



# Cragside Church of England Primary School

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

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Newsletter 9: 06 November 2020

Dear Cragside Family,

Well done to all our children who have worked so well during this first week back after our half term break. It has been such a joy to be in every classroom this week and our children so excited about what they were learning. It has been wonderful to see so many acts of real care and kindness from the children during this week. Well done for such a good first week back! We are all proud of all you have done.

### Armistice Day and Cragside Remembrance Garden

Thank you for all the lovely comments about the poppy remembrance garden that the children and staff have made. I drove in early one morning and the new light of the dawn was just hitting the tops of the poppies. It looked so beautiful and a really fitting tribute to all those we remember at this time of the year. I have added a picture onto the bottom of this newsletter which Mr Brennan took the other morning.

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am**, we will be holding our annual Armistice Day service. We normally hold a whole school service on 11<sup>th</sup> November where children and staff come together to observe the silence at 11am. Due to Covid, we won't be able to gather this year. We have created a short Armistice Day service on our YouTube channel which the children will watch on 11<sup>th</sup> November. This will give us the opportunity to 'remember' and mark the national silence at 11am. We will add this to our YouTube channel so families can join with us 'remotely' if you would like to do so.

### Acts of Kindness Shared by You-A Message from Mrs Urwin

Thank you for sharing all of your wonderful acts of kindness this week. It had been lovely to hear about how:

- Claudia, Y1, made learning support material which is helping her little brother to write his name independently.
- Sam, 3JF, helped his Mum after she fell and hurt her foot. He got her a cushion and an ice pack which really helped to ease the pain. His sister, Grace (2RC), kept checking her mum too.
- Georgia (RSG) was so kind to her little sister Matilda. Matilda had fallen off her bike; Georgia hurried to help her up and told Matilda funny things to make her smile again. Georgia is so encouraging in many ways towards her little sister.
- Rhys, 5HC, does so much to help his little brother and reads to him on a night time before bed.

## Children in Need - Friday 13th November

On Friday the 13th of November, we will be celebrating, and raising money, for Children In Need. Children can come to school dressed in non-school uniform. There is absolutely no obligation to wear Children in Need themed accessories; however, children are welcome to do so if they wish.



If you would like to make a small voluntary donation towards the work of Children In Need you can do so via our Just Giving Page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cragside-c-of-e-primary-school> or alternatively you can make a voluntary cash donation of any amount, which will be quarantined in school before we total it.

During the day the children will have fun being virtually led by Joe Wicks, Dr Radha and Blue Peter to participate in the Five to Thrive. This is a programme of wellbeing activities designed to help children feel better about themselves, both physically and mentally, as well as helping others.

## School Photographs-Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Our photographer will be in school on Monday 9th November to take pupil individual photographs. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in place at the moment, they are unable to allow family siblings who do not attend our school to have photographs taken together.

There will be individual pupil photographs and siblings in school may have photographs taken together if you would like this to happen. The photographers are unable, due to rules about distancing, to be involved in the positioning of children so any sibling groups may not be as professionally posed as usual. You will then have a choice of which photos you would like to purchase.

## Cramlington and District Red Squirrel Group Art Competition-A Message from Miss McGuinness

Last half term, over 2700 Key stage 2 children were tasked with designing artwork for the front viewing screen of the East Cramlington Nature Reserve to help support the Cramlington and District Red Squirrel Group. Competition was high and two of our children managed to get down to the final 10. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our very own Scarlett in 3SM won first prize. As well as her work being displayed, Scarlett also won a red squirrel education pack for our school, a family membership donated by Northumberland Wildlife Trust as well as a £30 gift voucher. Well done Scarlett! We are so proud of you!



Congratulations to all who entered. The art work was to an impressive standard and it was very difficult for the judges to just choose one. If you would like to see some of the artwork that was submitted you can find it on the Cramlington and District Red Squirrel Group Facebook page.

## Half term reading challenge 🍁 A Message from Miss Grice

Happy High Flying Reader day! We have been so impressed with all of the fantastic reading that has taken place so far, so I was very excited to give out our balloons today! One child from each class has been chosen for their amazing efforts in reading during Autumn 1. Keep reading and recording in your diary, and next time it could be you! I wonder what exciting stories you will read this weekend?

