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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenges

Thank you for the mathematical themed baking pictures for our weekend challenge pictures. These included:

- Marni S (Year 4) baked and decorated some biscuits with maths symbols as well as numbers.
- Jake M (Year 6) made a chocolate cake and iced it with numbers and mathematical symbols.
- Kaycee-Faith L (Reception) made some delicious mathematical sign cakes.

On Your Marks-Cramlington Parish Church

On Your Marks is a club run each month by churches in Cramlington. Their next session is this Sunday (24th November) starting at 5pm and finishing at 7pm.

The club takes place at Beaconhill Community Centre. Children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to come along to have dinner, play games, sports, do crafts, cooking, and watch an awesome DVD bible story. The cost is £1.50 to cover food and hall hire.

If you need more details, please text Ruth on 07552628899 or visit

www.cramlingtoncofe.org/children-and-young-people

ON YOUR MARKS...

Christmas Drama, Dance and Music Concert

Our Christmas Arts and Music Concert is fast approaching on **Tuesday 10th**

December at 5pm. All actors from Mrs Cowie and Miss Harris's dance and drama

club, musicians from Mr Doyle's drum/ukulele or Miss Geldart's violin, and any dancers are all invited to perform. We look forward to welcoming all families and friends and watching lots of exciting performances.

Please would children arrive at 4.45pm for a 5.00pm start. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to attend this evening. There are no tickets needed for this event, just come and enjoy the evening!

**Christmas
CONCERT**

Christmas Performances



This year, Reception, Year 1&2, Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 each have two Christmas performances. We very much hope that you might be able to attend. As we need to maintain a safe numbers of visitors in school, we issue tickets for the performances. Tickets will be sent home next week for the Christmas performances. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend one of the performances, please would it be possible to return unwanted tickets to the school office by Friday 29th November. Following this, if we have any spare unwanted tickets returned to us we will send out a text and these can be collected on Monday 2nd December on a first come first serve basis from the school office. At each of the performances we will have our annual chocolate raffle. Thank you very much for supporting this.

Christmas in Key Stage 1



Letters have gone home this week to inform parents of the costumes that children need for our Christmas performances which are on Wednesday 11th December and Thursday 12th December - if you have not yet received one, or need any help with costumes, please let one of the KS1 staff know.

On Thursday 12th December KS1 will have their Christmas party. Children should come into school in full school uniform as usual, with their party clothes in a bag to change into for the afternoon. Thank you for checking all clothes are named. To make things easier this year we are asking that Year 1 children bring in sweet items for our party, and Year 2 bring in something savoury. Thank you for your support with this!

Reception News and Christmas in Reception



Well done Reception for all your brilliant work this week. They have been reading the stories 'Look Up' and 'How to Catch a Star' in Literacy to motivate writing and in Numeracy the children have listened to the story of 'The Giant Carrot' and 'The gingerbread man' to spot growing patterns. This week was Willow A and Dillon O's focus weeks- they have loved sharing news about their families, writing books and cooking flapjacks. Reception have also loved some time in the forest making hedgehogs from apples!

Well done to Reception who have been preparing for their Christmas Nativity for the 6th and the 9th of December. Parts have gone out this week- please remember that no costumes are necessary and staff will be in touch if extras such as tights are needed. Reception's Christmas party is on the 16th of December. Texts will be sent out to request a small something savoury or sweet for the different classes- staff will be in touch about this very soon. Children are invited to come to school in party clothes that day. Thanks again for all the support. Reception really are shining stars!

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Update



Thank you for your continued support as we move through this busy half term! We are in the process of organising costumes etc. for our Christmas performance and will send out a letter as soon as we have it all finalised.

Our Christmas party is Wednesday 18th December. The children are welcome to bring a change of clothes into school which they can change into after lunchtime. We are also asking boys to bring something sweet and girls to bring something savoury for our party food. Thank you from all the Year 3 and 4 team!

Christmas in Year 5 and Year 6



Our Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party is on Thursday 19th December. On the day of our party, we would like the children to come to school in their uniform and bring their party clothes with them. We would very much appreciate contributions of food for a party tea. Please could boys bring savoury food and girls bring sweet food.

We are also preparing for our Christmas performance, we have most of the costumes we need, but will send further information next week about any small items we would like your child to bring. Thank you very much for your support at this exciting time of year.



Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you very much for all the shoe boxes that have been lovingly created. These were collected from school on Monday and are making their way to Santa's workshop so they can be distributed.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, hat or top to school. Parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution towards this which will be sent to Save the Children and also the Hope Centre in Cramlington. Thank you for your support of this.

SUPERCLASS

Well done to 4JM who have earned *SUPERCLASS* today. They have voted to play football and dodgeball.

Christmas Dinner –Friday 13th December 2019

A reminder that this year's Christmas dinner will be on Friday 13th December which is the same day as our Christmas jumper day so the hall will look really festive. The menu is:

- Roast turkey, Roast potatoes, Creamed potatoes, Carrots, Peas, sprouts, stuffing balls and chipolata sausages (vegetarian option is also available)
- Christmas biscuit OR festive ice cream OR Christmas pudding with white sauce
- Choice of orange or apple juice.

