potions. We also continued our work on animals and found and presented facts about our favourite wild animals. In Maths we have been continuing our work with money by counting different amounts of money using coins and notes. We have also been given an amount of money and been able to show that money using coins and notes. We then began comparing amounts of money using the greater than and less than symbols to show our understanding.

Year 2 had a wonderful morning on Thursday, they really enjoyed the opportunity to tell you all about our start to Year 2 and show off their lovely singing. Thank you very much for joining us for our Christmas performances in December.

News from Lower Key Stage 2



This week Year 3 have been solving a range of problems using the column method for addition and subtraction. We looked at calculations with mistakes in and used our knowledge to solve them correctly and explain what the mistakes were. In English we read Red Riding Hood's Blog and thought about the story from different points of view. We took on the role of 'feelings finder' and thought about Red and the wolf at different parts of the story. As part of friendship week we created a friendship superhero and

thought about the kinds of super powers we would need to be good friends. In our topic work we found out about the different layers of the earth and made a paper model to illustrate this.

Year 4 have been revising many language features and have written an emotional letter as an African refugee. The curriculum came alive with two visitors from the North East African Community Group. We have continued to read our class novels and have been using a range of reading detective roles such as predicting and summarising the story. In Maths, Year 4, have been multiplying and dividing, problem solving and showing such resilience with many challenges. The class are engaged in our electricity topic and have learnt to make a complete circuit and experiment which materials are conductors and insulators.

News from Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5 and 6 have had a very busy second week of half term! They have thought very carefully about the important role models they are as older children during our 'Friendship Week'. Well done Upper Key Stage 2 for being such caring friends with each other and all of our younger children. During English lessons Year 5 have continued to learn about animal migration. We each chose an animal to research and then wrote fascinating reports about their migration. In our Maths lessons, we have become experts at multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. We have also learnt about square and cube numbers. Year 5 were also very fortunate this week to receive a visit from Andy, an Anglo Saxon expert, who taught us about Anglo Saxon language, Gods and culture, and helped the children to make their own Anglo Saxon bracelets to take home! 5RD were also lucky enough to be visited by Eva's mum who brought three bunnies in for the children to meet and learn about. Please see our Twitter account @cragsideprimary for lots of photos about our learning this week.

Year 6 have continued to learn about the different features of fiction genres. We are now planning our own stories and are carefully selecting the appropriate language and vocabulary to include to make them the best possible examples. We intend to Tweet our work when it's finished and tag the authors we have 'magpied' ideas from. Hopefully, they will 'like' or 'retweet' our work! What an exciting purpose and audience for our writing. In grammar lessons we have revised the active and passive voice and completed SATs questions about it. In maths, we have continued to work on fractions and solved lots of fraction problems. Next week, we're going to do some 'mock' maths SATs tests so we've completed a number of practice papers in preparation. In science, we have continued to think about microorganisms and carefully monitor the conditions for decay. In our topic lessons, we have thought carefully about online safety as part of work around Friendship Week.

Weekend Challenges:

To celebrate our Friendship week and Children in Need Day, our weekend challenges include:

- Make a friendship bracelet-one for you and one for a good friend.
- Make some biscuits or cakes with a Pudsey design or lots of Children in Need spots
- Draw or paint your version of one of Andy Stanton's characters from his Mr Gum books. I wonder if you can make a Mr Gum inspired cupcake!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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