RSG Oscar B	1EH Leo	2AW Alex M	3JF Daniel R	4JB Molly	5HC Grayson R	6ER Nepal P
RLP Isaac B	1EO Jacob S	2RC Grace F	3SM Harry S	4UC Mason W	5JM Charlotte I	6KH Nathan TB

## Calendar Overview

A reminder about some dates during

- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**-individual photographs
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Nasal flu vaccinations
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**- Virtual Author Event - Guy Bass - Years 4, 5 and 6
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**-Armistice Day service-YouTube channel (from 10.50am)
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**-Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day

## School Menu for Week Commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Please see below the menu for next week. Thank you for booking on School Buddy so we can ensure your child has the main meal, or a filled jacket potato or a sandwich on each day. It was good to have some positive feedback from the children about adding custard onto the menu this week. This seemed to go down well with the children. We will be meeting with some groups of children during this half term as we listen to some of their ideas as we keep updating our menus. We are looking forward to having our Christmas dinner on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December which will be the same day as our Christmas jumper day. We'll update families closer to this date.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Course</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese or Fish Cake Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding & Potatoes of the Day	Chicken/Cheese Wrap  Potato Wedges	Roast of the Day, Yorkshire Pudding & Potatoes of the Day	Homemade Pizza  Chips
	Choice of Sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes	Choice of sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes	Choice of Sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes	Choice of Sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes	Choice of Sandwiches Filled Jacket Potatoes
<b>Vegetables</b>	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
<b>Puddings</b>	Fruit Whip	Biscuit & Juice	Cake & Custard	Mousse Slice	Cheesecake

## Family Worship

A reminder that the next planned family worship dates for this term are

Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance/Armistice Service on school YouTube channel
Tuesday 10 November	Year 3 Family Worship
Thursday 12 November	Year 2 Family Worship
Tuesday 17 November	Year 1 Family Worship
Thursday 19 November	Reception Family Worship
Week commencing 7 December	Christmas Nativity performances –all year groups during this week

## Reception News-A Message from our Reception Team

Wow Reception - what a fabulous first week back after half-term! This week has been Hope's focus week which has involved lots of monkey stories and crafting. We loved being back in the forest for stories and s'mores. Miss Grice and Mrs Pemberton were super impressed with your maturity around the fire. We have also been talking about Remembrance Sunday and made yummy edible sparklers for Bonfire Night. Well done!

Thank you for labelling all PE kits and sandshoes for our PE lessons on Mondays. Remember to keep reading your school books at home and logging onto Mathletics.

## Mr Flynnwood's STEM Challenge for this half term

Welcome back! What a week we have had. Thank you so much for all the responses I have had about, what makes Science better. These will inform a Science vision and principles that I am making. It is lovely to see we have so many families that get excited about science together!

This weekend's STEM challenge is to 'grow your own crystals with just salt water!' Please see the link below:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/31669/growing-crystals>

I would love to see if you could make your crystals different colours!

## Inter Faith Week 2020-A Message from Mrs Cant

Inter Faith Week 2020 will take place from Sunday 8 - Sunday 15 November. Inter Faith Week's aims are to strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels. As part of this week, the children will learn about a range of aspects of different faiths such as places of worship, religious symbols, core beliefs, sacred texts. Each year group will focus on a different faith in a little more detail and create a craft activity to demonstrate their learning. We can't wait to celebrate this exciting learning in school.

## Operation Christmas Child - Christmas Shoe Box Appeal-A Message from Mrs Pemberton and Mrs Cowie

A massive thank you to all our lovely children for their wonderful kindness and generosity and all the shoeboxes which have been sent into school. Mrs Pemberton and Mrs Cowie will take our boxes to our local drop off point on Monday evening after school. If you would still like to make up a shoe box over the weekend, please send it into school on Monday morning. Thank you so much!

## Primary School Admissions-Applications open on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020-Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

If you know parents who wish to apply for places for September 2021, please would it be possible to let them know that the Northumberland admission portal to apply for Reception places for September 2021 is now open. It will close at the start of January 2021. If you live in North Tyneside, you would apply through the North Tyneside admissions portal for our school. If you know someone who might like to talk to someone in school about their application, please would you ask them to call our admin team and I will happily speak with them.

## Weekend Challenges

A reminder that our Facebook group is keen to have any pictures of any weekend learning. The address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/795896960817927/>

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and next Wednesday is Armistice Day. Our weekend challenges are:

- Make a picture of a poppy or a 3D model which we could display inside or outside. Maybe you might be able to sew or knit a poppy or make one similar to the poppies in our Remembrance garden which are in the picture at the bottom of this newsletter.
- Make some cupcakes with a poppy on the top of each cupcake.
- Create a shoe box with your family as part of our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal which has been extended to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you to all our children for working so hard this week. I know that it will be a 'different' weekend with so much cancelled due to the lockdown that we are living under for the next few weekends. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us all! Please let school know if there is anything at all we can help you with during this pandemic-we are all, very much, in this together.

I hope you have a good weekend,

Paul Rusby