The Cost is £2.40 for Y3-Y6 children. Reception and Y1/2 do not need to pay as they receive universal free school meals. Payments for Christmas dinner can be made online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk. We look forward to having our hall filled with Christmas music and the delicious smell of Christmas dinner on 13th December.

Reverse Advent Calendar



Advent calendars with chocolate gifts are one of the real delights of the season of Advent which starts in just over a week's time. As we think of those who are having a tough time leading up to Christmas, we are going to run a 'reverse advent calendar' where we give something rather than get something during Advent. There are 15 school days during Advent and we have 14 classes. On each of the school days during Advent, one of the classes will be encouraged to bring in some food items that can be given to the foodbank which is at the Hope Centre in Cramlington. Tins and packets are always really welcome but they have asked that we do not send pasta or baked beans as they have large supplies of these. Maybe there are some seasonal items which can be donated. Thank you for helping to support this. On the day allocated to your class, any food donations for the foodbank would be greatly received and can be handed in to your child's teacher. We will take all the items to the Hope Centre on the last day of term so they can be distributed over Christmas.

Cragside Reverse Advent Calendar for the Hope Centre Food Bank

Monday 2nd Reception Discoverers	Tuesday 3rd Reception Explorers	Wednesday 4th Year 1 EH	Thursday 5th Year 1SG	Friday 6th Year 2RC
Monday 9th Year 2JB	Tuesday 10th Year 3 JF	Wednesday 11th Year 3UC	Thursday 12th Year 4HC	Friday 13th Year 4 JM
Monday 16th Year 5LA	Tuesday 17th Year 5KH	Wednesday 18th Year 6CB	Thursday 19th Year 6ER	Friday 20th Any classes!

Year 6 Author Visit to meet Eoin Colfer

Year 6 are very excited about meeting the amazing author Eoin Colfer, next Monday 25th November. Eoin is the author of the very exciting Artemis Fowl books and will be talking to Year 6 about his new book the Fowl Twins.

Criminal genius runs in the family... Myles and Beckett Fowl are twins but the two boys are wildly different. Beckett is blonde, messy and sulks whenever he has to wear clothes. Myles is impeccably neat, has an IQ of 170, and 3D prints a fresh suit every day - just like his older brother, Artemis Fowl. A week after their eleventh birthday the twins are left in the care of house security system, NANNI, for a single night. In that time, they befriend a troll on the run from a nefarious nobleman and an interrogating nun both of whom need the magical creature for their own gain. Prepare for an epic adventure in which The Fowl Twins and their new troll friend escape, get shot at, kidnapped, buried, arrested, threatened, killed (temporarily) and discover that the strongest bond in the world is not the one forged by covalent electrons in adjacent atoms, but the one that exists between a pair of twins.



As well as meeting Eoin, the children will be able to buy copies of his book for the reduced price of £10 (RRP £14.99). Thank you so much for your support and please keeeeeeep reading!

Weekend Challenge

This weekend is the final Sunday before Advent. Historically this used to be called Stir Up Sunday as it was the day families made their Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings. Our weekend challenges are:

- Send in some pictures of your child stirring the mixture in a cake that they have made
- Please send in any pictures of children involved in making (or stirring) Christmas cakes or Christmas puddings.
- Please send in any pictures of any healthy walks at the coast or in an autumn wood.

Thank you for all your help this week. I hope that you have a lovely weekend and the rain stays away!

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby
Headteacher

Reminder-December Calendar Dates

Below is a list of some of the key dates during December.

Date	Information
Friday 6 th December	Reception Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Monday 9 th December	Reception Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Monday 9 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Nativity-2.00pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Nativity-2.00pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Music, Dance and Drama Evening-5.00pm. Performers welcome from 4.45pm. Please can all children attend wearing full school uniform. If your child is dancing please additionally provide a PE kit, or your child can arrive in kit if not singing, playing an instrument etc.
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity-2.00pm
Thursday 12 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity-9.15am
Thursday 12 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party (pm)
Friday 13 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper/top day (voluntary donation to Save the Children Christmas appeal and Cramlington Hope Centre)
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 13 th December	Reception and Nursery Christmas crafts
Monday 16 th December	Reception Christmas Service followed by Christmas crafts 'stay and play' for parents and grandparents. The Christmas Service is in our school hall and starts at 9.15am. Our stay and play session will finish by 10.30am at the latest.
Monday 16 th December	Reception Christmas party (pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Services at St Nicholas' Church 9.30am- Y1 and Y2 11.00am-Year 3 and 4 1.30pm-Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party (pm)
Thursday 19 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party (pm)
Friday 20 th December	Break up for Christmas holiday-normal end of day timings
Monday 6 th January 2020	Training Day
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Start of Spring Term 2020