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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Cragside Family

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Thank you for all your ongoing help with the current safety measures at the start and end of the day with the ongoing staggered starts, one way system and use of face coverings. The Prime Minister confirmed on Monday that current restrictions will remain in place due to transmission of the Delta variant. As a result of this, we are continuing our current structures until at least the end of this academic year. Thank you very much for your continued help with these measures which aim to support the safety of children and staff.

Sports Days

We are very keen for the children to have the opportunity to enjoy sports day this year. We are sorry that within the current guidance this would mean that families would not be able to come to watch/take part in sports days. To comply with our current structures, each year group will have a separate sports day in their bubble we anticipate that these individual sports days will take place in the penultimate week of term (week commencing Monday 5th July) and will confirm the exact date next week. We are also aiming to bring some extra coaches into school that week to provide the children with even more healthy sporting activities. All children (as they do for PE lessons) will come into school in their PE kit for their sports day in July.

Transition

Our Year 6 children are due to visit CLV on Wednesday 30th June in the morning. We are planning for the children in Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 to also have the opportunity on that day to spend the morning with their new teacher on 30th June. We are very minded that all transition activities need to take place within the Covid guidance which we need to follow and may need to adapt plans if guidance changes between now and 30th June. We will send out information in next week's newsletter about classes for September 2021.

Next week, we have some meetings planned for the parents of children who are due to start Reception in September. If you need information about the online link for these sessions which are on Thursday 24th June, please contact Mrs Pemberton or Mrs Parker.

Admissions

It has been a real joy to show lots of new families around our school over the last few weeks. We have a number of new starters in Reception, Year 4 and Year 3 between now and the end of term. We are full in some year groups but still have a few places for September 2021 available in some year groups, including Reception. If you know any parents moving into the area who might be interested in applying for a place, please would you ask them to contact me at admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk or 01670 714200.

Healthy Eating Week

Last week we thought about healthy eating. It was lovely to see some healthy snacks being made around school. Thank you to Year 3 for the healthy fruit crumble which you made me with oats, fruit and no added sugar-it was delicious!

Summer Safety

Thank you very much for your help in applying sun cream to your child during the summer weeks and also checking that children have a water bottle each day and sun hat for the days when sunshine is forecast. It is lovely to be able to enjoy time outside in good weather.

Year 6 Summer School

I met with Mr Clark and Mrs Heslop from CLV last week who were both delighted about the high number of children from Cragside who will be attending the CLV Year 6 Summer Schools which run between 9th-13th August and 31st August-3rd September. If you have a child in Year 6 and would like them to attend the Summer School, please would you let CLV know as soon as possible please.

Thank You

Thank you very much to Mrs Simpson and the company she works for who are donating some office furniture and chairs to our school. We are very grateful for this kind offer of help.

Thank you to all the families who have been able to bring in pebbles. These will be used to create some art work during our transition day which will hopefully be on display towards the end of term.

Forest School

Many thanks to Susan Davidson who many of you will know from Fun Club and Breakfast Club for donating a large bell tent which she, and her husband, helped to put up in the forest. This will add to our wonderful forest school which has developed so much during this year. It has been wonderful to see so many creative activities happen in our extensive wooded area which has been a real blessing as we have tried to increase the amount of outdoor learning that the children do each week.

Well done to all the children for working so hard through last week. It was a real joy to be able to see so much enthusiasm for learning throughout each area of our school and to see the good manners and politeness of the children as I showed visitors around school last week. Next week we have the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne visiting our school and I look forward to showing her all the wonderful children in Cragside and the way that they shine bright each day in their hard work and the care they show to each other.

Thank you for all your help during this summer term.

Many thanks,
Paul Rusby